**The Article**

***Exercise 1* *Fill in the blanks with the appropriate article where necessary.***

1.1 saw\_\_\_man in\_\_\_armchair at\_\_\_window. He was reading \_\_\_ newspaper. 2.\_\_\_boy said that he wanted two candies. 3. Is there anybody else in \_\_\_ waiting-room? — Yes,\_\_\_man wants to speak to you. 4. Where is\_\_\_brief-case? I put it on\_\_\_table. 5. Is there\_\_\_. enquiry office at this airport? 6. Could you open\_\_\_door, please? I see\_\_\_girl knocking. 7. Let's make\_\_\_speech at\_\_\_reception. 8..\_\_\_advice you gave me helped\_\_\_lot. 9.1 like to be in\_\_\_centre of

everything. 10. At\_\_\_night I had\_\_\_terrible headache after I had drunk\_\_\_lot of\_\_\_wine in\_\_\_evening. 11. Look cut! There is\_\_\_dangerous bend in the road. 12. Mrs. Patsy is \_\_\_last person I'd like to meet. 13. Tom's planning to take\_\_\_ boat to go fishing on \_\_\_Sunday. 14. Could you phone later, please? Kate's having\_\_\_bath. 15. The rent is 150 dollars\_\_\_month.

16. We often go to\_\_\_theatre and to\_\_\_cinema, but very rarely to\_\_\_circus. 17. When\_\_\_ father came home, they had\_\_\_dinner and then watched\_\_\_TV. They went to\_\_\_bed at 11 p.m. 18. What\_\_\_.pity they haven't seen this performance! 19. She can't find\_\_\_ telegram which she received this morning. 20. Are you going to\_\_\_country for\_\_\_weekend? 21. She usually

goes shopping on\_\_\_Thursdays, but\_\_\_last Thursday she didn't do shopping. She had to go to\_\_\_dentist's. 22. What\_\_\_lovely song! What\_\_\_beautiful music! 23. Could you tell me\_\_\_time, please? - It's\_\_\_quarter past six. 24. Do you usually go by\_\_\_train or in\_\_\_car

there?

***Exercise 2 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate article where necessary.***

*A Geographical names.*

1. They travelled by car around \_\_\_Europe last month. 2.\_\_\_Great American Lakes are\_\_\_Lake Huron, \_\_\_Lake Superior,\_\_\_Lake Ontario,\_\_\_Lake Michigan and\_\_\_Lake Erie. 3.\_\_\_north of\_\_\_Scotland is known for its wild beauty. 4. Are\_\_\_Urals higher or lower than\_\_\_Alps? 5. It was Burns who wrote "My heart's in \_\_\_Highlands". 6.\_\_\_Mediterranean Sea washes\_\_\_

Europe,\_\_\_Asia and\_\_\_northern coast of\_\_\_Africa. 7. What oceans does\_\_\_Panama Canal connect? — I suppose\_\_\_Atlantic and\_\_\_ Pacific Oceans. 8.\_\_\_ Seine flows through\_\_\_Paris to\_\_\_Atlantic Ocean. 9. We get coffee mostly from \_\_\_ Brazil and \_\_\_ Columbia. 10.\_\_\_Alaska is the biggest and coldest state in\_\_\_USA. 11. Where are\_\_\_Canaries situated? 12.\_\_\_

United Kingdom consists of four parts:\_\_\_England, \_\_\_Scotland, Wales and\_\_\_Northern Ireland, or \_\_\_Ulster. 13.\_\_\_Himalayas are the highest mountains in\_\_\_Asia. 14.1 went to\_\_\_German Republic last summer, but I haven't been to\_\_\_Netherlands yet. Of

course, I would like to see\_\_\_Hague. 15.\_\_\_Thames is not the longest river in\_\_\_Great Britain but it is rather wide and navigable. 16.\_\_\_America consists of two parts, \_\_\_South and North America, doesn't it? 17. In\_\_\_north there are\_\_\_Cheviots. These are the mountains which

separate\_\_\_England from\_\_\_Scotland. 18.\_\_\_Brazil is the largest country of\_\_\_South America.\_\_\_Amazon, the widest river in\_\_\_world, flows there. 19. What city is the capital of\_\_\_Philippines? 20.\_\_\_Republic of China is the third largest country in\_\_\_world after

Russia and\_\_\_Canada.

