

CHUYÊN ĐỀ 21: MẠO TỪ

A. RULES OF ARTICLES

MẠO TỪ	CÁCH DÙNG
A/AN	■ Dùng trước những danh từ số ít đếm được, khi nó được nhắc tới lần đầu tiên. Trong đó: □ a dùng trước những danh từ bắt đầu bằng một phụ âm. □ an dùng trước những danh từ bắt đầu bằng một nguyên âm.
	■ Dùng trước những danh từ khi nó mang ý nghĩa là “một”.
	■ Dùng trước những danh từ chỉ nghề nghiệp.
	■ Dùng trong các cụm từ chỉ số lượng.
	■ Một số trường hợp ngoại lệ trong cách sử dụng a/an: - a uniform (một bộ đồng phục) - a university (một trường đại học) - an hour (một giờ) - an honest man (một người đàn ông thật thà) - a one-eyed man (một người đàn ông mất mắt chột) - a one-way road (đường một chiều) - a useful way (một cách hữu ích) - an SOS (một tín hiệu cấp cứu) - a union (một liên minh, một đồng minh) - a unit (một đơn vị) - a European (một người châu Âu) - an M.A (một cử nhân) - an honorable man (một người đáng kính)
THE	■ Dùng trước những danh từ khi được nhắc tới từ lần thứ hai trở đi.
	■ Dùng trước những danh từ khi chúng được xác định bằng một mệnh đề/mệnh đề quan hệ ở phía sau.
	■ Dùng trước những danh từ là duy nhất, độc nhất.
	■ Dùng trước số thứ tự.
	■ Dùng trước tính từ để tạo thành danh từ chỉ người ở dạng số nhiều.
	■ Dùng trước tên của các quốc gia tận cùng bằng -s và một số quốc gia số ít.
	■ Dùng trước tên của các loại nhạc cụ, nhưng phải đứng sau động từ “ play ”.
	■ Dùng trước tên của các địa điểm công cộng.
	■ Dùng trước danh từ chỉ tên riêng ở dạng số nhiều để chỉ cả gia đình nhà họ.
	■ Dùng trước tính từ so sánh hơn nhất và so sánh kép.
	■ Dùng trước tên của sông, suối, biển, đại dương, sa mạc, dãy núi...
	■ Dùng trước những danh từ mà cả người nói và người nghe đều biết rõ về nó.
	■ Dùng trước các buổi trong ngày.
	■ Dùng trước tên của các tờ báo.
	■ Dùng trước tên của các tổ chức.
	■ Dùng trước danh từ số ít tượng trưng cho một nhóm động vật, một loài hoặc đồ vật.
	■ Dùng trước danh từ chỉ phương hướng.
	■ Dùng đứng trước danh từ + of + danh từ.
	■ Dùng trong một số cụm từ cố định.
	■ Dùng trước hospital/church/school/prison khi nó mang ý nghĩa khác.

KHÔNG DÙNG MẠO TỪ	■ Trước tên của các môn học.
	■ Trước tên của các môn thể thao.
	■ Trước danh từ số nhiều không xác định.
	■ Trước danh từ không đếm được.
	■ Trước tên của các phương tiện giao thông, nhưng phải đứng sau giới từ "by".
	■ Trước danh từ chỉ màu sắc.
	■ Sau tính từ sở hữu hoặc sau danh từ ở sở hữu cách.
	■ Trước tên của các bữa ăn.
	■ Trước thứ, ngày, tháng, năm, mùa (nếu không xác định).
	■ Trước tên quốc gia (trừ các quốc gia đã được liệt kê ở mục 2), tên châu lục, tên núi, tên hồ, tên đường.
	■ Trước danh từ trừu tượng.

B. PRACTICE EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1: I have bought _____ new shirt which matches _____ jacket I bought last week.

- A. some/a B. the/a C. a/the D. some/the

Question 2: Could you lend me some more? I've spent _____ money you gave me yesterday.

- A. Ø B. the C. a D. an

Question 3: The principle river in Wales is _____ Severn, which flows from the slopes of Plynlimon to _____ English border.

- A. Ø / Ø B. the/the C. a/the D. the/a

Question 4: Until recently _____ economy of _____ southern United States was based on _____ cotton.

- A. an/the/ Ø B. the/ Ø/Ø C. the/the/the D. the/the/ Ø

Question 5: I still keep wondering if I was doing _____ right thing when _____ I asked my father for _____ permission to leave school.

- A. a/ Ø B. the/ Ø C. Ø D. Ø/a

Question 6: We needed _____ house to live in when we were in London.

- A. a B. the C. any D. Ø

Question 7: You are _____ only person whose opinion is of any value to me in _____ present regrettable circumstances.

- A. the/Ø B. the/the C. the/a D. Ø/the

Question 8: The boy told me he hated _____ doctors.

