ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Grammar and Structure Revision MCQ Test With Answers – Odd One Out Exercise 1

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Explanations

1. **Choose the sentence that is grammatically or structurally incorrect.**
✓ D) A dog is good friend to a man.
A singular countable noun with an adjective in front of it still needs an article: **a good friend**. The correct sentence is **A dog is a good friend to a man.** The other sentences are correct; **tens of thousands of people** and **peoples** (meaning nations or ethnic groups) are both acceptable.

2. **Choose the sentence that is grammatically or structurally incorrect.**
✓ E) Put a lemon in your soup instead of salt.
When **lemon** means the juice or flavour used in food, it is uncountable, like **salt**. We say **Put some lemon in your soup instead of salt. A lemon** means a whole fruit, which does not make sense in soup. In the other sentences, **fruit** (uncountable) and **fruits** (kinds of fruit) are both used correctly.

3. **Choose the sentence that is grammatically or structurally incorrect.**
✓ B) What thoughtless of him!
In exclamations, **what** goes before a noun (**What a pity!**, **What a clever boy!**), and **how** goes before an adjective or adverb on its own. **Thoughtless** is an adjective with no noun, so it must be **How thoughtless of him!**

4. **Choose the sentence that is grammatically or structurally incorrect.**
✓ B) I should like a house in a country.
The country (with **the**) means the countryside, the area outside towns: **I should like a house in the country. A country** means a nation, such as France or India, which does not fit this sentence.

5. **Choose the sentence that is grammatically or structurally incorrect.**
✓ B) Do you really believe him – now that you know he is the root cause of all that trouble – is more suitable for the job than I am?
After **believe**, this is a **that**-clause, and **he** is the subject of the verb **is**. A subject needs the subject pronoun: **Do you really believe (that) he … is more suitable for the job than I am? Him** is an object pronoun. The other sentences use object pronouns after **it's** and **than**, or in exclamations like **Me accept a present!**, which is normal in informal English.

6. **Choose the sentence that is grammatically or structurally incorrect.**
✓ A) A club for women = A womens' club
Women is an irregular plural that does not end in -s, so its possessive takes **'s**: **a women's club**. **Womens'** is never correct. A regular plural ending in -s takes only an apostrophe, as in **all the other boys' parents**. The other pairs are correct: **someone else's glass**, **my sister-in-law's name** and **Pharaoh's daughter's son** (a double possessive).

7. **Choose the sentence that is grammatically or structurally incorrect.**
✓ C) This soup is too hot for me to drink it.
In the pattern **too + adjective + (for someone) + to-infinitive**, the subject of the sentence is also the object of the infinitive. So we do not repeat it with a pronoun: **This soup is too hot for me to drink.** Adding **it** is wrong. The same rule applies to **enough**: **The box is light enough to carry.**

8. **Choose the sentence that is grammatically or structurally incorrect.**
✓ B) "Please give me some more." "I'm sorry, but there isn't some left."
In ordinary negative sentences we use **any**, not **some**: **I'm sorry, but there isn't any left. Some** is possible in questions when we expect the answer "yes", as in **Didn't you do some work yesterday?** and **Did I take some of yours?**

9. **Choose the sentence that is grammatically or structurally incorrect.**
✓ D) Sergen is a great player. One never knows which feet he is going to kick the ball with?
A player kicks the ball with one foot at a time, so the singular is needed: **which foot**. The second sentence is also a statement containing an indirect question, so it should end with a full stop, not a question mark: **One never knows which foot he is going to kick the ball with.**

10. **Choose the sentence that is grammatically or structurally incorrect.**
✓ C) She is so stupid as I thought she would be.
The comparison **so + adjective + as** is used only in negative sentences: **She is not so stupid as I thought she would be.** In a positive sentence we must use **as … as**: **She is as stupid as I thought she would be. Not as … as** is also correct in negative sentences.