

DAY 73. ARTICLES & QUANTIFIERS

Task A

Complete the sentences with the correct present simple or past simple form of the verb *be*.

- 1 His advice _____ asked for, but I must admit that it was helpful.
- 2 The facilities at the sports centre _____ that good; I really think they could be improved.
- 3 Do you think these trousers _____ too tight?
- 4 The police _____ asking for anyone with any information about the crime to come forward.
- 5 Passers-by _____ shocked by the aggressive behaviour of two young men.
- 6 £60 _____ much to pay for a good pair of shoes when you consider that they'll last for several years.
- 7 The Netherlands _____ a beautiful country and I'd love to visit it one day.
- 8 Both my mother and my father _____ from a small town in Scotland.
- 9 Each child _____ going to talk about his or her painting.
- 10 Physics _____ a subject which has never interested me.
- 11 These scissors _____ useless – they won't even cut this paper properly.
- 12 Diabetes _____ not an easy condition to live with.
- 13 His ability to remember dates, facts and numbers _____ prodigious!
- 14 We were late because the traffic in the centre of town _____ terrible.

Task B

Circle the correct words.

- 1 a I'm allergic to **chocolate** / **chocolates**, so I can't try your cake.
b Let's buy Mum a box of **chocolate** / **chocolates** for her birthday.
- 2 a Travelling around India for three months was **an experience** / **experience** I'll never forget.
b I regret to inform you that your lack of **experience** / **experiences** has precluded you from the final candidate selection.
- 3 a Would you like a **toast** / **some toast** and honey for breakfast?
b I'd like to make a **toast** / **toast** to the happy couple – good health and a long life to you!
- 4 a My favourite game was **marble** / **marbles** and I used to have a collection of more than thirty.
b The kitchen counter is made of imported Italian **marbles** / **marble**.
- 5 a A group of **youths** / **youth** was hanging around the shopping centre.
b Ben regrets that he wasted **his youth** / **a youth** partying instead of getting a decent education.
- 6 a Michelangelo put in hundreds of hours of **work** / **works** painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.
b Some of the greatest **work** / **works** of art can be seen in the Louvre Museum in Paris.
- 7 a **A vision** / **Vision** is the sense which I would most hate to lose.
b Gandhi promoted a **vision** / **vision** of India free of religious and political divisions.
- 8 a In the interview, I was asked to outline my **strengths** / **strength** as a person and as a journalist.
b Jeremy was so depressed after losing the championship that sometimes he didn't have **the strength** / **a strength** to go on.

Task C

Read the sentences and make compound nouns.

- 1 The confidence which you feel in yourself _____
- 2 The light which comes from the moon _____
- 3 A snake which makes a rattling noise _____
- 4 A board which you can use to skate with _____
- 5 The central bone in your back _____
- 6 A centre for playing different sports _____
- 7 The room where you change your clothes in a shop _____
- 8 A person who is twelve years old _____

Task D

Complete the sentences with *a*, *an*, *the* or no article (—).

- 1 There is ____ plethora of restaurants lining ____ River Tiber in ____ Rome.
- 2 Would you agree that ____ peacock possesses unrivalled ____ beauty?
- 3 ____ Cubans have ____ reputation for being great ____ dancers.
- 4 ____ Jade is not at all academic and I doubt she'll apply to ____ university.
- 5 If you think ____ Alps are awe-inspiring, you should see ____ Mount Everest up close.
- 6 We're planning a holiday to ____ Seychelles next summer and as my husband is ____ travel agent, we're hoping to get ____ good price.
- 7 I'm interested in learning how to play ____ cello; ____ music has always been ____ great love of mine.
- 8 Let's arrange ____ holiday in ____ France, including a few days in ____ Paris and a trip up ____ Eiffel Tower.
- 9 We're going on ____ outing to ____ cinema this evening, but we can't decide whether to go on ____ foot or to take ____ train.
- 10 She has ____ passion for expensive fabrics; ____ silk is her favourite.
- 11 It is imperative that ____ travellers to ____ Africa be vaccinated against ____ Yellow Fever.
- 12 There's ____ Katy Winters on ____ phone for you; she says she's from ____ Waterstones book shop.
- 13 I visit ____ private dentist once ____ year and each examination costs ____ hundred pounds.
- 14 I found ____ lot of ____ dirty clothes under ____ bed.