*В Abstract nouns and names of materials.*

1.\_\_\_life is impossible without\_\_\_water and\_\_\_air. 2. You can't swim in the river,\_\_\_water isn't warm enough. 3. She hurried in and found\_\_\_coffee almost boiled away. 4.\_\_\_oil is lighter than\_\_\_water. 5. He has\_\_\_deep knowledge in mathematics. 6, You can't do any work without \_\_\_knowledge. 7.\_\_\_life is .\_\_\_ complicated matter. 8,\_\_\_Browns lived\_\_\_quiet life

somewhere in South Carolina, 9. The Moslems don't eat \_\_\_pork, 10.\_\_\_water is precious in deserts and can be found in oases. 11. This is\_\_\_coffee I am so fond of. I don't think there is\_\_\_better coffee than this. 12,\_\_\_ coffee is cultivated in the south of the island. 13. It seems

to me Englishmen show\_\_\_ deep distrust of strangers. 14. He wanted to give his son\_\_\_ good education. 15.\_\_\_ air was fresh and cool. 16. Nothing can travel faster than\_\_\_light. 17. He can give you\_\_\_good piece of \_\_\_advice. He is fond of giving.\_\_\_advice. — But\_\_\_ advice he gave us did not help. 18. The patient was making \_\_\_noticeable progress, 19, You can be satisfied with \_\_\_progress you have made. 20. Our plane ran into\_\_\_ heavy weather.

*С School, college, etc.*

1. He had a headache and didn't go to \_\_\_work yesterday. 2. "What did you get in\_\_„literature?" the mother asked her daughter when she came \_\_\_home from\_\_\_school. 3. It was twelve o'clock but Andrew was still in\_\_\_bed. 4, Could you give me a lift to\_\_\_ college? 5. In summer they seldom go to\_\_\_college. 6.1 like to stay at\_\_\_home on cold evenings. 7. Have you heard anything from John lately? — Yes, he graduated from\_\_\_Cambridge University. 8. The queen is going to open\_\_\_new hospital in the capital next week. 9. Mom came to\_\_\_school to see my teacher yesterday. 10. "You must do this exercise at\_\_\_school and that one at\_\_\_ home," said our teacher in a loud voice. 11.1 left my bag in\_\_\_hospital when I was visiting Judy. 12. What a

strange building! — It's\_\_\_prison. It was built in the last century. 13. When I came to\_\_\_prison to see my cousin, I found out that he had escaped two days before. 14. Look at this man. Can you imagine that he was in \_\_\_prison five years ago? 15. Let's meet at\_\_\_church. It's on the left of\_\_\_university. 16.1 went to\_\_\_church last Sunday but I couldn't pray. There were two many

people in\_\_\_ church. 17. The doctor hoped that the patient would not stay in\_\_\_bed for a long time. 18. Look at this ring. What a fine piece of\_\_\_work! 19. They called a plumber to\_\_\_prison to repair bad taps. 20. The parents were waiting for their children outside \_\_\_ school. 21. Oh, what\_\_\_beautiful church! Let's go there to make some photos.

*D Proper names.*

1.\_\_\_Mall is a wide avenue leading from\_\_\_Trafalgar Square to\_\_\_Buckingham Palace, the residence of the English kings. 2. The centre of\_\_\_City is represented by three buildings:\_\_\_Mansion House,\_\_\_Royal Exchange and\_\_\_Bank of\_\_\_England. 3. When will he arrive at \_\_\_Heathrow airport? 4.\_\_\_ Bolshoi Theatre is famous for its ballet performances. 5. What is on at \_\_\_ "Pushkinsky"? 6.\_\_\_Princess Diana stayed at\_\_\_Hilton Hotel. 7. People coming to London often do shopping in \_\_\_Oxford Street. 8.\_\_\_London Zoo is situated in\_\_\_.

Regent Park in London. 9. If you are interested in churches and historical places, you should by no means see\_\_\_ Westminster Abbey,\_\_\_Houses of Parliament,\_\_\_St. Paul's Cathedral and\_\_\_Tower. 10.\_\_\_British Museum is famous for its library, one of the richest in the world.

