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Use of the Definite Article

 When we speak of a Particular person or thing, or one already referred to The book you want is out of print.
 I dislike the fellow.
 Let us go to the club.

2. When a singular noun is meant to represent a whole class
The cat loves comfort
The horse is a noble animal.
The cow is a useful animal.

Note: Man & Woman used in the general sense to denote the whole class never have either article. Man is the only animal that uses fire. Woman is man's mate. **3.**With names of gulfs, rivers, seas, oceans, groups of islands, and mountain-ranges

The Persian Gulf The Ganges is considered holy by the Hindus. London is on the Thames. The Red sea. The Indian ocean The Indian ocean The British isles. The Laccadive Islands. The Himalayas lie to the North of India. The Alps.



4. Before the names of certain books

The Vedas, the Puranas, The Iliad, the Ramayana

But we say Homer's Iliad, Valmiki's Ramayana.

5. Before common nouns which are names of things unique of their kind

The Sun, the sky, the ocean, the sea, the earth

6. Before a Proper noun only when it its qualified by an adjective or a defining adjectival clause

The great Caesar: the immortal Shakespeare The Mr. Roy whom you met last night is my uncle.

7. With Superlatives

The darkest cloud has a silver lining. This is the best book of elementary chemistry.

8. With ordinals

He was the first man to arrive. The ninth chapter of the book is very interesting.

9. Before musical instruments

He can play the flute.

10. Before an adjective when the noun is understood

The poor are always with us.

11. Before a noun to give the force of a Superlative
The verb is the word (= the chief word) in a sentence.
12. As an Adverb with Comparatives
The more the merrier.
The more they get, the more they want.

Test – 2

1.Maxim was at _____ centre of her thoughts.

2.She is on _____ diet, so she ordered _____ caloriefree dinner.

3. ____ Most children like _____ sweets.

4.We need to be at ______ airport in ______ hour.

5.Do you happen to know who invented _____ camera?



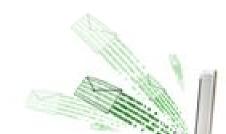
6.Carol's father works as ______ electrician.

7.Last year we visited _____ St. Paul's Cathedral and _____ Tower of London.

8. The plane was climbing up through ______ sky.

9. Winston Churchill, _____ former Prime Minister of England, went to _____ Harrow.

10.Emma's eyes rested on _____ letter. Here was _____ opportunity she had been waiting for.



Ans: 1. the 2. X, a 3.X, X 4. the, an 5.the 6. an 7. X, the 8. the 9.the, X 10.the, the

