MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct word or words to complete each sentence. Choose X when an indefinite or definite article is not necessary.

1. Milly got __________ "A" on __________ first essay in her literature class.
   a. an / a       c. a / a
   b. an / the     d. a / the

2. He has __________ short black hair, and he usually wears __________ baseball cap.
   a. a / X        c. X / a
   b. the / X      d. X / X

3. I think __________ express train is running late. It was supposed to arrive at 9 o'clock.
   a. a                 c. the
   b. an                d. X

4. I thought it was __________ interesting movie. Too bad you couldn't come.
   a. a                 c. the
   b. an                d. X

5. Please take these to __________ kitchen and put them in __________ dishwasher.
   a. a / a           c. a / the
   b. the / a         d. the / the

6. __________ Chile is __________ long narrow country with __________ varying climates.
   a. the / a / X      c. X / X / X
   b. X / a / X       d. X / a / the

7. There is __________ parking lot next to __________ building. You can park there.
   a. a / the         c. X / the
   b. the / a         d. the / X

8. She is __________ wonderful flute player. She's been playing for __________ long time.
   a. X / X           c. a / X
   b. X / a           d. a / a

9. We need to get __________ new CD player. __________ old one doesn't work very well.
   a. a / The         c. the / An
   b. X / An          d. X / The

10. __________ adult cheetah can run at __________ speeds of over 80 miles per hour for short distances.
    a. An / the       c. X / the
    b. X / X          d. The / X
Choose the correct response to complete each conversation.

11. A: What do you think of these mashed potatoes?
   B: _____________________________
   a. I like that one more.
   b. I prefer the ones you made last time.
   c. I think they're over there.

12. A: Are whales the largest mammals on earth?
   B: _____________________________
   a. Yes, it is.
   b. Yes, they are.
   c. Yes, she is.

13. A: Valerie and Zack missed most of the ceremony.
   B: I know. _____________________________
   a. Their car broke down.
   b. This bus was late.
   c. Those weren't in time.

14. A: Thanks for coming to get me! You won't believe what happened to us.
   B: It's no problem. I heard _____________________________
   a. their train broke down.
   b. our train broke down.
   c. your train broke down.

15. A: Do you see that man in the red shirt on the corner?
   B: _____________________________
   a. Of course, he's right next to us.
   b. Why? What are they doing?
   c. No, there are too many people.

16. A: _____________________________
   B: Yes, they were in red folders.
   a. Do you see those files on my desk?
   b. Could you take these files?
   c. Do you remember those files I gave you last week?

17. A: Those hikers need water.
   B: We have plenty. _____________________________
   a. Let's give them some of their water.
   b. They can have some of our water.
   c. There's a little water in that stream.

18. A: Do you remember that job fair on campus last year?
   B: Sure. _____________________________
   a. A lot of graduates from this college got jobs there.
   b. A lot of these employers are participating in this year's fair.
   c. This fair is a big success for both the employers and students.

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

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19. Several explorers tried to find the source of the Nile River, but many of ________ expeditions ended in disaster.
   a. our c. those
   b. this d. his

20. I'm so excited to be at ________ concert. I can't wait for it to begin.
   a. that c. these
   b. this d. those

21. Janet and Diana have lost ________ ID cards. Now they can't enter campus buildings without an escort.
   a. her c. these
   b. their d. those

22. How was ________ lecture you attended last Tuesday?
   a. this c. your
   b. that d. its

23. Do you still have ________ black shoes I lent to you? Please bring them tomorrow because I really need them for a formal event on Friday.
   a. that c. those
   b. this d. these

24. I believe that woman dropped ________ ticket on the ground over there. Can somebody stop her?
   a. this c. its
   b. those d. her

Look at the underlined article and noun. Choose the reason why the definite article is used.

25. The call of that bird is very distracting.
   a. It's a familiar noun.
   b. You can see, hear, or easily identify it.
   c. It's been mentioned before.

26. Have you ever visited a country on the equator?
   a. It's specific shared knowledge. c. It's unique.
   b. It's a familiar noun.

27. I read a great book about eliminating stress in the workplace. You can get the book from the library.
   a. It's been mentioned before. c. It's a familiar noun.
   b. It's general knowledge.

28. I'm leaving for the airport in an hour.
   a. It's been mentioned before.
   b. You can see, hear or easily identify it.
   c. It's a familiar noun.
29. The professor wants to meet us back in the room at 10:15.
   a. It's been mentioned before.  
   b. It's specific shared knowledge.  
   c. It's unique.

COMPLETION

Complete each sentence with the correct article. If no article is required write X.

1. You should always buy _________ guidebook when you travel to a foreign country. There are many to choose from.

2. Zack always sets _________ high goals for himself, and he usually achieves them.

3. I really enjoyed this pie. You'll have to give me _________ recipe for it.

4. Please take _________ last slice of pizza. I am feeling very full.

5. Dr. Fu is _________ excellent professor, and so is Dr. Kasparov.

6. Our trip to the Amazon was full of _________ surprises!

   Complete the sentence with the correct possessive adjective.

7. If you didn't understand the lecture, you should talk to the professor. I'm sure she can answer _________ questions.

8. The police had to give up chasing the robber when _________ vehicle ran out of gas.

9. Sweden is known for _________ high income tax, which is among the highest in the world.

10. The soccer team won _________ fifth straight championship.

11. Alvin Ailey was one of the first African-Americans to found a dance company. Although Ailey died in 1989, _________ dance company continues to thrive.

SHORT ANSWER

Correct the errors in the sentences. Each sentence contains one error.
1. Like many other students here, Carol is the big fan of the basketball team.

2. Larry and Sam are going to be late because his bus is running behind schedule.

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Use the information in parentheses to write sentences. Add a, an or the where necessary.

8. (Bill's wife / is / lawyer)

9. (Kevin / was / only student / to fail / final exam)

10. (Henry gave / good presentation / about / Stock Market Crash of 1929)

11. (dean of the university / announced / resignation of / popular biology professor)

12. (CEO / has / biggest corner office / on / floor)

ESSAY

Write an essay using one of these topics.

1. Write two paragraphs about a city you know well. In the first paragraph, describe places people should visit in this city. Include details about what they can do at these places and why they should visit them. In the second paragraph, describe the best way to travel between these places. Include details about cost and types of transportation available as well as distances between places.
2. Write a short review of your favorite book or TV show. In the first paragraph, explain the characters and plot. In the second paragraph, explain why you like this particular book or TV show. For example, is it well-written or well-acted? Are the characters realistic? Is the plot exciting? Provide reasons that support your opinion of the book or TV show.

3. Think about a country you know well. Write two paragraphs about an important social problem facing this country, for example, poverty, homelessness, infectious disease or illiteracy. In the first paragraph, describe the problem and its impact on society. In the second paragraph, describe how this problem might be solved. Include your ideas about how society might improve if this problem no longer existed.
Chapter 7: Answer Key

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. B
2. C
3. C
4. B
5. D
6. B
7. A
8. D
9. A
10. D
11. B
12. B
13. A
14. C
15. C
16. C
17. B
18. A
19. C
20. B
21. B
22. B
23. C
24. D
25. B
26. C
27. A
27. B

COMPLETION

1. a
2. X
3. the
4. the
5. an
6. X
7. your
8. their
9. its
10. its
11. his

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