- A. the B. some C. Ø D. a

Question 9: He had _____ laughing eyes and _____ most charming mouth.

- A. the/the B. a/a C. Ø/a D. Ø/the

Question 10: My brother hopes to travel around the world _____ next summer.

- A. a B. an C. the D. Ø (no article)

Question 11: Richard Byrd was _____ first person in history to fly over _____ North Pole.

- A. the - a B. the - Ø C. the - the D. Ø - Ø

Question 12: _____ university is an institution of higher education and research, which grants academic degrees.

- A. A B. An C. The D. Some

Question 13: In most _____ developed countries, up to 50 % of _____ population enters higher education at some time in their lives.

- A. the / Ø B. Ø / Ø C. the / the D. Ø / the

Question 14: Reports are coming in of a major oil spill in _____ Mediterranean.

- A. an B. Ø C. the D. a

Question 15: _____ non-verbal language is _____ important aspect of interpersonal communication.

- A. The - a B. Ø - an C. A - the D. The - Ø

Question 16: Is it acceptable to touch _____ person on _____ shoulder in a conversation?

- A. a - the B. the - a C. the - the D. a - a

Question 17: The excursion is _____ unique opportunity to discover _____ wild in its natural beauty.

- A. an - Ø B. a - the C. the - the D. an - the

Question 18: _____ colleges and universities are the main institutions that provide _____ tertiary education.

- A. Ø - Ø B. The - Ø C. The - the D. Ø - the

Question 19: I have left my book in _____ kitchen and I would like you to get it for me.

- A. the B. a C. Ø D. an

Question 20: Of all the world's major oceans, _____ Arctic Ocean is the shallowest.

- A. an B. the C. a D. Ø

Question 21: My uncle's company made a very good profit in _____ 1990s.

- A. the B. Ø C. a D. an

Question 22: Park Hang-seo, who is the head coach of _____ Vietnam national football team, is a new idol of many people.

- A. Ø B. a C. the D. an

Question 23: Africa has always had a large migratory population because of war and _____ famine.

- A. a B. an C. the D. Ø

Question 24: My neighbor is _____ photographer. Let's ask him for _____ advice about color film.

- A. a - the B. the - an C. a - Ø D. the - the

Question 25: The man grew up in _____ orphanage in _____ United Kingdom.

- A. the/ an B. an/ the C. an/ an D. the/ Ø

Question 26: Housewives find it easier to do domestic chores thanks to _____ invention of labour-saving devices.

- A. an B. some C. the D. a

Question 27: Apparently, _____ science, mathematics, and technology are defined as much by what they do and how they do it as they are by _____ results they achieve.

- A. the / the B. Ø / the C. Ø / Ø D. the / Ø

Question 28: More and more investors are pouring _____ money into food and beverage start-ups.

- A. the B. a C. an D. Ø

Question 29: _____ man suffering from _____ shock should not be given anything to drink.

- A. A/the B. The/ a C. Ø/ a D. A/ Ø

Question 30: I won't be home for _____ dinner this evening. I'm meeting some friends after _____ work and we're going to _____ cinema.

- A. Ø/the/Ø B. The/Ø/Ø C. Ø/Ø/the D. Ø/the/the

Question 31: "Did you have _____ nice holiday?" - "Yes, it was _____ best holiday I have ever had."

- A. a - the B. the - the C. the - a D. a - a

Question 32: A worrying conclusion in the study called "Heat and Learning" is that _____ global warming may affect the future income of _____ students around the world.

- A. the/ the B. Ø/ the C. a/ many D. Ø/ Ø

Question 33: The escaping prisoner camped in _____ woods but he didn't light _____ fire because _____ smoke rising from the wood might attract _____ attention.

- A. the/a/ Ø /Ø B. a/the/the/Ø C. the/a/ Ø/the D. a/a/ Ø/Ø

Question 34: My brother has been playing _____ piano since he was a small child.

- A. the B. a C. no article D. an

Question 35: Donald Trump is _____ president of _____ United States.

A. the/the B. a/Ø C. the/an D. the/Ø

Question 36: Our planned visit to _____ United Kingdom fell through because we were unable to get the visas.

A. a B. an C. the D. no article

Question 37: According to _____ National Weather Service, _____ cyclones are _____ areas of circulating winds that rotate counterclockwise in _____ Northern Hemisphere and clockwise in _____ Southern Hemisphere

A. Ø/Ø/the/the/the B. the/Ø/Ø /the/the C. the/Ø/the/Ø/Ø D. the/Ø/Ø/an/the

Question 38: Bodies of _____ dead in the tragic accident yesterday were taken away.

A. the B. a C. an D. Ø

Question 39: _____ Socialist Republic of Vietnam is a country with a great patriotism through its history.

A. The B. A C. An D. Ø

Question 40: My parents hope to travel around _____ world next summer.

