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## 03. Parts of Speech, Prepositions & Modifiers

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74 Solved Questions

2021 to 2025 Archive

Boards: BUMHS, DUHS, FMDC, KMU, NUMS, SZABMU

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**Curated by Ibrahim for fellow bees.** Every question in this chapter has been verified against official UHS, NUMS, SZABMU, DUHS, and KMU answer keys. Propolis cognitive autopsies are provided at the end of this booklet to explain core concepts and break down common distractor traps.

**OFFICIAL SOLVED EDITION****Q1.**

DUHS 2025

Choose the sentence in which “only” indicates that Jamila was the sole person who spoke about her tiredness:

- (A) Only Jamila said she was tired.
- (B) Jamila only said she was tired.
- (C) Jamila said only she was tired.
- (D) Jamila said she was only tired.

**Q2.**

BUMHS 2025

Which sentence implies that it was unexpected that she took the test?

- (A) She even took the test.
- (B) She took even the test.
- (C) Even she took the test.
- (D) She took the test even.

**Q3.**

BUMHS 2025

Pick out the sentence with appropriate use of a transitional device.

- (A) She likes to read books but watch movies.
- (B) She is a talented musician likewise a gifted painter.
- (C) She is not only intelligent but also very kind.
- (D) Second gather your material. First, begin your project.

**Q4.**

UHS 2025

The keys were found \_ the drawer where you left them last week.

- (A) under
- (B) in
- (C) on
- (D) beside

**Q5.**

UHS 2025

The board of directors expressed \_\_\_\_ disappointment with the financial results.

- (A) their
- (B) its
- (C) his or her
- (D) one's

**Q6.**

UHS 2025

It rained all night; \_\_\_\_\_, the roads were flooded in the morning.

- (A) similarly
- (B) instead
- (C) as a result
- (D) in contrast

**Q7.**

SZABMU 2025

The team won the match. \_\_\_\_\_, they broke the school record.

- (A) Similarly
- (B) Nevertheless
- (C) Furthermore
- (D) Instead

**Q8.**

KMU 2025

All of the players forgot \_ jerseys.

- (A) his
- (B) her
- (C) there
- (D) their

**Q9.**

KMU 2025

The meeting has been scheduled \_\_\_ 3 p.m. sharp.

- (A) on
- (B) at
- (C) in
- (D) to

**Q10.**

KMU 2025

"She studied hard; \_\_\_\_\_, she passed the exam with distinction." Choose the CORRECT transitional device.

- (A) However
- (B) For instance
- (C) Consequently
- (D) In contrast

**Q11.**

NUMS 2025

Choose the correct preposition: *One hour \_\_\_\_\_ glorious life is worth an age without a name.*

- (A) In
- (B) Of
- (C) To
- (D) With

**Q12.**

NUMS 2025

Which of the following verbs takes the preposition "from" with it?

- (A) Abstain
- (B) Accused
- (C) Desirous
- (D) Ignorant

**Q13.**

NUMS 2025

Choose the sentence with the correct order of adjectives:

- (A) I met, young two, beautiful, British girls at the airport
- (B) I met two beautiful, young, British girls at the airport
- (C) I met two, British, young, beautiful girls at the airport
- (D) I met two young, beautiful British girls, at the airport

**Q14.**

NUMS 2025

He circled *whole world on his ship and on island* he encountered \_\_\_\_\_ fierce giant.

- (A) The, an, the
- (B) The, a, a
- (C) The, an, a
- (D) The, an, an

**Q15.**

NUMS 2025

Fill in the correct articles: *Female lion is called \_\_\_\_\_ lioness. She has no mane.*

- (A) A, the
- (B) The, a
- (C) The, the
- (D) A, a

**Q16.**

KMU 2024

He has been working \_\_\_\_\_ this project for weeks.

