ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. _____ my friend, Veronica. She is _____ artist.
✔ **B) This is / an**
We use **This is** to introduce a person: **This is my friend.** We use **an** before a vowel sound, so we say **an artist**.

2. He lives near _____ Lake Michigan.
✔ **A) —**
Names of single lakes have no article: **Lake Michigan**, **Lake Victoria**.

3. They have _____ car and _____ in the garage.
✔ **A) a / it is**
We say **a car** the first time we talk about it. Then we use **it** for the same car: **it is in the garage**.

4. A: _____ a new book?

B: Yes, _____.
✔ **D) Is this / it is**
We ask **Is this a new book?** about one thing near us. In short answers we use **it**: **Yes, it is.** Not **Yes, that is**, because short answers don't use **this** or **that**.

5. _____ Pyramids are in _____ Egypt.
✔ **C) The / —**
We say **the Pyramids** because there are only these famous ones. Most country names have no article: **Egypt**.

6. A: How much are _____ roses?

B: _____ £10.
✔ **B) these / They are**
Roses is plural, so we say **these roses** and answer **They are £10**. Not **That are**, because **that** is for one thing and goes with **is**.

7. A: Is Mary's husband here?

B: No, _____. He is in _____ United Kingdom.
✔ **A) he isn't / the**
A husband is a man, so we answer **he isn't**. We say **the United Kingdom** because the name has the word **kingdom** in it.

8. _____ is _____ expensive ring.
✔ **C) That / an**
That is for one thing. We use **an** before a vowel sound: **an expensive ring**. Not **a**, because **expensive** starts with a vowel sound.

9. A: Where is _____ Dublin?

B: It is in _____ Ireland.
✔ **D) — / —**
Names of cities and most countries have no article: **Dublin**, **Ireland**.

10. There is _____ museum in the city centre. _____ museum is full of antique jewellery.
✔ **C) a / The**
We use **a** the first time we talk about something: **a museum**. The second time, we use **the** because we know which museum: **The museum**.

11. A: Can you play _____ violin?

B: Yes, and _____ my favourite musical instrument.
✔ **B) the / it is**
We use **the** with musical instruments: **play the violin**. Then we use **it** for the same one thing: **it is my favourite**. Not **they are**, because the violin is one instrument.

12. In general, _____ English love tea and _____ French love wine.
✔ **D) the / the**
We use **the** with nationality words ending in **-sh**, **-ch** to mean all the people: **the English**, **the French**.

13. A: Do you play _____ tennis?

B: No, but I think it is _____ good sport.
✔ **B) — / a**
Sports have no article: **play tennis**. We use **a** with one thing after **it is**: **a good sport**.

14. _____ bees are very active animals.
✔ **C) —**
When we talk about bees in general, we use the plural with no article: **Bees are very active.**

15. My parents are on the phone. They are in _____ Italy, near _____ Leaning Tower of Pisa.
✔ **C) — / the**
Most countries have no article: **Italy**. Famous buildings like this have **the**: **the Leaning Tower of Pisa**.

16. _____ Simpsons bought a new house by _____ Mediterranean Sea.
✔ **A) The / the**
We use **the** with a family name in the plural: **the Simpsons**. Seas also have **the**: **the Mediterranean Sea**.

17. We will have _____ lunch at a restaurant by _____ Nile.
✔ **C) — / the**
Meals have no article: **have lunch**. Rivers have **the**: **the Nile**.

18. A: Is your dentist appointment in _____ morning?

B: Yes. I have an appointment with _____ Merry Young.
✔ **B) the / —**
We say **in the morning**. People's names have no article: **Merry Young**.

19. They live in _____ Philippines and work in _____ hospital.
✔ **D) the / a**
Countries with a plural name have **the**: **the Philippines**. We use **a** for one hospital that we don't name: **a hospital**.

20. _____ Bermuda Triangle is in _____ Atlantic Ocean.
✔ **A) The / the**
We say **the Bermuda Triangle** because it is a special area. Oceans also have **the**: **the Atlantic Ocean**.

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