

BANK EXAMS

ENGLISH

Articles – Spotting Errors

The most important part while using the Articles is where to omit them. Articles used, where not required, would render the entire structure useless. The message, that we wish to convey, will also change. Although these are basic rules, revision of the same would help the candidates to have clarity on the same.

1. After serving (1) / people for (2) / many years, (3) / Mr. Rao won the seat and became an M.L.A. (4) / No Error (5)
2. My master advises (1) / me to make use (2) / of this opportunity, (3) / since it is an unique one. (4) / No Error (5).
3. A untidy kitchen (1) / is a mark of (2) / indecency. (3) / Hence keep it clean always. (4) / No Error (5)
4. Raju is lawyer (1) / of great reputation. (2) / That is the reason (3) / he is busy. (4) / No Error (5)
5. He has a pink and a white car. (1) / He prefers (2) / to travel (3) / by the pink car. (4) / No Error (5)
6. The employees are going (1) / to meet the advocate (2) / and explain to (3) / him their case. (4) / No Error (5)
7. The work will be completed tomorrow (1) / since (2) / the receptionist and (3) / typist are absent today. (4) / No Error (5)
8. Gold is a precious metal (1) / and (2) / everyone likes (3) / to possess it. (4) / No Error (5)
9. Diamond is (1) / not found (2) / everywhere (3) / since it is a rare stone. (4) / No Error (5)
10. In the entire creation (1) / of god (2) / man is said (3) / to be the only animal that invents something. (4) / No Error (5)
11. I have not taken (1) / the lunch yet. (2) / You are requested (3) / to wait for some time. (4) / No Error (5)
12. The apples are (1) / not grown in many parts (2) / of our country. (3) / So they are costly. (4) / No Error (5)
13. Books are essential to (1) / any student (2) / if he is (3) / to attain greater academic heights. (4) / No Error (5)
14. He not only speaks the English (1) / well (2) / but also (3) / writes it fast. (4) / No Error (5)
15. He does not know (1) / how to play the cricket (2) / though (3) / he knows more about it. (4) / No Error (5)

Substitutions

16. Every mountaineer dreams of reaching Mount Everest.
 - 1) dreams of ascending Mount Everest
 - 2) dreams to reach Mount Everest
 - 3) dreams of reaching the Mount Everest
 - 4) dreams about reaching Mount Everest
 - 5) No correction required.
17. When I go to America, I like to visit Mount Austin.
 - 1) I am liking to visit Mount Austin
 - 2) I like to see Mount Austin
 - 3) I desire to trek to the Mount Austin
 - 4) I am desirous of trekking to Mount Austin
 - 5) No correction required
18. It is better to go to Bangalore by train.
 - 1) by a train
 - 2) by the train
 - 3) on the train
 - 4) in the train
 - 5) No correction required
19. He worked hard all night to complete the task.
 - 1) all of the night to complete
 - 2) all the night to complete

- 3) all a night to complete
4) the all night to complete
5) No correction required
20. She goes to school for teaching.
1) for school to teach
2) to the school for teaching
3) to the school to teach
4) to school for teach
5) No correction required.
21. Kiran went to the market to buy some vegetables.
1) to market to buy for vegetables
2) to the market for buying vegetables
3) to market to buy some vegetables
4) for the market to buy some vegetables
5) No correction required
22. My teacher says, 'The honesty is the best policy.
1) Honesty is the best policy
2) The honesty is best policy
3) The honesty has been better policy
4) Honesty, best policy
5) No correction required
23. The citizens are demanding justice.
1) demand the justice
2) are demanding the justice
3) have been demanding the justice
4) demanded the justice
5) No correction required
24. It was published in Times of India.
1) is published in Times of India
2) has been published in Times of India
3) on Times of India
4) was published in the Times of India
5) No correction required
25. Lord Krishna told this in the Bhagavad Gita.
1) tells this in Gita
2) has told in Bhagavad Gita
3) told that in Gita
4) is telling in Bhagadvad Gita
5) No correction required
26. My teacher has said that Jupiter is the largest planet.
1) Jupiter was large planet
2) Jupiter has been the largest planet
3) Jupiter has been largest planet
4) the Jupiter is the largest planet
5) No correction required
27. The Kapoors have dominated the Indian film industry for decades.
1) Kapoors have dominated
2) Kapoors have been dominating

- 3) Kapoors dominates
- 4) Kapoors could dominate
- 5) No correction required.

ANSWERS

- 1-5. Exp:** Some words start with consonant but sound like vowels. In such cases, the indefinite article 'an' is used. (an M.L.A.)
- 2-4.** Replace 'an' with 'a'.
Exp: Some words start with vowel, but sound like a consonant. In such cases 'a' is used, (a unique)
- 3-1.** Replace 'a' with 'an'.
Exp: The indefinite article 'a' or 'an' is used when the noun is preceded by the Adjective. The choice of 'a' or 'an' depends upon the sound of the Adjective. (an untidy)
- 4-1.** Put 'a' before 'lawyer'.
Exp: The indefinite article 'a' or 'an' is used before the names of professions and occupations. The choice of 'a' or 'an' depends upon the sound of the profession or occupation.
- 5-5.** No Error. **Exp:** Some times, an indefinite article is repeated in a sentence. In such a case, it gives a plural meaning of the noun for which it has been used.
- 6-5.** No Error. **Exp:** In general, the definite article 'the' is used before the person or things when the hearer or reader knows who or what we mean i.e. when the meaning is definite. (the advocate).
- 7-4.** Replace 'are' with 'is'.
Exp: If 'the' is used before two Nouns, it has plural meaning and the verb is plural. If 'the' is used before first noun, it has singular meaning and the verb is singular. In this one person acts both as the receptionist and typist.
- 8-5; 9-5.** No Error. **Exp:** The definite article 'the' is not used before the names of substances if they are used in a general sense.
- 10-5.** No Error. **Exp:** The definite article 'the' is not used before a common Noun used in its widest sense. In the given sentence 'man' is the common Noun.
- 11-2.** Delete 'the' before 'lunch'.
Exp: The definite Article 'the' is not used before the names of meals, if they refer to the meals as a part of the daily routine.
- 12-1.** Delete 'the' before 'apples'.
- 13-5. Exp:** The definite article 'the' is not used before nouns when they are used in a general or universal sense.
- 14-1.** Delete 'the' before 'English'.
Exp: The definite article 'the' is not used before languages.
- 15-2.** Delete 'the' before 'cricket'.
Exp: The definite article 'the' is not used before the names of games.
- 16-5; 17-5. Exp:** The definite article 'the' is not used before the names of single mountain except 'Matheran'.
- 18-5.** The 'Article' is not required before the name of a particular type of vehicle which is used to name a means of travel. (by train, by bus etc.)
- 19-5.** 'The' is not used before the expressions like 'all day', 'all night'.
- 20-5; 21-3. Exp:** The definite article 'the' is not used before expressions like school, market, temple, university, hospital etc., if the reference is to the purpose for which the building exists.
- 22-1; 23-5. Exp:** The definite article 'the' is not used before abstract Nouns like honesty, wisdom, commonsense, virtue, poverty, justice, beauty etc., in a general sense.
- 24-4.** The definite article 'the' is used before the names of newspapers or magazines.
- 25-5.** The definite article 'the' is used before the names of religious books.
- 26-4.** The definite article 'the' is used before the name of stars, planet, natural satellites or heavenly bodies.
- 27-5.** The definite Article 'the' is used to refer to a 'whole family'.

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