**Тема 3 THE ARTICLE**

**Exercise 1 Use the proper article:**

Aesop was … very clever man who lived many hundreds of years ago in … Greece. He wrote many fine stories. He was well known as … man who was fond of … jokes. One day, as he was enjoying … walk, he met … traveler, who greeted him and said: “…kind man, can you tell me how soon I shall get to?” “Go” Aesop answered. “I know I must go,” protested … traveler, “but I should like you to tell me how soon I shall get to … town.” “Go,” Aesop said again angrily. “This man must be mad,” … traveler thought and went on. After he had gone some distance, Aesop shouted after him. “You will get to … town in two hours.” … traveler turned round in … astonishment. “Why didn’t you tell me that before?” he asked. “How could I have told you that before?” answered Aesop. “I didn’t know how fast you could walk.”

**Exercise 2 Put in *a/an*, *the* or *zero* article:**

1 You must be home before … midnight, George.

2 They are setting off at … dawn.

3 We got up early to admire … dawn.

4 My grandfather is often wide awake at … night.

5 I often sat up … night with him and read to him to ease his pain.

6 The weather was very cold on … day of his arrival.

7 She didn’t look well. She said they had passed … sluggish winter and … lazy summer.

8 … winter was very fine that year and we were very happy.

9 I feel very tired. I work from … morning till … night.

10 The situation is improving day by … day.

**Exercise 3 Choose the correct form:**

1 Their son is a student at London University/the London University.

2 The Grand/ Grand Hotel is in Baker street.

3 Our favourite movie theatre is ‘Classic/The Classic’.

4 Did you visit the British/British Museum when you were in London?

5 Hyde Park/The Hyde Park is situated in central London.

6 Tom’s father usually reads the Times/Times.

7 He used to work for the British Airways/British Airways.

8 We flew to Yerevan from Orly Airport/the Orly Airport.

9 We went to the Lion Inn/Lion Inn. Sam recommended.

10 We didn’t manage to visit Houses of parliament/the Houses of parliament.

**Exercise 4 Put in *a/an*, *the* or *zero* article:**

1 … President is … most powerful person in … United States.

2 … President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.

3 Sheila spends most of her free time watching … television. Sometimes it seems to me that she never turns off … television.

4 John’s mother is a regular churchgoer. She goes to … church every Sunday. John himself doesn’t go to … church, but yesterday he went to … church to take some photographs of the building.

5 Peter was injured in … accident and was kept in … hospital for a few days. His friends went to … hospital to visit him.

6 Keith is … seaman. He spends most of his life at … sea.

7 “Do you often listen to … radio?” “No, in fact I haven’t got … radio.”

8 … Smiths had … son and … daughter. … son was in … Army and … daughter was training to be … doctor.

9 If you live in … foreign country, you should try and learn … language.

10 I don’t usually have … lunch, but I always eat … good breakfast.

11 “Can you pass … sugar, please?” “But … sugar isn’t very good for you.”

12 Some people think that … bicycle is … excellent means of transport.

13 When I studied at … University, … Professor Williams used to say, “… young have the future in their hands.”

14 Do you know that in many places people are in … prison because of their political opinions?

15 The other day the fire brigade were called to … prison to put out … fire.

16 … Nile is in … Egypt. … Lake Titicaca is in … South America.

17 … Mediterranean Sea is between … Europe and … Africa.

18 … English is an international language. … English of Shakespeare is often difficult to understand.

19 She told the boy to go down … Kingston Street and turn right into … Mill Road.

20 … Mt Everest is … highest mountain in … world. It is in … Nepal.

21 … milk is good for babies. … milk in … refrigerator is bad.

22 Travel through … space to other planets interests many people today.

**Exercise 5 Put in *a/an* or *the*:**

1 This morning I bought … newspaper and … magazine. … newspaper is in my bag but I don't know where I put … magazine. 2 I saw … accident this morning. … car crashed into … tree. … driver of … car wasn't hurt but … car was badly damaged. 3 There are two cars parked outside: … blue one and … grey one. … blue one belongs to my neighbours; I don't know who … owner of … grey one is. 4 My friends live in … old house in … small village. There is … beautiful garden behind … house. I would like to have … garden like that.

**Exercise 6 Insert the article if necessary:**

1 New York is ... most exciting city. 2 She could afford it, since she was ... millionairess in her own right. 3 Are you trying to be ... matchmaker? 4 She was ... good-looking woman with ... great deal of personal style. 5 There was, after all, supersonic flight on the timetable. 6 The general register office is ... place of records, and it's ... mine of ... information. 7 You've won, and I'd like to drink ... toast to that. 8 Patrick O'Shea was ... tall man, well-built, with ... graying hair and ... pleasant manner. 9 If you have ... afternoon sleep, you'll have ... headache. 10 There is ... good progress in her studies, I'm sure. 11 ... washing machine saves a lot of time and energy. 12 We brought... thermos of ... iced tea. 13 You are ... very special woman. I've never met anyone like you. 14 Richard had ... quick wit and ... good sense of humour. 15 “You are ... dark horse,” he grinned. 16 She had ... enormous capacity for ... work. 17 She was not... troublemaker. 18 It was ... three-hour operation, but she came through it well. 19 She made ... mental note to cancel the flight 20. This writer has ... sharp eye for detail.

