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Exercise For HSC

1. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :— [D. B. 2019]

(a) _____ parliament house of Bangladesh is (b) _____ exquisitely designed building. In fact, it is (c) _____ wonder of modern architecture and technology. It is one of (d) _____ largest and most spectacular parliament buildings in (e) _____ world. It is (f) _____ highly expensive building. (g) _____ maintenance cost of the parliament house is about 50 million taka per year. An American architect (h) _____ Louis I Kahn designed this (i) _____ building. Everyday many (j) _____ visitor comes to visit the building.

2. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles ('a/an/the') as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :— [C. B. 2019]

An honest man is true to his (a) _____ words. He does not deviate from (b) _____ path of honesty. He knows that true happiness consists of (c) _____ honesty. He does not fall victim to (d) _____ greed. He does not hanker after (e) _____ worldly property. (f) _____ honest man abstains him from corruption. He does not mix with (g) _____ corrupted people. He is (h) _____ man who tries to get pleasure from good deeds. (i) _____ greed for wealth does not touch him. People should follow the path of (j) _____ honest people of the society.

3. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :— [R. B. 2019]

The national flag represents (a) _____ independence of (b) _____ country. Ours is (c) _____ independent country. Hence, we have a national flag symbolizing our independence. (d) _____ cloth of a national flag is made of (e) _____ cotton, silk or linen. Our flag is rectangular in shape maintaining (f) _____ ratio of its length and breadth 10:6. There are different sizes of national flag. The background of our flag is green which symbolizes our life and energy. In the middle point of the flag there is (g) _____ blood-red. Circle representing our hard struggle and blood-shed. (h) _____ red circle also represents the heroic blood-shed of (i) _____ martyrs. The national flag plays (j) _____ vital role in the life of a nation.

4. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :- [J. B. 2019]

Industry is (a) _____ key to success in our life. (b) _____ industrious can prosper in life. (c) _____ man who does not undertake (d) _____ hard work can never go (e) _____ long way in (f) _____ world. Many (g) _____ man is not aware of (h) _____ significance of (i) _____ diligence for which they cannot reap (j) _____ benefit of success.

5. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require articles. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :- [S. B. 2019]

I have (a) _____ uncle who has just retired from (b) _____ army. He used to be (c) _____ ABI agent, and everybody says he has been an honest man all his life. As a child, I loved him for his stories. He once told me that he met (d) _____ one-eyed alien from (e) _____ space. (f) _____ alien did not need any oxygen. And it did not have (g) _____ nose. I now understand that it was (h) _____ hard story to believe. I am not sure he was telling me (i) _____ truth. May be he is not so (j) _____ honest, after all.

6. Use articles where necessary. Put a cross (x) where article is not needed :- [B. B. 2019]

Mr. Bright is (a) _____ European. As he is (b) _____ Englishman, he knows (c) _____ English well. He is (d) _____ honourable to everyone though he is (e) _____ one-eyed man. Oneday having (f) _____ SOS, he went to (g) _____ USA. His brother, Johnson living there joined (h) _____ Army last year. He is (i) _____ younger of the two brothers. When Mr. Bright met his brother, he could not but shed (j) _____ tears.

7. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :- [Ctg. B. 2019]

What is patriotism? It is (a) _____ noble virtue. It inspires (b) _____ man to dedicate his life to the freedom and development of his (c) _____ country. (d) _____ man without patriotism is no better than (e) _____ beast. A true patriot is honoured by (f) _____ his countrymen. He thinks for (g) _____ betterment of his country. On (h) _____ contrary, (i) _____ unpatriotic man thinks only of his own interest. Those who die for (j) _____ country are true patriots.

8. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :- [Dnj. B. 2019]

Childhood or boyhood is (a) _____ man's formative period. During this period (b) _____ child receives training from its mother. (c) _____ mother's tender heart always looks to (d) _____ welfare and well-being of (e) _____ child. If during this period (f) _____ mother tries to bring (g) _____ child up carefully and according to her (h) _____ best ideas (i) _____ child is sure to grow with its superiorities. So, parents and teachers and love (j) _____ all irrespective of caste, creed and colour.

9. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :- [HSC. Exam. 2018]

Bangladesh is (a) _____ independent country. We won freedom on (b) _____ December 16, 1971. This freedom was won at (c) _____ result of great sacrifice. (d) _____ great many people laid down their lives for (e) _____ freedom of the country. (f) _____ man who loves his country is (g) _____ true patriot (h) _____ real patriot loves his country more than his life. Being patriot, we all should try to make (i) _____ effort for the welfare and (j) _____ progress of our motherland.

10. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :- [HSC. Exam. 2018]

William Shakespeare was born on April 23, 1564 in (a) _____ village of Stratford-on-Avon in (b) _____ county of Warwickshire. His father John Shakespeare was (c) _____ farmer's son who came (d) _____ Stratford about 1531, and began to prosper as (e) _____ trader in corn, wheat, leather and agricultural products. His mother Mary Arden was (f) _____ daughter of (g) _____ prosperous farmer, descended from (h) _____ old family of mixed Anglo-Saxon and Norman blood. It is generally believed that neither (i) _____ poet's mother nor his father could read or write. In 1582, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, the (j) _____ peasant family. She was eight years older than Shakespeare.

11. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :- [D. B. 2017]

Patriotism is (a) _____ noble virtue. It inspires (b) _____ man to dedicate his life for the freedom of his (c) _____ country. (d) _____ man without patriotism is no better than (e) _____ beast. A true patriot is honoured by (f) _____ his countrymen. He thinks for (g) _____ betterment of his country. On (h) _____ the contrary (i) _____ unpatriotic man thinks only of his own interest. Those who die for (j) _____ country are true patriots.

12. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :- [C. B. 2017]

In (a) _____ last 25 years (b) _____ world has lost one-third of its natural wealth, according to (c) _____ international conservation organization world wild fund. (d) _____ earth's forest, wetlands, seas, and coasts are in (e) _____ worse state today than they were before. Forests are cut down. Moreover, they are being burnt indiscriminately resulting in (f) _____ increase in carbon-dioxide and ultimately in (g) _____ water level rising as a consequence of global warming. It is anticipated that (h) _____ new century will face (i) _____ overwhelming environmental (j) _____ catastrophe.

13. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :- [R. B. 2017]

Truthfulness is (a) _____ greatest of all (b) _____ virtues which makes (c) _____ man really great. If we do not cultivate the habit of speaking (d) _____ truth, we cannot command (e) _____ confidence of others. (f) _____ man whom nobody believes can never be great in life. We might succeed once or twice by telling (g) _____ lie but it never brings a good result. (h) _____ lie never lies hidden. Today or tomorrow it comes to light. Then (i) _____ real character of (j) _____ liar is revealed and nobody believes him.

14. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a, an, the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in each blank :- [J. B. 2017]

The process of learning may very well be compared to (a) _____ undertaking of a journey. The learner of the student is (b) _____ journey taker or traveler. Just as a traveler, has to undergo all (c) _____ botherations of buying his ticket, booking his baggage, showing up his ticket, taking care of things, boarding a train or a bus and suffering every other item of (d) _____ tedious journey to reach his (e) _____ destination, so a learner has to manage his learning affair himself. It is (f) _____ laborious process and no one can do (g) _____ labor for him and no one else can undertake (h) _____ journey for another. There is no trick or magic in it. It cannot be acquired at second hand. Just as a traveler, he can inquire here and there in case of doubt and difficulty. However, the journey is (i) _____ passenger's own concern. In (j) _____ same way, learning is entirely the concern of the student or the learner.

15. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :- [S. B. 2017]

Robi is (a) _____ diligent boy. He comes of (b) _____ needy family. But he is diligent and upright. He has (c) _____ unique vision for life. He believes that honesty is (d) _____ key to success. Moreover, unique vision for life. He believes that honesty is (d) _____ key to success. Moreover, he has (e) _____ deep sense of patriotism. Being imbued with these ideals, he shapes (f) _____ dream of his life. From (g) _____ dawn to dusk, he works hard. He never squanders time, wastes money and dissipates (h) _____ ideal boy like Robi. My aim is to reach (i) _____ apex of success. We need (j) _____ ideal boy like Robi.

16. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks :— [R. B. 2017]

Truthfulness is (a) _____ greatest of all (b) _____ virtues which makes (c) _____ man really great. If we do not cultivate (d) _____ habit of speaking (e) _____ truth, we can never command (f) _____ confidence of others. (g) _____ man whom nobody believes can never be famous in life. It may be the trust of others. The man who (h) _____ lie never lies hidden. Today or tomorrow it comes to light. Then (i) _____ real character of (j) _____ liar is revealed and nobody believes him.

17. Fill in the blanks with articles. Use a cross (x) mark where an article is not necessary. [Ctg. B. 2017]

‘Rifle Roti Aurat’ is (a) ----- first Bengali novel on (b) ----- Liberation war of Bangladesh. This unique novel is written by Anwar Pasha, (c) ----- professor of Bangla department at Dhaka university. He wrote this (d) ----- -- novel between April and June in 1971. The main characters in this novel is Sudipta Shaheen who shares his dream of (e) ----- new country. Professor Anwar Pasha was picked up from his Dhaka university residence two days before (f) ----- victory. Sensing imminent defeat, the member of (g) ----- notorious killing squad Al-Badr picked up (h) ----- novelist Anwar Pasha and many other intellectuals and brutally killed them. According to (i) ----- Banglapedia around 991 academics, 13 journalists, 49 physicians, 42 lawyers, and 16 other intellectuals were killed during (j) ----- liberation war of Bangladesh.

18. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks – [D. J. B., 2017]

What (a) ----- surprise it was! Robin got (b) ----- first prize in (c) ----- competition. I was really (d) ----- amazed at his success. Of course he was trained by (e) ----- expert coach for (f) ----- time. He always obeyed (g) ----- instructions given by (h) ----- coach. Even he was not found outside (i) ----- camp during practice session. (j) ----- boy like him is always appreciated by the people.

19. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks. [D. B. 2016]

Michael Madhusudan Dutt was (a) ----- popular 19th century Bengali poet and dramatist. He was born in (b) ----- Sagardari on (c) ----- bank of (d) ----- Kopotaksho river, (e) ----- born in village in Keshobpur Upazilla under Jessore district. From (f) ----- early age, Dutt aspired to be (g) ----- Englishman in form and manner. Though he was born in (h) ----- sophisticated Hindu family, he took Christianity arousing (i) ----- anger of his family. He contributed much to (j) ----- development of Bengali literature.

20. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks: [C. B. 2016]

My mother is (a) ----- ideal housewife. She is (b) ----- affectionate lady. She manages (c) ----- family very nicely. She hopes to see me happy at (d) ----- cost of her own life. She does not enjoy (e) ----- wink of sleep if I fall sick. She is very kind to (f) ----- poor. She is also (g) ----- very religious lady. She advises us to follow (h) ----- path of truth and honesty. (i) ----- woman like her is very rare. She bears a good moral (j) ----- character.

21. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks: [R. B. 2016]

Every student wants to do better in (a) ----- examination: But it is not (b) ----- easy work. (c) ----- student has to do something for this. From (d) ----- very beginning he must be serious. He should read (e) ----- texts again and again. He must not memorize (f) ----- answer without knowing the meaning. He must not make notes of (g) ----- common source. He should have a good (h) ----- command over English. By doing all these things (i) ----- student can make a good (j) ----- result.

22. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks: [J. B. 2016]

Literacy as (a) ----- skill was first institutionalized in Mesopotamia, Syria, Egypt, and China soon after (b) ----- art of writing was invented. Education then took on strategic roles in (c) ----- privilege for (d) ----- chosen few. In Greece, education became more (e) ----- running of (f) ----- few who took on strategic roles in (g) ----- widespread and about the 5th century BC, in religion. In (h) ----- however, sent only their (i) ----- male children to school.