- (A) At
- (B) By
- (C) To
- (D) On

**Q17.**

KMU 2024

Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition: *Do you usually take a bus \_\_\_\_\_ the market?*

- (A) By
- (B) For
- (C) Of
- (D) To

**Q18.**

NUMS 2024

*Of two evils choose the less.* The sentence carries an adjective that is:

- (A) Qualitative / Comparative
- (B) Positive
- (C) Numerical
- (D) Distributive

**Q19.**

NUMS 2024

*Are there any mango trees in this garden?* The underlined word 'any' is a/an:

- (A) Adjective
- (B) Indefinite pronoun / Adjective of quantity
- (C) Relative pronoun
- (D) Distributive pronoun

**Q20.**

NUMS 2024

This is the very thing we want. The underlined word 'very' is an:

- (A) Emphasizing adjective
- (B) Qualitative adjective
- (C) Numerical adjective
- (D) Relative pronoun

**Q21.**

NUMS 2024

Don't be in such a hurry. The sentence contains an adjective of:

- (A) Emphasizing / Descriptive
- (B) Qualitative
- (C) Numerical
- (D) Demonstrative

**Q22.**

BUMHS 2024

Use an appropriate article: Danube is \_ Austria's longest river.

- (A) A
- (B) An
- (C) The
- (D) No Article

**Q23.**

BUMHS 2024

Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition: He isn't good \_\_\_\_ French.

- (A) At
- (B) In
- (C) To
- (D) Of

**Q24.**

FMDC 2024

\_\_\_\_\_ gold is a precious metal. Fill in the blank with appropriate article as required:

- (A) The
- (B) A
- (C) An
- (D) No article

**Q25.**

FMDC 2024

\_\_\_\_\_ information he had was quite reliable.

- (A) The little
- (B) A little
- (C) Little
- (D) Litter

**Q26.**

FMDC 2024

Here is the video you asked \_\_\_\_.

- (A) The
- (B) A
- (C) An
- (D) For

**Q27.**

SZABMU 2024

Supply the correct preposition: Have you ever been in this company \_\_\_\_ six weeks?

- (A) During
- (B) For
- (C) Just
- (D) Since

**Q28.**

SZABMU 2024

Supply the correct preposition: I was almost back \_ my classroom door when I heard a strange noise.

- (A) At
- (B) By
- (C) In
- (D) To

**Q29.**

DUHS 2024

Choose the correct set of prepositions: Since she believed \_\_\_ her abilities, she didn't ask \_ any help.

- (A) In, for
- (B) With, about
- (C) At, for
- (D) On, for

**Q30.**

DUHS 2024

Choose the grammatically correct sentence:

- (A) After several days of discussion, the committee agreed to the amount of money to donate.
- (B) After several days of discussion, the committee agreed at the amount of money to donate
- (C) After several days of discussion, the committee agreed with the amount of money to donate.
- (D) After several days of discussion, the committee agreed on the amount of money to donate.

**Q31.**

UHS 2024

\_\_\_\_\_ words spoken in earnest will convince him.

- (A) A few
- (B) The few
- (C) Few
- (D) Fewer

**Q32.**

BUMHS 2023

Which of the following is a noun?

- (A) Beautiful
- (B) Quickly
- (C) Happiness
- (D) Run

**Q33.**

BUMHS 2023

Which of the following is a verb?

- (A) Run
- (B) Beautiful
- (C) Quickly
- (D) House

**Q34.**

BUMHS 2023

Fill in the blank: *He is interested \_ music.*

- (A) in
- (B) at
- (C) on
- (D) for

**Q35.**

BUMHS 2023

Choose the correct option: *She is good \_ speaking English.*

- (A) in
- (B) with
- (C) at
- (D) well

**Q36.**

BUMHS 2023

Fill in the blank with the correct word: *Neither the invaders who were invading \_\_\_\_ happening.*

- (A) Or
- (B) Nor
- (C) Not
- (D) None

**Q37.**

FMDC 2023

Fill in the blank with appropriate article as required: *It is \_ honor for me to address you.*

- (A) A
- (B) An
- (C) The
- (D) No article required

**Q38.**

FMDC 2023

Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition: *He was sitting next \_ her.*

- (A) With
- (B) By
- (C) To
- (D) At

**Q39.**

FMDC 2023

Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition: *Each article was sold \_ over a pound.*

- (A) Out
- (B) At
- (C) Off
- (D) In

**Q40.**

FMDC 2023

She sings \_\_\_\_ beautifully that everyone enjoys her performances.