11. The English parks —\_\_\_Hyde Park,\_\_\_Kensington Gardens and\_\_\_Kew Gardens where you forget that you are in the big city, struck me most of all. 12. Julius Caesar founded\_\_\_Tower of London. 13. Across the road from Westminster Abbey is\_\_\_Westminster Palace, the seat of\_\_\_British Parliament. 14. My train leaves from \_\_\_Waterloo Station at 2.10 a.m. 15.\_\_\_West End is the symbol of a wealthy and luxurious life. 16. If you like art galleries you should go to\_\_\_National Gallery and \_\_\_Tate. 17. Where do you live? — I live in\_\_\_High Street. 18. On \_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_ *Financial Times* published an article about the situation in\_\_\_North Korea. 19. Are you going to stay at\_\_\_St. Marcus Hotel? — No, at\_\_\_Plaza Hotel. 20. If you want to do shopping, go to \_\_\_Oxford Street or\_\_\_Bond Street.

*E Nouns denoting parts of the day and names of seasons.*

1. It was\_\_\_evening. 2. It was\_\_\_warm summer evening. 3.\_\_\_evening was very pleasant. 4. Let's meet in\_\_\_evening, I'll be very busy in\_\_\_afternoon. 5. It was\_\_\_early morning. 6. It snowed at\_\_\_night. 7. We started early in \_\_\_ morning. 8. We were shivering though it was\_\_\_warm night. 9. They got up at\_\_\_ dawn. The sun was shining brightly, there were no clouds in the sky. But they started off late in\_\_\_morning. 10. What do you usually do in\_\_\_autumn? 11. Russians like\_\_\_hard winter with plenty of\_\_\_snow and\_\_\_ frost. 12. Nature is so beautiful in\_\_\_spring. 13. In this country\_\_\_spring is rather wet,\_\_\_summer is

sometimes hot,\_\_\_autumn is windy and muddy,\_\_ winter is seldom cold and snowy. How can people live here? I prefer\_\_\_summer all the year round. 14. She still remembers\_\_\_autumn when he first told her of his love. 15. Nothing can be more beautiful than green forests in\_\_\_early spring. 16 .It was\_\_\_late autumn. 17.\_\_\_autumn of 1996 was very warm and sunny. 18.\_\_\_

spring and love make people feel young. 19.1 am going to France in\_\_\_summer. 20. In Great Britain\_\_\_winters are not severely cold, while\_\_\_summers are rarely hot.

***Exercise 3 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate article where necessary.***

1.\_\_\_pine grows in many parts of the world. 2.\_\_\_life would be more difficult without\_\_\_telephone. 3.\_\_\_whale is in\_\_\_danger of becoming extinct. 4. He prefers

\_\_\_town to\_\_\_country. 5. Can you play\_\_\_violin? 6. Will you play\_\_\_draughts with me?7.\_\_\_tulips and daffodils are my favourite spring flowers. 8.\_\_\_Chinese

invented\_\_\_paper and\_\_\_powder. 9.\_\_\_gulden is the currency of\_\_\_Dutch. 10.\_\_\_man and\_\_\_woman were created equal. 11. The government should take more care

of\_\_\_disabled and\_\_\_unemployed. 12. Yesterday we went to the Zoo. We saw\_\_\_small bear there. He was like \_\_\_Teddy bear. 13. Does\_\_\_ polar bear live in\_\_\_Arctic or in\_\_\_Antarctic? 14. He brought her\_\_\_black rose. \_\_\_black rose is\_\_\_very rare species. 15.\_\_\_bicycle is

one of the main transport means in \_\_\_Amsterdam. 16. Was it difficult for you to communicate in \_\_\_„ Switzerland? — No, fortunately I met\_\_\_Swiss who spoke \_\_\_English very well. He helped us a lot. 17. When did \_\_\_man first go into\_\_\_space? 18.\_\_\_daffodil is the

national emblem of\_\_\_Welsh.

***Exercise 4 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate article where necessary.***

1. He lives in\_\_\_south of\_\_\_Australia. 2. In his novels Jack London, \_\_\_ famous American writer, described\_\_\_life of\_\_\_poor. 3. It seemed to him that nothing would break such\_\_\_peaceful silence. Suddenly there was\_\_\_scream, then\_\_\_second and\_\_\_third.

4. Can you play\_\_\_guitar? 5. He came in one morning when we were having\_\_\_dinner on\_\_\_terrace of\_\_\_ hotel and introduced himself. 6.\_\_\_world tour costs \_\_\_lot of money. 7. Did he fail you? What\_\_\_surprise! 8.1 don't believe you. I think you're telling \_\_\_lie.