Task E

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Word has it that *Iron Man* and *Civil War* are both remarkable films, but I haven't seen ___ of them.
a any b either
- 2 There are plenty of talented young players out there, however, ___ actually make it as professionals.
a few b a few
- 3 We will ensure that ___ teachers receive a certificate of attendance for the annual workshop.
a every b all
- 4 Quite ___ of the interns appear to be extremely ambitious!
a few b a few
- 5 ___ the suggestions that you made was adopted by the board I'm afraid.
a Neither of b Half of
- 6 You'll need to put in ___ time and effort if you're going to complete this project on your own.
a a lot of b much
- 7 ___ people at the meeting expressed their dissatisfaction with the president's handling of the matter.
a Any b Several
- 8 ___ member of this team is permitted to cheat at any time.
a No b Each
- 9 The good news ___ that the dance festival will go ahead as planned.
a are b is
- 10 Both twins ___ thrilled to see each other after having been separated for so long.
a were b was

Task F

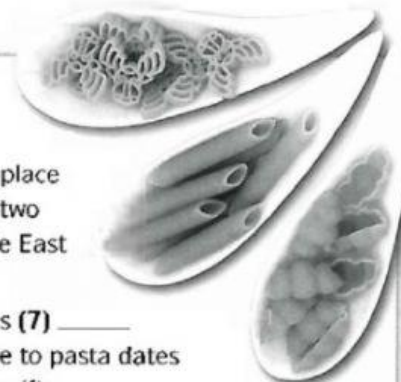
Complete the text with one word in each gap.

The delights of pasta

In recent years, many have disputed (1) _____ origins of pasta. (2) _____ people claim that its roots lie in China, others insist that Italy is (3) _____ birthplace of this internationally-famous food and yet others believe that (4) _____ of the two aforementioned theories (5) _____ true, claiming instead that (6) _____ Middle East is its real place of origin.

Nonetheless, it is widely accepted that the development and adoption of pasta as (7) _____ simple yet staple food is (8) _____ Italian affair. In fact, (9) _____ first reference to pasta dates back to (10) _____ twelfth century – 1154 in fact – and to Sicily to be more specific.

Pasta is (11) _____ kind of noodle, mixed with water or eggs and subsequently formed into sheets that are cut into (12) _____ manner of shapes and sizes. The advantage for today's busy families, is that it requires almost (13) _____ effort in terms of preparation and there are (14) _____ of different sauces you can serve with it. (15) _____ pasta dishes are eaten as a first course, whilst others serve as a main course in Italian cuisine.



Task G

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.

- 1 The two candidates who applied for the post didn't have the necessary qualifications.
NEITHER
Two candidates applied for the post, but _____ the necessary qualifications.
- 2 As she gets older, she becomes more resilient.
THE
The older _____ resilient she becomes.
- 3 Nearly all the students managed to passed their final exams.
OF
Most _____ in passing their final exams.
- 4 All his ideas were a dismal failure.
ONE
Every _____ a dismal failure.
- 5 How much furniture will the removal men have to carry?
ITEMS
How _____ will the removal men have to carry?
- 6 It's OK to wait two hours for tickets.
LONG
Two hours _____ wait for tickets.
- 7 Caroline teaches English at a private school.
IS
Caroline _____ at a private school.
- 8 They can't prove that Celia took the money.
NO
There _____ that Celia took the money.

Choose the answer that best completes the conversation or sentence.

- 1 Those shorts ___ suitable for a job interview; they're simply too casual.
a isn't
b aren't
c haven't
d don't
- 2 'How long is ___ River Thames?'
'Sorry, I don't know.'
a the
b —
c a
d that
- 3 ___ tend to feel the cold more than younger people.
a Elderly
b The elderly
c The elderly people
d Elderly persons
- 4 Basketball is ___ sport that is very popular in the USA:
a —
b the
c a
d some
- 5 ___ is the only cure for one of my bad headaches.
a Some silence
b A silence
c The silence
d Silence
- 6 The furniture was all imported from Italy; they must have spent ___ money on it.
a many
b much
c lots of
d a few
- 7 'Did you enjoy your meal?'
'Yes, thank you. ___ dish I chose was delicious.'
a Some
b One
c A
d The
- 8 ___ your luggage on the counter?
a Are those
b Is that
c Are that
d Is those
- 9 ___ the guests wanted to stay late so the party broke up at eleven.
a None
b Nobody of
c None of
d Not one
- 10 Catherine has ___ profound knowledge of adverse weather conditions; she has conducted a large amount of research on the topic.
a —
b a
c the
d some
- 11 'I can't find my glasses! Have you seen ___ anywhere?'
'No, sorry.'
a those
b it
c them
d some of them
- 12 'This heatwave is terrible, isn't it?'
'Yes. What we really need ___ rain.'
a are a little
b is a little
c is little
d is much
- 13 A medal was given to ___ the many participants.
a each of
b every
c some
d neither of
- 14 I've been ___ all day and I'm so bored!
a at a home
b in house
c at the home
d at home
- 15 Do you want to join me for ___?
a a lunch
b lunch
c the lunch
d any lunch
- 16 ___ can sometimes get themselves into trouble because they're such curious animals.
a Cats
b The cats
c A cat
d The cat
- 17 Gemma told us about her childhood and it was ___ very touching story.
a the
b one
c a
d any
- 18 ___ Russian is a language I'm very keen to learn.
a Some
b Those
c The
d —
- 19 There are ___ opportunities for graduates these days, so you should settle for what you are offered.
a little
b any
c some
d few
- 20 There wasn't enough evidence to prosecute Tamara; ___ of the information provided proved to be false.
a many
b much
c several
d another