- (A) So
- (B) Too
- (C) Such
- (D) Very

**Q41.**

KMU 2023

The railway system is very efficient as the train always arrives \_\_\_\_ time.

- (A) Up
- (B) for
- (C) On
- (D) at

**Q42.**

KMU 2023

Which part of speech is used to describe or modify a noun or pronoun?

- (A) Verb
- (B) Conjunction
- (C) Adverb
- (D) Adjective

**Q43.**

KMU 2023

I like *blue T-shirt over there better than red one.*

- (A) No article, the
- (B) The, the
- (C) The, a
- (D) A, the

**Q44.**

KMU 2023

Find one error in the sentence, if any:

*I just (B) don't want to get out (A) off (C) bed today.*  
 (D) No error

- (A) Get out
- (B) Just
- (C) Off
- (D) No error

**Q45.**

BUMHS 2023

Choose the sentence that follows the correct adjective order:

- (A) A beautiful blue sailing boat.
- (B) A blue beautiful sailing boat.
- (C) A beautiful sailing blue boat.
- (D) A blue sailing beautiful boat.

**Q46.**

BUMHS 2023

Use an appropriate article: *He is extremely alert and watchful like \_ cat.*

- (A) A
- (B) An
- (C) The
- (D) No article required

**Q47.**

BUMHS 2023

A boy is waiting for you for a long time. In this sentence, the word 'boy' is a/an:

- (A) Proper Noun
- (B) Common Noun
- (C) Abstract Noun
- (D) Collective Noun

**Q48.**

KMU 2023

Identify the part of the sentence that carries an error:

*How much (A) spoonfuls of sugar (B) would you like (C) in (D) your tea?*

- (A) Much
- (B) Sugar
- (C) Like
- (D) In

**Q49.**

DUHS 2022

Fill in with appropriate articles: *To climb \_ tree is not to climb \_ mountain.*

- (A) a / a
- (B) an / an
- (C) a / an
- (D) the / an

**Q50.**

DUHS 2022

Error correction: *"I've lived in Barcelona since six years."*

- (A) Has six years.
- (B) Been six years.
- (C) At six years.
- (D) For six years.

**Q51.**

BUMHS 2022

Fill in with appropriate articles: *\_ apple day keeps \_ \_ \_ \_ doctor away.*

- (A) an / a / the
- (B) an / a / an
- (C) an / the / the
- (D) a / a / the

**Q52.**

DUHS 2022

Fill in with appropriate preposition: *She climbed \_ \_ \_ the ladder to paint the wall.*

- (A) To
- (B) Up
- (C) Of
- (D) On

**Q53.**

UHS 2022

Choose the sentence with correct use of articles:

- (A) Natasha can play a piano and a violin.
- (B) Natasha can play the piano and the violin.
- (C) Natasha can play the piano and a violin.
- (D) Natasha can play piano and violin.

**Q54.**

UHS 2022

Choose the correct preposition: *Distribute the handouts \_ \_ \_ \_ the candidates.*

- (A) into
- (B) Among
- (C) In
- (D) On

**Q55.**

UHS 2022

Choose the correct option:

- (A) Samar bought an apple, an orange and an pear.
- (B) Samar bought an apple a orange and a pear.
- (C) Samar bought an apple, an orange and a pear.
- (D) Samar bought a apple, an orange and a pear.

**Q56.**

UHS 2022

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

- (A) We agreed that the play was rather boring so we felt bored
- (B) We agreed that the play was rather bored so we felt boring
- (C) We agreed that the play was rather bore so we felt bores
- (D) We agreed that the play was rath bores so we felt bored

**Q57.**

KMU 2022

Add some milk and sugar \_ the afternoon tea.

