

HOMework 6

Grammar Focus & Key Rules

- Indefinite (a/an): Singular count nouns (general / first mention).
- Definite (the): Specific nouns, unique items, superlatives, nominalized adjectives, geographical features.
- Zero Article (Ø): Uncount nouns / plural count nouns in general; general seasons/academic subjects; 'kind of [noun]' construction.

Instructions: Select the correct sequence of articles (or zero article Ø) to complete each C1-level sentence accurately.

1. Perth, _____ capital of Western Australia, was once a quiet coastal town before experiencing _____ epic water crisis.
(A) the / an (B) a / an
(C) Ø / the (D) the / Ø
2. During severe droughts, water shortages inevitably hurt _____ poorest communities the most, as price inflation makes basic utilities unaffordable.
(A) poorest (B) a poorest
(C) the poorest (D) some poorest
3. When studying climate impact, we learned about _____ water security and hydrological engineering in _____ science class.
(A) the / the (B) Ø / Ø
(C) a / the (D) Ø / the



4. Modern urban planners consider extreme groundwater depletion to be a crucial kind of _____ environmental issue requiring urgent policy reform.
- (A) an (B) Ø
(C) the (D) a
5. _____ Amazon River, which originates high in _____ Andes Mountains of Peru, supplies nearly twenty percent of global river discharge.
- (A) An / Ø (B) The / the
(C) Ø / the (D) The / Ø
6. Although _____ winter brings heavy rainfall to northern regions, southern inland provinces remain exceptionally dry in _____ winter.
- (A) the / Ø (B) a / the
(C) Ø / Ø (D) the / the
7. As global temperatures rise, _____ resources in the area—such as _____ iron ore and mineral reserves—face severe transportation hurdles.
- (A) the / Ø (B) Ø / the
(C) the / the (D) Ø / Ø
8. In many arid zones, _____ groundwater is being extracted much faster than nature can naturally replenish _____ supply.
- (A) the / a (B) Ø / the
(C) a / Ø (D) the / Ø

9. Recent ecological reports warn that severe water scarcity is no longer just _____ localized concern, but rather _____ global threat to political stability.

(A) the / a (B) a / a

(C) Ø / the (D) a / Ø

10. Hydroelectric projects along _____ major river systems must balance energy demands against _____ ecological preservation.

(A) Ø / the (B) the / Ø

(C) the / the (D) Ø / Ø