A. a B. an C. the D. Ø

Question 41: A recent survey has shown that _____ increasing number of men are willing to share the housework with their wives.

A. a B. an C. the D. some

Question 42: First our team should identify _____ specific need in the community and then carry out a project to address that need.

A. an B. Ø C. a D. the

Question 43: Domestic appliances like washing machines and dishwashers have made _____ life much easier.

A. the B. a C. Ø D. An

Question 44: We moved to the countryside because we wanted to be close to _____ nature.

A. a B. the C. an D. Ø

Question 45: She was drinking _____ glass of orange juice.

A. a B. the C. Ø D. an

Question 46: Mrs Florida felt that her marriage had become _____ prison.

A. a B. the C. Ø D. an

Question 47: Laura is _____ most intelligent girl I've ever known

A. an B. Ø C. a D. the

Question 48: _____ residents of the village are living a happy life although they lack _____ modern facilities.

A. Ø/ Ø B. Ø/the C. the/the D. the/Ø

Question 49: Tom sat down on _____ edge of a log and looked at _____ glassy surface of the lake.

A. a/a B. the/the C. Ø/the D. the/ Ø

Question 50: _____ deposit of 5 pounds is payable by anyone who wishes to become _____ reader of the library.

A. A/a B. The/the C. The/Ø D. The/a

Exercise 2.1: Fill in the blanks with a(n), the. Put on X where none is required.

Question 1: The scientists are working on _____ drug capable of arresting the spread of cancerous cells.

Question 2: In that mood I was unsuitable for attending _____ parents' meeting at the school.

Question 3: It's time he acted like _____ responsible adult and stopped blaming others for his wrongdoings.

Question 4: I liked reading in _____ garden, which was several steps below the level of the yard.

Question 5: Jason's father bought him _____ bike that he wanted for his birthday.

- Question 6:** _____ Statue of Liberty was a gift of friendship from _____ France to _____ United states.
- Question 7:** Rita is studying _____ English and _____ Math this semester.
- Question 8:** Do you know _____ man who is waiting for the bus over there?
- Question 9:** Please give me _____ cup of _____ coffee with _____ cream and _____ sugar.
- Question 10:** _____ big books which are on _____ table are for my history class.
- Question 11:** My _____ car is four years old, but it still runs well.
- Question 12:** There are only _____ few seats for _____ tonight's musical.
- Question 13:** _____ chair that you are sitting in is broken.
- Question 14:** _____ Civil War was fought in _____ United States between 1861 and 1865.
- Question 15:** We went by _____ train to the west of England.
- Question 16:** _____ people who live in _____ Scotland are called the Scots.
- Question 17:** This house is very nice. Has it got _____ garden?
- Question 18:** There isn't _____ airport near where I live. _____ nearest airport is 70 miles away.
- Question 19:** Did you have _____ nice holiday? Yes, it was _____ best holiday I've ever had.
- Question 20:** Mai always plays _____ piano whenever she has free time.
- Question 21:** My daughter was born on _____ fifth of January.
- Question 22:** Yesterday I went to _____ school by _____ bus because my bike had been broken down.
- Question 23:** It takes me _____ hour to finish my work.
- Question 24:** She used to have _____ cat and _____ dog but _____ dog died.
- Question 25:** English is spoken all over _____ world.
- Question 26:** _____ deaf are unable to hear anything.
- Question 27:** I like studying _____ math best.
- Question 28:** People all over the world like _____ football.
- Question 29:** _____ tea is produced in Thai Nguyen.
- Question 30:** I wish today were on _____ Sunday.
- Question 31:** I often have _____ breakfast at 6:00pm and _____ lunch at 11:00 pm.
- Question 32:** She gave me _____ apple and gave Lan 2 _____ apples.
- Question 33:** _____ Smiths are going to Ha Long bay next summer.
- Question 34:** If I won the lottery, first I would buy _____ piece of land in the country.
- Question 35:** This morning I bought a newspaper and _____ magazine. _____ newspaper is in my bag but I don't know where I put _____ magazine.
- Question 36:** I saw _____ accident this morning. _____ car crashed into _____ tree. _____ driver of _____ car wasn't hurt but _____ car was badly damaged.
- Question 37:** Maria comes from _____ United States. She is _____ American girl.
- Question 38:** The boy said: " _____ moon is bigger than _____ earth."
- Question 39:** I bought _____ car last week. _____ car is over there.
- Question 40:** I need _____ few apples but _____ lot of sugar.
- Question 41:** Where is _____ nearest shop? There is one at _____ end of this street.
- Question 42:** My friends live in _____ old house in _____ small village. There is _____ beautiful garden behind _____ house. I would like to have _____ garden like that.
- Question 43:** The office walls and furniture are _____ uniform grey.
- Question 44:** John and Mary went to _____ school yesterday and then studied in _____ library before returning home.
- Question 45:** On our trip to _____ Spain, we crossed _____ Atlantic Ocean.
- Question 46:** Rita plays _____ violin and her sister plays _____ guitar.
- Question 47:** David played _____ basketball and _____ baseball at _____ Boy's club this year.
- Question 48:** The political science class is taking _____ trip to _____ France in _____ Spring.
- Question 49:** Last night there was _____ bird singing outside my house.

