13.7 A vs An: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 These words start with the letter u, but the u makes a 'yoo' sound, like the y in yes. Circle the correct word, a or an, for each one.

(a) ___ university **(1)**

- ☐ a
- ☐ an

(b) ___ uniform **(1)**

- ☐ a
- ☐ an

(c) ___ European trip **(1)**

- ☐ a
- ☐ an

(d) ___ unicorn **(1)**

- ☐ a
- ☐ an

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2 Tick the sentence in each pair that uses the correct article.

(a) Which sentence is correct? **(1)**

- ☐ A) She is a honest friend.
- ☐ B) She is an honest friend.

(b) Which sentence is correct? **(1)**

- ☐ A) He bought a umbrella.
- ☐ B) He bought an umbrella.

(c) Which sentence is correct? **(1)**

- ☐ A) It was a unique gift.
- ☐ B) It was an unique gift.

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3 Find and correct the article mistake in each sentence below, then explain your correction using the words sound and letter.

(a) Grandma waited a hour for the bus. **(2)**

(b) The astronaut wore an uniform for the mission. **(2)**

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4 Rewrite each sentence, correcting the article mistake and adding a suitable adjective before the noun to make an expanded noun phrase.

(a) We saw a iguana at the reptile house. **(2)**

(b) They found an fossil buried in the cliff. **(2)**

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Question 1

(a) a circled cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **a university**

(b) a circled cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **a uniform**

(c) a circled cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **a European trip**

(d) a circled cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **a unicorn**

Question 2

(a) B ticked cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **B) She is an honest friend.**

(b) B ticked cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) He bought an umbrella.**

(c) A ticked cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **A) It was a unique gift.**

Question 3

(a) a changed to an hour cao **B1**

(a) explanation given that the h in hour is silent, so the word starts with a vowel sound rather than a consonant letter (oe) **B1**

(a) Answer: **Grandma waited an hour for the bus. The h in hour is silent, so the word starts with a vowel sound, not the consonant letter it is spelled with.**

(b) an changed to a uniform cao **B1**

(b) explanation given that the u in uniform is said as a 'yoo' sound, a consonant sound, even though u is a vowel letter (oe) **B1**

(b) Answer: **The astronaut wore a uniform for the mission. The u in uniform is said as a 'yoo' sound, a consonant sound, even though u is written as a vowel letter.**

Question 4

(a) a suitable adjective added before iguana to form an expanded noun phrase **B1**

(a) article correctly matched to the sound of the new first word (a or an) cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **We saw an enormous iguana at the reptile house. (oe, any suitable adjective with the article matched to its sound)**

(b) a suitable adjective added before fossil to form an expanded noun phrase **B1**

(b) article correctly matched to the sound of the new first word (a or an) cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **They found a strange fossil buried in the cliff. (oe, any suitable adjective with the article matched to its sound)**

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