- (A) With
- (B) In
- (C) On
- (D) To

**Q58.**

KMU 2022

Cowardice is an example of a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Common noun
- (B) Proper noun
- (C) Countable noun
- (D) Abstract noun

**Q59.**

KMU 2022

A bridegroom is an example of:

- (A) Neuter gender
- (B) Common gender
- (C) Masculine gender
- (D) Feminine gender

**Q60.**

KMU 2022

We can drive \_\_\_\_\_ the tunnel.

- (A) By
- (B) At
- (C) Through
- (D) Into

**Q61.**

KMU 2022

My brother and I met an acquaintance of \_\_\_\_\_ in the shopping mall.

- (A) Ourselves
- (B) Us
- (C) Our
- (D) Ours

**Q62.**

NUMS 2022

My friend has a fine \_\_\_\_\_ of old stamps.

- (A) Group
- (B) Bridge
- (C) Band
- (D) Collection

**Q63.**

DUHS 2022

Fill in with appropriate preposition: We saw a cricket match \_\_\_\_\_ the school stadium.

- (A) Over
- (B) Of
- (C) At
- (D) On

**Q64.**

SZABMU 2022

Finally, the accused was found guilty \_\_\_\_ his crime.

- (A) From
- (B) Of
- (C) For
- (D) To

**Q65.**

NUMS 2021

We will stay here \_\_\_\_\_ Monday.

- (A) Until
- (B) Till
- (C) Still
- (D) Since

**Q66.**

NUMS 2021

**DRAWBACK**, this word is a combination of:

- (A) Verb + Adjective
- (B) Noun + Adjective
- (C) Verb + Noun
- (D) Verb + Adverb

**Q67.**

NUMS 2021

"Which is the next up train?" What does "up" represent here?

- (A) Noun
- (B) Verb
- (C) Adverb
- (D) Adjective

**Q68.**

NUMS 2021

Abide \_\_\_\_\_ the traffic laws for smooth and safe flow of traffic.

- (A) On
- (B) With
- (C) By
- (D) To

**Q69.**

NUMS 2021

He prefers death \_\_\_\_\_ dishonor.

- (A) Over
- (B) On
- (C) Upon
- (D) To

**Q70.**

KMU 2021

Aslam likes to stay \_\_\_\_\_ home and watch TV shows.

- (A) In
- (B) On
- (C) At
- (D) Within

**Q71.**

KMU 2021

He walked \_\_\_\_\_ the street.

- (A) To
- (B) Of
- (C) Down
- (D) On

**Q72.**

KMU 2021

Which of the following is a subordinating conjunction?

- (A) And
- (B) But
- (C) Because
- (D) Or

**Q73.**

KMU 2021

Fill in the blank with appropriate conjunction: *He was tired \_ hungry.*

- (A) Or
- (B) Nor
- (C) And
- (D) But

**Q74.**

KMU 2021

Identify the correct article: *I saw \_\_\_\_ shooting star last night.*

- (A) A
- (B) An
- (C) The
- (D) No article needed

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## Question #1 Key: (A)

DUHS 2025

Choose the sentence in which "only" indicates that Jamila was the sole person who spoke about her tiredness:

### CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Modifier Placement.

**Solution:** The limiting modifier 'only' modifies the word that immediately follows it. Placing it before 'Jamila' specifies that no person other than Jamila made the statement.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option B:** Modifies 'said', meaning she did nothing else except say it.
- **Option C:** Modifies 'she', meaning she was the only one who was tired.
- **Option D:** Modifies 'tired', meaning she was nothing else besides tired.

## Question #2 Key: (C)

BUMHS 2025

Which sentence implies that it was unexpected that she took the test?

### CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Adverbial Scope and Focus.

**Solution:** Placing 'Even' immediately before the pronoun subject 'she' emphasizes that her participation in the test was surprising.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** Emphasizes taking the test relative to other actions.
- **Option B:** Emphasizes the test relative to other items.
- **Option D:** Non-standard adverb placement.

## Question #3 Key: (C)

BUMHS 2025

Pick out the sentence with appropriate use of a transitional device.

### CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Correlative Transitions.

**Solution:** "not only... but also" connects parallel qualities accurately.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & D:** Contain punctuation or structural defects.

## Question #4 Key: (B)

UHS 2025

The keys were found \_ the drawer where you left them last week.

### CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Prepositions of Place.

**Solution:** Objects inside enclosed spaces take 'in'.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, & D:** Incorrect spatial locations.

## Question #5 Key: (B)

UHS 2025

The board of directors expressed \_\_\_\_ disappointment with the financial results.

### CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Singular Collective Noun.

**Solution:** Takes singular possessive pronoun "its".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, & D:** Plural or personal pronoun mismatches.

## Question #6 Key: (C)

UHS 2025

It rained all night; \_\_\_\_, the roads were flooded in the morning.

### CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Result Transitions.

**Solution:** "as a result" indicates direct consequence.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & D:** Incorrect logical transitions.

## Question #7 Key: (C)

SZABMU 2025

The team won the match. \_\_\_\_, they broke the school record.

### CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Transitions.

**Solution:** "Furthermore" adds further supporting positive achievement.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & D:** Incorrect logical connectors.

**Question #8** **Key: (D)**

KMU 2025

All of the players forgot \_ jerseys.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Plural Possessive Pronouns.

**Solution:** Plural antecedent 'players' requires possessive 'their'.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A & B:** Singular possessives.
- **Option C:** Adverb of place.

**Question #11** **Key: (B)**

NUMS 2025

Choose the correct preposition: One hour \_\_\_\_ glorious life is worth an age without a name.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Prepositional Expressions.

**Solution:** The preposition "of" expresses possession or specific quality belonging to a noun ("hour of glorious life").

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, & D:** Distort the classic literary quotation by Walter Scott.

**Question #9** **Key: (B)**

KMU 2025

The meeting has been scheduled \_\_\_\_ 3 p.m. sharp.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Prepositions of Specific Time.

**Solution:** The preposition "at" is strictly used before specific clock times.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** Used for days and dates.
- **Option C:** Used for months, years, and long periods.
- **Option D:** Indicates direction/range.

**Question #12** **Key: (A)**

NUMS 2025

Which of the following verbs takes the preposition "from" with it?

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Fixed Prepositions.

**Solution:** The verb "abstain" strictly pairs with "from" (e.g., *abstain from smoking*).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option B:** Accused takes 'of'.
- **Option C:** Desirous takes 'of'.
- **Option D:** Ignorant takes 'of'.

**Question #10** **Key: (C)**

KMU 2025

"She studied hard; \_\_\_\_, she passed the exam with distinction."  
Choose the CORRECT transitional device.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Cause-and-Effect Conjunctive Adverbs.

**Solution:** Passing with distinction is a logical outcome of studying hard. "Consequently" shows this cause-and-effect connection.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A & D:** Indicate opposition/contrast.
- **Option B:** Introduces an example.

**Question #13** **Key: (B)**

NUMS 2025

Choose the sentence with the correct order of adjectives:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Royal Order of Adjectives.

**Formula:**

Number → Opinion → Age → Origin

**Solution:** Applying the standard mnemonic **OSASCOMP**:  
Number (two) → Opinion (beautiful) → Age (young) → Origin (British).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, & D:** Violate standard adjective order rules and introduce erroneous commas.

**Question #14** Key: (C)

NUMS 2025

He circled whole world on his ship and on island he encountered \_\_\_\_ fierce giant.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Definite vs. Indefinite Articles.

**Solution:**

1. **The** is used for unique entity "whole world".
2. **An** precedes vowel sound noun "island".
3. **A** precedes consonant sound modifier "fierce giant".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & D:** Misapply basic vowel/consonant sound rules.

**Question #15** Key: (B)

NUMS 2025

Fill in the correct articles: Female lion is called \_\_\_\_ lioness. She has no mane.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Generalizations and Classifications.

**Solution:** "The female lion" refers generically to the species class, while "a lioness" introduces the singular indefinite classification noun.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, & D:** Create awkward generic classification semantics.