9. Did you have\_\_\_lovely time in\_\_\_ Hague? 10. It was \_\_\_ early evening but I was feeling sleepy so I decided to have\_\_\_nap. 11. He made\_\_\_gross mistake.\_\_\_ economists can't make such\_\_\_mistakes. 12. Have\_\_\_ look at the sky. It looks like\_\_\_rain, 13. She'll have\_\_\_

swim and return in\_\_\_quarter of\_\_\_hour. 14. I'll have to convince him that I'm telling\_\_\_truth. 15. He wasn't used to driving on\_\_\_left. 16.\_\_\_Christmas Eve is on \_\_\_ 24th of December, 17, Don't worry, we'll get\_\_\_home before\_\_\_sunset. *18,* I'd like to have\_\_\_ sandwich

with\_\_\_sausage for\_\_\_breakfast, 19. My favourite subject at\_\_\_school was\_\_\_biology. 20. He knows\_\_\_ history of\_\_\_French Revolution well. 21. To tell\_\_\_ truth, I didn't expect to find\_\_\_ homeless man here. 22. It's\_\_\_ high time you stopped being so selfish. 23.\_\_\_earth goes round \_\_\_sun. 24.\_\_\_Lombard Street in\_\_\_City of London is\_\_\_centre of\_\_\_banking in Great Britain. 25,\_\_\_Queen Elizabeth\_\_\_II won't speak on\_\_\_radio tomorrow, 26.\_\_\_English Channel

is between\_\_\_Great Britain and\_\_\_France. 27.\_\_\_ Trafalgar Square is \_\_\_ geographical centre of \_\_\_ London. 28. When\_\_\_student, Jane spent two years in \_\_\_Europe. 29.\_\_\_Pacific is\_\_\_ largest ocean on our planet. 30. Have you ever been to\_\_\_Museum of\_\_\_ Fine Arts? 31. Show me\_\_\_Bermudas on this map, please. 32.\_\_\_Mississippi is\_\_\_longest river in \_\_\_USA.

33. One of my classmates entered \_\_\_ Moscow State University last year. As for me, I chose\_\_\_Higher School of\_\_\_Economics. 34 \_\_\_Urals are old and not very high. 35. We are just taking\_\_\_first steps into\_\_\_ space.\_\_\_universe is still *terra incognita* for us. 36.\_\_\_.

Russians have \_\_\_\_ wonderful folk song tradition. 37. Why don't you eat with\_\_\_knife and \_\_\_fork? 38. They've been waiting to hear from him all\_\_\_month. 39. We met on\_\_\_wet Monday in\_\_\_June. 40. Look out!\_\_\_cat is on\_\_\_TV! 41.\_\_\_Queen Elizabeth had

\_\_\_dinner with\_\_ President Clinton. 42. lie was elected \_\_\_President in 1996. 43. Mr. Smith, „\_\_\_ engineer of Black &Co.,returned from his trip to\_\_\_\_Malta. 44. He sat to his letter to\_\_\_ *Sun,* 45. Mary was talking with \_\_\_Dodges who were sitting near the fire-place. 46.1

saw\_\_\_beautiful Goya in Milan once. 47, He locked at me from\_\_\_head to\_\_\_\_toe. 48.1 fought for.\_\_\_freedom, for the brotherhood of\_\_\_man, 49. He is\_\_\_very sociable man. He always has many invitations to\_\_\_ dinner, 50. On\_\_\_one hand,\_\_\_facts he presented are true, but

on\_\_\_other hand, I can't trust them. I know he often tells\_\_\_lies. 51. He fell in love with her at\_\_\_ first sight. 52. Don't take my words close to\_\_\_heart. 53.\_\_\_ Moscow of 1950's is not\_\_\_Moscow of\_\_\_1990's.

***Exercise 5 Translate into English.***

1. Будьте добры, передайте мне соль, пожалуйста. 2. Вечер был влажный (damp) и прохладный. 3. Был холодный и ветреный (windy) день. 4. Вино слишком сладкое. 5. Я люблю сухое вино. 6. Она нашла такую хорошую работу. 7. Погода плохая. Ночь была очень холодная. Я не хочу гулять в такую холодную погоду. 8t Человек приручил (domesticate) собаку много лет назад. 9. Это неожиданная новость. 10. Он обладает обширными знаниями в области медицины. 11. Кипр к Мальта известные туристические центры. 12. Она прожила трудную жизнь. 13. Нефть используют для производства (production) бензина. 14. Шотландия гористая (mountainous) часть Великобритании. Самая высокая гора — пик Бен-Невис. 15. Где они останови­лись? — В отеле «Континенталь». Это на Хай-стрит.