ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Pronouns – Adverbs – Adjectives – Determiners (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 22

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Explanations

1. _____ Finance Minister increased _____ tax on _____ petrol in his last budget.
✔ **D) The / the / _____**
Use **the** for a job that only one person has (**the Finance Minister**) and for a specific tax (**the tax**). Use no article for **petrol** in general.

2. Economic growth is not _____ sufficient condition on its own to ensure _____ increase in _____ economic welfare.
✔ **B) a / an / _____**
A sufficient condition means one condition. Use **an increase** because **increase** starts with a vowel sound. **Economic welfare** in general has no article.

3. _____ inflation is defined as _____ persistent rise in _____ general level of prices.
✔ **C) _____ / a / the**
Inflation in general has no article. Use **a persistent rise** for one kind of rise. Use **the general level of prices** because it is a specific level, made specific by **of prices**.

4. In 1937, _____ explorer Sir Hubert Wilkins set out to search for _____ Soviet airman whose plane had gone down over _____ North Pole.
✔ **D) the / a / the**
Use **the explorer** before a person's name to say who he is. **A Soviet airman** is one airman we hear about for the first time. Use **the** with **North Pole** because there is only one.

5. When we read _____ lives of _____ great, we can catch their courage as if by _____ contagion.
✔ **D) the / the / _____**
The lives are specific lives, the lives **of the great**. **The great** means great people as a group (like **the rich**). **As if by contagion** is a fixed phrase with no article.

6. Pressure is inversely proportional to volume; _____ greater the volume, _____ lower the pressure.
✔ **A) the / the**
In the pattern **the + comparative ..., the + comparative**, we use **the** in both parts: **the greater the volume, the lower the pressure**. Not **the / _____**, because both parts need **the**.

7. _____ Macy's is _____ department store on _____ 34th Street in New York.
✔ **A) _____ / a / _____**
Shop names like **Macy's** and most street names like **34th Street** have no article. **A department store** means one of many stores.

8. _____ King's official London home is _____ Buckingham Palace.
✔ **C) The / _____**
Use **the** with a title like **the King** (there is only one). Most palace names, like **Buckingham Palace**, have no article.

9. _____ life is going to be _____ little easier in _____ economic terms.
✔ **A) _____ / a / _____**
Life in general has no article. **A little easier** means 'slightly easier'. **In economic terms** is a fixed phrase with no article.

10. _____ problem of fundamental importance for _____ developing countries is that of slowing down _____ population growth.
✔ **B) A / the / _____**
A problem is one of several problems. **The developing countries** means this group of countries. **Population growth** in general has no article.

11. We won't get much benefit from _____ removal of _____ import duty from _____ European goods.
✔ **A) the / _____ / _____**
The removal is specific because **of import duty** follows it. **Import duty** and **European goods** are general here, so they take no article.

12. You won't reach _____ back of _____ auditorium, so we'll have to use _____ amplifier.
✔ **C) the / the / an**
Use **the back of the auditorium** for a specific place. Use **an amplifier** because **amplifier** starts with a vowel sound.

13. _____ primary task of _____ development is to eliminate _____ poverty.
✔ **A) The / _____ / _____**
The primary task is specific (there is only one main task). **Development** and **poverty** are general ideas, so they take no article.

14. In _____ country of Nepal, high up in _____ Himalayas and within sight of _____ Mt. Everest, _____ world's highest mountain, _____ way of life in _____ villages has hardly changed in hundreds of years.
✔ **B) the / the / _____ / the / the / the**
Use **the country of Nepal**, **the Himalayas** (mountain ranges take **the**), **the world's highest mountain**, **the way of life** and **the villages** (the villages there). Names of single mountains, like **Mt. Everest**, have no article.

15. _____ protein can be found in _____ meat.
✓ A) _____ / _____
Protein and **meat** are general and uncountable here, so they take no article: **Protein can be found in meat.**

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