

EXERCISES BASIC ACADEMIC ENGLISH



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IV. EXERCISES on NOUNS & ARTICLES:

Directions: From the four underlined words or phrases A, B, C, or D, identify the one that is not correct.

1. The potato was the staple of Ireland and when the crop failed in 1840, there was mass
A B C
starvations.
D
2. Sharks can maneuver considerably faster than other fish because they have no bones.
A B C D
3. Although sugar cane and sugar beet look very different, the sugars that is refined
A B C
from them tastes almost the same.
D
4. Textiles industries are as widespread as food industries because both supply basic
A B C
human needs.
D
5. Many animal species are totally colorsblind, but the condition is very rare in humans.
A B C D
6. Our skulls is made up of eight cranial and fourteen facial bones.
A B C D
7. Diamonds, which is about 40 times as hard as talc, is made up of pure carbon.
A B C D
8. The oceans contain about 97 percent the world's water supply, and about another 2
A B C
percent of the world's water supply is ices.
D
9. Brain waves patterns vary among different people and in different activities.
A B C D
10. The ancestor of today's horse was a little mammal called eohippus, which first
A B
appeared 54 millions years ago.
C D
11. Lasers are of great value in areas such as communications, industry, medicine, and
A B C
scientific research.
D
12. Dinosaurs are classified as reptiles, although some appear to have been warms- blooded.
A B C D
13. The watt is named after James Watt, the British engineer who developed the
A B
steam engine in 1760s.
C D
14. Methane is a odorless burning gas and is the main ingredient of natural gas.
A B C D
15. The alcohol acts as a narcotic on the nervous system and the brain.
A B C D
16. Zachari Taylor was first president to be elected from a state west of Mississippi River.
A B C D
17. Barnacles, which are related to lobsters, shrimp, and crabs, make strongest glue.
A B C D
18. In the 1860s Louis Pasteur discovered that bacteria in air caused the perishable food to
A B C
go bad.
D

19. Land covers almost third of the earth's surface, of which two-thirds is too cold or too dry for farming.
 A B C D
20. "Old Faithful" in Yellowstone National Park is probably the world's most famous
 A B C D
21. Thermographs are special pictures that show the variation in heat emitted by different areas of body.
 A B C
 D

Answer:

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| 1. D | 12. A |
| 2. D | 13. A |
| 3. A | 14. A |
| 4. A | 15. A |
| 5. B | 16. B |
| 6. A | 17. A |
| 7. A | 18. B |
| 8. D | 19. D |
| 9. A | 20. A |
| 10. C | 21. C |
| 11. A | |