

How to use this worksheet. Thirty questions, about 25 minutes, with the answer key at the end. Articles follow the **sound**, not the letter. Senior, junior, superior and inferior always take **to**, never *than*.

Formula sheet

an before a vowel sound (an hour, an honest man) | a before a consonant sound (a university, a European)

the before rivers, seas, mountain ranges, deserts, trains, ships, newspapers and unique objects

No article before street names, most countries, languages, meals, games, and school in its usual sense

Time: at a clock time | on a day or date | in a month or year | since a point, for a duration

Section A · Level 1 — Articles and basic prepositions of time

Ten questions. Judge articles by sound, never by spelling.

1. Which article is used before a word beginning with a consonant sound?

(1) an (2) a (3) the (4) no article

2. Fill in the blank.

He is _____ honest man.

(1) a (2) an (3) the (4) no article

3. Fill in the blank.

She is _____ university student.

(1) a (2) an (3) the (4) no article

4. Fill in the blank.

_____ Ganga is a sacred river.

(1) A (2) An (3) The (4) No article

5. Fill in the blank.

He lives in _____ India.

(1) a (2) an (3) the (4) no article

6. Fill in the blank.

_____ sun rises in the east.

(1) A (2) An (3) The (4) No article

7. Fill in the blank.

He plays _____ guitar very well.

(1) a (2) an (3) the (4) no article

8. Fill in the blank.

She goes to _____ school by bus.

(1) a (2) an (3) the (4) no article

9. Which preposition indicates a point in time, as in a specific hour?

(1) in (2) on (3) at (4) by

10. Which preposition is used with days and dates?

(1) in (2) on (3) at (4) for

Working space — Questions 1 to 10

Write the formula before you substitute.

Section B · Level 2 — Prepositions of time, place and collocation

Ten questions. Many of these are fixed expressions worth memorising.

11. Fill in the blank.

He was born _____ 1995.

(1) at (2) on (3) in (4) by

12. Fill in the blank.

She has been ill _____ Monday.

(1) for (2) since (3) from (4) at

13. Fill in the blank.

He has lived here _____ ten years.

(1) since (2) for (3) from (4) in

14. Fill in the blank.

The book is _____ the table.

(1) in (2) at (3) on (4) into

15. Fill in the blank.

He jumped _____ the river.

(1) in (2) into (3) on (4) at

16. Fill in the blank.

She is good _____ mathematics.

(1) in (2) at (3) on (4) for

17. Fill in the blank.

He is married _____ a doctor.

(1) with (2) to (3) for (4) at

18. Fill in the blank.

I congratulated him _____ his success.

(1) for (2) at (3) on (4) with

19. Fill in the blank.

The meeting was postponed _____ Friday.

(1) till (2) at (3) in (4) since

20. Fill in the blank.

He walked _____ the bridge to reach the other side.

(1) across (2) through (3) along (4) over

Working space — Questions 11 to 20

Write the formula before you substitute.

Section C · Previous year questions and mixed practice — Straight from the AAI ATC papers, plus error spotting

Ten questions. Three are real previous year questions.

21. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

There are many large shops in _____. [PYQ 2021 · Shift 3]

(1) an Oxford Street (2) Oxford Street (3) the Oxford Street (4) a Oxford Street

22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

_____ is a series of passenger train services in India, operated by Indian Railways, connecting New Delhi to the capitals of various states. [PYQ 2021 · Shift 3]

(1) A Rajdhani Express (2) Rajdhani (3) The Rajdhani Express (4) An Rajdhani Express

23. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

I shall be back in less than _____. **[PYQ 2023 · Morning]**

(1) an hour (2) a hour (3) hour (4) the hour

24. Fill in the blank.

He is _____ European by birth.

(1) a (2) an (3) the (4) no article

25. Fill in the blank.

_____ Himalayas separate India from Tibet.

(1) A (2) An (3) The (4) No article

26. Fill in the blank.

She apologised _____ her mistake.

(1) on (2) for (3) at (4) with

27. Fill in the blank.

The train is _____ time today.

(1) in (2) at (3) on (4) by

28. Spot the error.

He has been working here since five years.

(1) He has been (2) working here (3) since (4) five years

29. Fill in the blank.

Divide the sweets _____ the two children.

(1) among (2) between (3) in (4) across

30. Fill in the blank.

He is senior _____ me by three years.

(1) than (2) to (3) from (4) over

Working space — Questions 21 to 30

Write the formula before you substitute.

Answer key

Check only after you have attempted every question. Full worked solutions for each one are on the worksheet page at aviatelearnings.com.

1. (2)	7. (3)	13. (2)	19. (1)	25. (3)
2. (2)	8. (4)	14. (3)	20. (1)	26. (2)
3. (1)	9. (3)	15. (2)	21. (2)	27. (3)
4. (3)	10. (2)	16. (2)	22. (3)	28. (3)
5. (4)	11. (3)	17. (2)	23. (1)	29. (2)
6. (3)	12. (2)	18. (3)	24. (1)	30. (2)

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