**Exercise 7 Insert the right article:**

1 ... most windows are made of glass. 2 ... glass of my watch is broken, and one of ... hands is missing. 3 ... first concern of any government should be ... education of ... people of ... country. 4 ... stars are very bright tonight. 5 ... president said that he didn't want... trouble, but ... troubles of ... country had to be settled quickly. 6 ... trees in our garden bear a lot of fruit every year. 7 ... audience was stone silent. 8 ... girl is really ... great talker. 9 In America "neighbour" has ... friendly connotation, in England it is ... chilly word, nearly always ... stranger. 10 ... rain was still beating on the windows. 11 ... road snaked its way across ... hills. 12 Emma hoped ... baby would be ... girl. 13 ... Queen smiled. She had told ... black He. 14 In ... middle of ... year he made ... second trip to Fairley Hall. 15 – I don't like ... policemen. – Neither do I. But I do like ... English policemen. 16 ... village where my relatives live is such ... idyllic place. 17 ... bell rang ... third time to indicate ... beginning of ... class. 18 ... girl is ... born peacemaker.

**USE OF THE ARTICLE WITH GEOGRAPHICAL AND OTHER NAMES**

**Exercise 1 Which of the given below geographic names can be used with the definite article?**

a) Kilimanjaro, Yenisei, Bermuda, Elbrus, Hudson Bay, Laptev Sea, Urals, Kalahari, Volga, Carpathians, Indian Ocean, Madeira, Etna, English Channel, Palm Beach, Arctic Circle, Olympus, New Forest, South Pole, Bridge of Sighs, Jutland Peninsula, Suez Canal, Swallow Falls, Sicily, Tower Bridge, Kara-Kum, Lake Chad, Bermuda Triangle, Malay Archipelago, Aleutian Islands;

b) United Arab Emirates, Sudan, Far East, Brussels, Netherlands, Booker Prize, Hague, Art Theatre, Riviera, Northern Europe, St. James' Park, Peacock Inn, Baker Street, Russian Museum, Salisbury Cathedral, Wailing Wall, Middle East, Southern Africa, Roman Empire, Miami Airport, Nobel Prize, Republic of Ireland, Athens, Winter Palace, Republican Party, Eiffel Tower, National Association of Teachers, Hawaii, Village of Sosnovka, Hawaiian Islands.

**Exercise 2 Insert the right article:**

Ecuador.

Located in ... Middle of ... World and ... American Subcontinent, ... Ecuador has always been known for its strategic geographical location. Fronting ... Pacific Ocean, it has access to ... major commercial centres of the world: ... United States, ... Canada, ... Japan, and due to its proximity to ... Panama Canal, it is within easy reach of ... Atlantic Ocean and ... Europe. To ... East, Ecuador is ... door to ... majestic headwaters of ... Amazon Basin. Many experts in economy and commerce now consider Ecuador as ... point of access to this market of unexploited opportunities that is now opening its doors to the world. Ecuador has become ... place to create ... wealth of ... future. ... Andes divide the country into three basic natural regions: ... coastal plains, ... mountainous highlands and ... humid tropical lowlands, or... “Oriente” as the Ecuadorians call it. These fertile regions are ... refuge of numerous species of animals and plants that increase ... exportable potential of Ecuador to the world. In recent years there has also been ... rapid increase in ... production of flowers, vegetables, and exotic fruit for export.

**Exercise 3 Translate into English:**

1 Среди достопримечательностей Москвы можно назвать Красную площадь, Кремль, Манежную площадь, Тверскую улицу, Большой театр и многие другие. 2 Самый большой город в Африке – Каир, столица Египта. 3 Печора течет на север и впадает в Баренцево море. 4 Многие люди встречаются у памятника Пушкину на Пушкинской площади. 5 Музей изобразительных искусств находится на Волхонке. 6 Кто получил Нобелевскую премию в области литературы в 1958 году? 7 Самолет приземлился в аэропорту Майами. 8 Официальная столица королевства Нидерландов – Амстердам. Гаага – резиденция голландского правительства и королевского двора. 9 Ватикан является резиденцией Римской католической церкви. 10 Берингов пролив разделяет Америку и Азию. 11 Он корреспондент и работает в “Известиях”. 12 Каждую субботу они ходят в пивную “Три Дуба” на Цветочной улице.

**USE OF THE ARTICLE IN SET EXPRESSIONS**

**Exercise 1 Memorize some set expressions:**

 In the morning, in the evening, in the afternoon, in the day time, by day, by night, by noon, by midnight, at night, at dawn, at dusk, all day long, all night through, all through the night, all through the day, day by day, day in day out, from morning till night, to work day and night, in the dead of night, late at night, early in the morning, the warmth of spring, the dust of summer, three month of winter, the colours of autumn, early in the autumn, late in the spring, all the summer, all the winter, to be at work, to go to work, to start work, to go home, to come home, to be at home, to stay at home, to feel at home, by the way, to tell the time, to take the trouble, on the one hand … on the other hand, to play the fool, in the end, at the moment, to be in a hurry, to take an interest in, to have a headache, to have a chance, on an average, all of a sudden, as a matter of fact, to have a good time, in case of, to catch fire, at sunset, to be in trouble, by mistake, to shake hands, in silence.

**Exercise 2 Translate the above mentioned set expressions into Russian and make up 20 sentences with them.**