**14. ARTICLES**

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**Let’s Get Started:**

**Rewrite the sentences after correcting the errors:**

1. Ratna said she had **a** bad headache.
2. Tarun bought **a** new camera.
3. It takes about **an** hour to get to the museum.
4. Binodini lives on **the** third floor of the ‘Presidium’ building.
5. You need to buy **a** dictionary.
6. **Complete the sentences using *a* or *an*:**
7. My sister has two colleagues in her team; one is **an** American while the other is **a** European.
8. My brother studies in **a** university. He recently got **an** excellent internship offer to work in **a** well-known company abroad.
9. Shall we watch **a** film tonight? There is **an** adventure film showing in the theatre nearby.
10. Do not hesitate to make **a** call if there is **an** emergency.
11. The house was in such **a** mess that it took me **an** entire day to clean it up.
12. What do you prefer, **an** orange or **a** banana? There is **a** piece of cake too.
13. You may win **an** argument, but lose **a** friend in the process.
14. There was **a** lot of traffic; it took us nearly **an** hour and **a** half to reach the place.
15. Although he is **a** famous writer, Mr Mehta is **a** humble man.
16. She has **an** appointment with the doctor but he is busy with **an** emergency case. So she will be late to office by **a** few hours.
17. **Fill in the blanks with the definite article where necessary. Put a cross where no article is required:**
18. **X** curiosity is a great trait; **the** more curious you are, **the** better you will win.
19. **The** eye is **the** most sensitive organ in **the** human body.
20. I love **X** cats; but I don’t like **the** cat my friend Vinnie owns since it scratches people.
21. **The** children of today are **the** citizens of tomorrow.
22. **X** honesty is **the** best policy; but **the** honest are not often respected or rewarded.
23. **The** Chairman is busy for **the** next three months; you cannot hope to get an appointment in **the** near future.
24. She contested for **the** post of **X** General Secretary but she did not win **the** election.
25. I play **the** piano; my brother plays **the** guitar; my mother plays **the** sitar. All of us are **X** lovers of **X** music at **X** home.
26. **The** sooner you learn **the** better for you!
27. This is **the** best deal that I can offer you.
28. I love **X** chocolate ice cream, especially **the** one that you get in **the** mall near my house.
29. Don’t let **X** failure demonstrate you; **X** failures are **the** stepping stones to **X** success.
30. **The** pen is mightier than **the** sword.
31. **The** more Raghav earns, **the** less he spends, though usually, it is **the** opposite.
32. **Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. Put a cross where an article is not necessary:**
33. I have **an** uncle who loves to travel by **X** train. He can never take **X** flights because he gets **an** earache.
34. There was **a** cyclone last night. The train met with **an** accident. All **the** nearby hospitals are full with **X** people who are injured.
35. May we have **an** answer to **the** question, please? **The** audience is eagerly waiting.
36. All **the** roads are dug up; they are laying **X** telephone cables.
37. You look sad; is there **a** problem? Do you need **X** help?
38. I’m living in **a** hostel for the first time. **X** life in **the** hostel is good. I have **X** friends and I like **the** place.
39. Yesterday, I had **a** funny experience. I went to **a** store. I needed to buy **a** few things. I finished **X** shopping and when I went to pay **the** bill, I realised that I had not carried my wallet which had **the** money.
40. This film won **an** award but I don’t understand how; it was **an** extremely silly film!
41. When I went to Taiwan **X** last year, I thought I’d face **X** problems since I did not know **X** Chinese. Fortunately, **the** hotel I stayed in treated **X** customers with utmost care; **the** management offered **X** help whenever I needed it.
42. **Rewrite the passage using articles where necessary:**

In **the** small town where Mansi lived, there was **an** old lady who could see **the** future of anyone who went to her. **The** old lady told Mansi’s friend, Nishant, that he would become **a** pilot one day. Nishant did not take **the** prediction seriously. After they left school, **a** small advertisement in **a** daily newspaper caught Nishant’s eye. It asked young men and women to join **the** Indian Air Force. On a whim, Nishant applied and after **a** few weeks, received **a** letter, asking him to appear for **an** examination. Nishant appeared for **the** exam. Imagine his surprise when he got selected and joined **the** Air Force. The old lady had been right all along!