23. Fill in the blanks in the following texts with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks: [S. B. 2016]

Kamal is (a) ----- HSC examinee this year. He is not (b) ----- attentive to his lessons. He is very weak in (c) ----- English. Moreover, he is (d) ----- lazy. So his preparation in English is not good. (e) ----- month ago before his examination he managed (f) ----- short suggestion and learnt it. On (g) ----- day of examination he started for the examination hall with (h) ----- trembling heart. But earlier, he entered (i) ----- examination hall with (j) ----- trembling heart. He entered (i) -----

24. Fill in the blank with articles. Use a cross (x) mark where an article is not necessary: [B. B. 2016]

Once there lived (a) ----- poor Cobbler. He had (b) ----- rich neighbour. (c) ----- neighbour possessed (d) ----- ill-health. So, he was (e) ----- angry man. He was always (f) ----- unhappy man. Once he used to think (g) ----- richest man was (h) ----- happiest man in (i) ----- world. But his (j) ----- idea was wrong.

25. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a, an, the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks. [Ctg. B. 2016]

There is a saying that sincerity is (a) ----- key to success. (b) ----- person can prosper in life by doing hard work. The man who does not follow (c) ----- rules of sincerity can never go (d) ----- long way in (e) ----- world. Many (f) ----- man is not conscious of (g) ----- importance of (h) ----- sincerity for which they don't have (i) ----- benefit of (j) ----- success. However, we should be sincere to our work if we want to achieve anything notable.

26. Fill in the blanks in the following texts with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross mark (x) in those blanks: [Dn. B. 2016]

(a) ----- morning walk is a good habit for all classes of people. It is (b) ----- simple exercise and good for health and (c) ----- mentality. In the morning (d) ----- air is fresh and free from any kind of noise and pollution. This pure (e) ----- environment makes an effect on (f) ----- walker's health and mind. When (g) ----- man enjoys (h) ----- beauties and solemnity of (i) ----- nature in (j) ----- morning.

27. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks: [Ideal School & College, Motijheel, Dhaka]

Mr. John is (a) ----- European. Being (b) ----- English, he knows (c) ----- English well. He is (d) ----- honourable to everyone though he is (e) ----- one-eyed man. One day having (f) ----- SOS, he went to (g) ----- USA. His brother Neil living there joined (h) ----- army last year. He is (i) ----- younger of the two brothers. When John met his brother, he could not but shed (j) ----- tears.

28. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks: [Milestone College, Dhaka]

I was ten years old. My grandmother was sitting on (a) ----- string bed, under (b) ----- mango tree. In (c) ----- afternoon, I ran out into the garden with (d) ----- old photograph and showed that to my grandmother. It was (e) ----- picture of a girl standing against a wall and behind (f) ----- wall there was nothing but (g) ----- blue behind. There were (h) ----- flowers around (i) ----- girl. "Granny!" I shouted, "Look at the picture! Whose picture is it?" "(j) ----- little girl's of course," said grandmother.

29. Fill in the blanks in the following texts with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks: [Dhaka Residential Model College, Dhaka]

Rana is a student of Dhaka University living with his family in (a) ----- Manik Miah Avenue. But his uncle lives in (b) ----- Mirpur Road. Rana passed (c) ----- HSC examination two years ago. His only younger brother Rajib is (d) ----- HSC examinee this year who is a brilliant student too. From the point of view of their merit, they are of (e) ----- same character. However, their uncle lives in (f) ----- U.K. and at times he also stays in (g) ----- America. Actually, he has been living there for 18 long years and has been habituated to the foreign culture. As a result, he looks like (h) ----- English who can speak (i) ----- English like (j) ----- English.

30. Fill in the blanks in the following text with articles (a/an/the) as necessary. Some of the blanks may not require an article. Put a cross (x) in those blanks: [Adamjee Cantonment College, Dhaka]

The process of (a) ----- globalization obviously requires (b) ----- common language for (c) ----- international communication. For many different reasons, English has achieved (d) ----- international prestige of being that (e) ----- language because it is (f) ----- unique language. It is no longer (g) ----- unique possession of the British or the American or other native speaker people, but (h) ----- language that belongs to (i) ----- world's people. This phenomenon has led to (j) ----- bewildering variety of English around the world.