



LESSON: 6
TOPIC: Use of Articles
 (general cases)
TASK: 1 of 2

1. Fill in the gaps with the correct articles (a, an, the, -). IF NO ARTICLE IS NEEDED PUT "-" (MINUS ON KEY BOARD):

✓ **Text 1**

India has two national languages for(1) central administrative purposes: Hindi and English. Hindi is (2) national, official, and main link language of India. English is (3) associate official language. (4) Indian Constitution also officially approves twenty-two regional languages for official purposes. Dozens of distinctly different regional languages are spoken in India, which share many characteristics such as grammatical structure and (5) vocabulary. (6) homeland of Hindi is mainly in (7) north of India, but it is spoken and widely understood in all urban centers of India. In (8) southern states of India there is more resistance to Hindi, which has allowed English to remain (9) lingua franca to (10) greater degree.

✓ **Text 2**

..... (1) role that the Great Wall played in (2) growth of Chinese economy was an important one. Throughout the centuries many settlements were established along (3) new border. The garrison troops were instructed to reclaim wasteland and to plant (4) crops on it, roads and canals were built, to mention just a few of (5) works carried out. All these undertakings greatly helped to increase (6) country's trade and (7) cultural exchanges. Builders, garrisons, artisans, farmers and peasants left behind (8) trail of objects, including (9) inscribed tablets, household articles, and written work, which have become (10) extremely valuable archaeological evidence to the study of defence institutions of the Great Wall and the everyday life of these people who lived and died along the wall.

2. Read and choose the right option:

✓ **Text 1**

A. Ada Lovelace was ...(1) daughter of the poet Lord Byron. She was taught by Mary Somerville, ...(2) well-known researcher and scientific author, who introduced her to Charles Babbage in June 1833.

- a) a, a b) the, the c) the, a d) a, the

B. Babbage was ...(1) English mathematician, who first had the idea for a programmable computer. In 1842 and 1843, Ada translated the work of ...(2) Italian mathematician, Luigi Menabrea, on Babbage's Analytical Engine.

- a) the, - b) an, the c) -, the d) an, an

C. Though mechanical, this machine was an important step in ...(1) history of computers; it was the design of ...(2) mechanical general-purpose computer.

- a) the, the b) the, a c) -, a d) -, the

D. Babbage worked on it for many years until his death in 1871. However, because of ...(1) financial, political, and legal issues, ...(2) engine was never built.

- a) the, - b) -, the c) a, an d) -, -

✓ **Text 2**

A. Boeing is expected to reveal ...(1) numbers of orders for its 787 Dreamliner soon. Airbus orders unveiled on Monday included Qatar Airways confirming ...(2) \$16bn order for 80 A350 Airbus planes and ordering three A380 super-jumbos for about \$750m.

- a) -, - b) the, the c) -, a d) the, a

B. Boeing and Airbus are also competing for ...(1) orders from ...(2) aircraft leasing firms.

- a) -, - b) the, a c) the, - d) -, the

C. Orders from these companies - who rank highly among the biggest global buyers of aircraft - are often regarded as ...(1) indication of how successful a model will be in ...(2) long term.

- a) the, a b) -, a c) the, the d) an, the

D. Airbus also secured ...(1) orders from US Airways that are worth \$10bn for 22 of ...(2) A350 jets, 60 A320s and ten of its A330-200 wide-body planes.

- a) the, - b) the, the c) -, - d) -, the