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Articles in Academic Writing

Hard | C2 | Proficiency | Article | Countable and uncountable | Determiner | Noun | Phrase | Collocations

1. Step into the shoes of a peer reviewer examining a biology manuscript. Select the correct combination of articles to complete the author's argument.

"In evolutionary biology, _____ human eye is often cited as an example of complex adaptation, though _____ vision itself evolved independently multiple times."

Select one.

- **A)** the / — (no article)
- **B)** a / the
- **C)** — (no article) / — (no article)
- **D)** the / the

2. Help the stressed grad student finalize her thesis abstract by selecting the correct option for each gap. Choose 'no article' if nothing is needed.

Since _____ advent of artificial intelligence, _____ paradigm shift has occurred in how we interact with _____ society; however, _____ recent research suggests that this change is largely superficial.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** the
- **B)** an
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 2

- **A)** a
- **B)** the
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 3

- **A)** (no article)
- **B)** the
- **C)** a

Blank 4

- **A)** (no article)
- **B)** the
- **C)** a

3. Help an exhausted grad student fix the introduction to their sociology thesis. Choose the correct articles for the blanks.

"While analyzing _____ behavior of urban foxes, researchers noted that _____ social cohesion is crucial for their survival."

Select one.

- **A)** the / — (no article)
- **B)** — (no article) / the
- **C)** the / the
- **D)** — (no article) / — (no article)

4. A peer reviewer is fixing the article usage in a medical journal submission. Select the correct option for each blank, choosing 'no article' if the space should be left empty.

To develop _____ comprehensive understanding of how _____ human brain processes trauma, researchers must consult _____ literature rather than relying solely on observations of _____ nature.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** a
- **B)** the
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 2

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 3

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 4

- **A)** (no article)
- **B)** the
- **C)** a

5. Help the history professor review her student's thesis on technological paradigms! Select ALL the sentences that grammatically and naturally express a generic reference to an invention.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The printing press fundamentally altered the distribution of knowledge in Renaissance Europe.
- **B)** Printing presses fundamentally altered the distribution of knowledge in Renaissance Europe.
- **C)** A printing press fundamentally altered the distribution of knowledge in Renaissance Europe.
- **D)** Printing press fundamentally altered the distribution of knowledge in Renaissance Europe.

6. Help the sociology student polish her methodology section by choosing the correct article for each blank. (Use '--' to indicate that no article is needed).

In _____ qualitative research, _____ mere presence of an observer can inadvertently trigger _____ artificial response from the participants.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** --

Blank 2

- **A)** a
- **B)** --
- **C)** the

Blank 3

- **A)** the
- **B)** --
- **C)** an

7. Step into the shoes of a meticulous peer reviewer! Select ALL the sentences that correctly apply articles to abstract nouns in this psychology journal submission.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Intelligence is heavily influenced by a complex interplay of genetic and environmental factors.
- **B)** The intelligence of the cephalopods observed in the study surprised the marine biologists.
- **C)** The intelligence is heavily influenced by a complex interplay of genetic and environmental factors.
- **D)** Intelligence of the cephalopods observed in the study surprised the marine biologists.

8. You are grading a brilliantly written, yet slightly flawed, economics paper. Choose the right articles to polish this sentence.

"Smith's paper introduces _____ novel framework for understanding inflation; however, _____ framework fails to account for _____ behavioral economics."

Select one.

A) a / the / — (no article)
B) the / the / — (no article)
C) a / a / the
D) the / a / the

9. Help an exasperated medical researcher fix her co-author's sloppy manuscript! Select ALL the sentences that correctly use (or omit) articles with organizational abbreviations and medical conditions.

Select all that apply.

A) NASA has been studying osteoporosis in astronauts for decades to better understand bone density loss.
B) The WHO recently issued new guidelines for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis.
C) The NASA has been studying the osteoporosis in astronauts for decades to better understand bone density loss.
D) WHO recently issued new guidelines for the prevention and treatment of the tuberculosis.