

TEST 1

1 Underline the correct article: *a/an, the* or – (no article).

- 1 This test measures *a/the/*– concentration of acid in *a/the/*– stomach.
- 2 It took *an/the/*– incredibly long time for the results to be announced.
- 3 There have been *an/the/*– improvements in *a/the/*– quality as well as *an/the/*– efficiency.
- 4 *A/The/*– high percentage of businesses fail in the first year.
- 5 The study found that *a/the/*– significant number of homes had two cars.
- 6 This shows *a/the/*– sharp decline in *a/the/*– proportion of aid allocated to health.
- 7 He studied the role of *an/the/*– extended family in caring for older people.
- 8 These reforms have succeeded to *a/the/*– certain extent.
- 9 All children should receive *a/the/*– basic education.
- 10 The HR department deals with *a/the/*– recruitment of new staff.
- 11 What is *a/the/*– significance of these figures?
- 12 She has *an/the/*– excellent communication skills.

2 The text below contains a number of mistakes with articles (*the, a/an*) and capital letters. Find the mistakes and correct them.



The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was established on 14 december, 1950. It was set up to protect refugees throughout World and to help in resolution of refugee problems. It has its headquarters in geneva, switzerland, but the Organisation has a staff of around 6,540 in 116 countries. Its main aim is to safeguard rights and well-being of refugees. Large proportion of the 20.8 million people which UNHCR helps are in third world, especially in countries in africa and asia. More than a quarter of the world's refugees, however, are in europe and united states, many of them seeking asylum.

3 Put the words below together to make three complete texts, adding any punctuation and extra words (such as articles or prepositions) necessary.

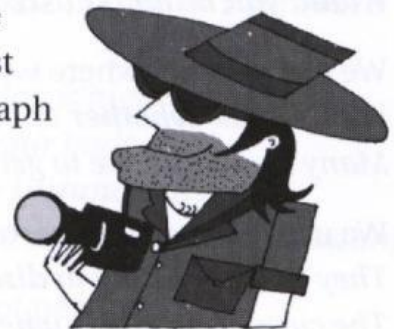
1 odile is french she was born lyon 21 september 1968 she moved britain 20 years ago and now has british citizenship she speaks english fluently but she still has quite strong french accent



2 corinne lives with her husband steve near melbourne australia steve is australian but corinne has german mother and american father she was born united states and met steve while they were both working europe



3 andré is travel photographer he lives switzerland but he spends large part of the year travelling around world last summer he went on long trip south america to photograph ancient inca temples



4 Rewrite the sentences below using the word given and making any changes necessary to keep the meaning the same.

1 The council wants to encourage new businesses to develop.
development

2 His main role is to assess how good the service is for customers.
quality

3 There has been an increase in the amount of goods transported by road.
transportation

4 Whether mothers return to work often depends on whether childcare is available.
availability

5 Many of the changes are due to the fact that tourism has grown in the region.
growth