

## 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

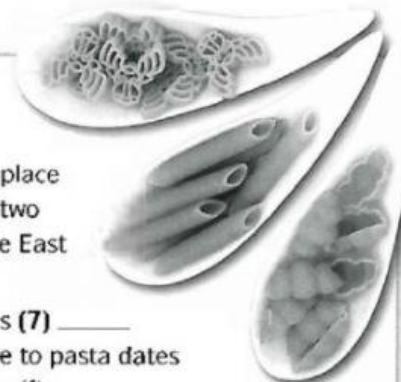
Complete the text with one word in each gap.

#### 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