Question 50: He is _____ honest person.

Exercise 2.2: *Fill in the blanks with a(n), the. Put on X where none is required.*

Question 1: _____ photographs show him wearing _____ T-shirt and ripped jeans that were _____ student's uniform of _____ time.

Question 2: He is _____ one-eyed man.

Question 3: There is _____ useful method of learning English.

Question 4: I've got _____ uncle.

Question 5: Your shoes are under _____ bed.

Question 6: There is a strike at _____ hospital.

Question 7: There is _____ onion left in the fridge.

Question 8: There is a splendid view of _____ Lake Geneva from his hotel.

Question 9: She is _____ nurse, so her work is to take care of _____ sick.

Question 10: _____ summer is _____ warmest season but _____ summer of 1971 was unusually cool.

Question 11: He began to hum _____ song. It was _____ old popular song.

Question 12: _____ deaf are _____ people who can't hear anything.

Question 13: My hometown is on the bank of _____ Red river.

Question 14: Tung's father bought him _____ bicycle that he had wanted for his birthday.

Question 15: My mother goes to church in _____ morning.

Question 16: I eat _____ banana every day.

Question 17: Harry is a sailor. He spends most of his life at _____ sea.

Question 18: _____ young man listened to _____ conservation with _____ amused smile.

Question 19: He tried to park his car but _____ space wasn't big enough.

Question 20: We had _____ dinner in a restaurant.

Question 21: We had _____ meal in a restaurant.

Question 22: _____ rose is my favorite color.

Question 23: He heard _____ popular song played by _____ dance band on _____ radio.

Question 24: _____ fact that he would have independent means made her feel relieved.

Question 25: Mary loves _____ flowers.

Question 26: Jill went to _____ hospital to see her friend.

Question 27: Mrs Lan went to _____ school to meet her son's daughter.

Question 28: Carol went to _____ prison to meet her brother.

Question 29: _____ questions Ann asked always seemed to be _____ questioned to which Paul knew the answers.

Question 30: She works six days _____ week.

Question 31: _____ sun is a star.

Question 32: What did you have for _____ breakfast this morning.

Question 33: London is _____ capital of England.

Question 34: When was _____ telephone invented?

Question 35: What he said reminded me of _____ film I had seen.

Question 36: We haven't been to _____ cinema for years.

Question 37: Do you need _____ umbrella?

Question 38: _____ injured man was taken to _____ hospital.

Question 39: She went out without _____ money.

Question 40: Tosi speaks _____ Japanese at home.

Question 41: A man and a woman were standing outside my house. _____ Man looked English but I think _____ woman was a foreigner.

Question 42: The Soviet Union was _____ first country to send a man into _____ space.

Question 43: Did you watch “Titanic” on _____ television or at _____ cinema?

Question 44: After _____ lunch, we went for a walk by _____ sea.

Question 45: Peru is _____ country in South America. _____ capital is Lima.

Question 46: It was a beautiful day. _____ sun shone brightly in _____ sky.

Question 47: It is said that Robin Hood robbed _____ rich and gave the money to _____ poor.

Question 48: Life is not so easy for _____ unemployed.

Question 49: On our trip to Spain, we crossed _____ Atlantic Ocean.

Question 50: Mel’s mother is in _____ hospital, so we went to visit her last night.

Exercise 3: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

Question 1: Once tested for viruses, the software can be installed in the school

A B C

computer system for the use.

D

Question 2: It was only birthday he had celebrated since he was a child.

A B C D

Question 3: Nowadays, everybody knows Apples and almost everybody knows that a

A B C

company was founded by Steve Jobs, an American inventor and entrepreneur.

D

Question 4: The teacher entered the room while the students were discussing their plan

A B C

for an excursion.

D

Question 5: Of all papers I read this morning, none interested me as much as this one.

A B C D

Question 6: Steve Jobs died in 2011 after battling with the pancreatic cancer for nearly

A B C D

a decade.

Question 7: He left on the 10 o'clock train yesterday to see his father who was taken

A B

to the hospital last week when he broke his right leg.

C D

Question 8: Every week, his mother goes to university to visit him while my mother

A B

has never come to visit me since I went to university.

C D

Question 9: I have visited Portugal but I have never been to Netherlands, so I intend

A B C

to visit it next summer.

D

Question 10: Last month, while my friend was traveling round England by the car, he

A B

crashed the car into a tree.

C D