**Question #16** Key: (D)

KMU 2024

He has been working \_\_\_\_ this project for weeks.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Fixed Preposition Collocations.

**Solution:** The standard verb phrase is "working on a project".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & C:** Incorrect prepositions following 'working'.

**Question #17** Key: (D)

KMU 2024

Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition: Do you usually take a bus \_\_\_\_ the market?

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Prepositions of Direction and Destination.

**Solution:** "To" is used to indicate movement toward a specific destination (to the market).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & C:** Express agency, purpose, or possession, not destination.

**Question #18** Key: (A)

NUMS 2024

Of two evils choose the less. The sentence carries an adjective that is:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Adjective Degrees.

**Solution:** "Less" is the comparative degree of 'little', used here as a comparative qualitative adjective modifying the implied noun.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option B:** Positive degree is 'little'.
- **Options C & D:** Incorrect classification of degree/type.

**Question #19** Key: (B)

NUMS 2024

Are there any mango trees in this garden? The underlined word 'any' is a/an:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Determiners and Indefinite Quantifiers.

**Solution:** "Any" modifies 'mango trees' to express indefinite quantity/number.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options C & D:** Misidentify the grammatical role of the quantifier.

**Question #20** Key: (A)

NUMS 2024

This is the very thing we want. The underlined word 'very' is an:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Emphasizing Adjectives.

**Solution:** When placed directly before a noun (very thing), "very" acts as an **emphasizing adjective** meaning 'exact' or 'same'.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option B:** Does not describe intrinsic physical quality.
- **Options C & D:** Grammatically inaccurate classifications.

**Question #21** Key: (A)

NUMS 2024

Don't be in such a hurry. The sentence contains an adjective of:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Demonstrative and Emphasizing Adjectives.

**Solution:** The word "such" serves to emphasize degree or manner.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options B & C:** Do not describe counts or intrinsic physical qualities.

**Question #22** Key: (D)

BUMHS 2024

Use an appropriate article: Danube is \_ Austria's longest river.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Articles with Possessive Modifiers.

**Solution:** When a superlative adjective (*longest*) is preceded by a possessive proper noun (*Austria's*), no article is placed before the superlative.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option C:** While 'longest' normally takes 'the', the possessive 'Austria's' replaces the definite article completely.
- **Options A & B:** Indefinite articles violate superlative usage.

**Question #23** Key: (A)

BUMHS 2024

Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition: He isn't good \_\_\_\_ French.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Adjective Preposition Collocations.

**Solution:** The adjective 'good' takes the preposition "at" when denoting proficiency or skill in an academic subject or activity.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options B, C, & D:** Non-standard idiomatic prepositions for ability.

**Question #24** Key: (D)

FMDC 2024

\_\_\_\_ gold is a precious metal. Fill in the blank with appropriate article as required:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Zero Article with Material Nouns.

**Solution:** Uncountable material nouns used in a general, generic sense take **no article**.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** 'The gold' would wrongly specify a particular piece of gold.
- **Options B & C:** Indefinite articles cannot precede uncountable nouns.

**Question #25** Key: (A)

FMDC 2024

\_\_\_\_ information he had was quite reliable.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Quantifiers with Uncountable Nouns.

**Solution:** "The little" means "the small quantity that was available", specified by the restrictive relative clause "he had".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option B:** 'A little' means some (non-specific).
- **Option C:** 'Little' means almost none (negative connotation).

**Question #26** Key: (D)

FMDC 2024

Here is the video you asked \_\_\_\_.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Prepositional Verbs.

**Solution:** The verb 'ask' collocates with "for" when requesting or inquiring after an object (*asked for*).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & C:** Articles cannot serve as prepositional complements to the verb 'asked'.

**Question #27** Key: (B)

SZABMU 2024

Supply the correct preposition: Have you ever been in this company \_\_\_\_ six weeks?

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Prepositions of Duration.

**Solution:** "For" is used before a duration or length of time (*six weeks*).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option D:** 'Since' is used before a specific starting point in time.
- **Options A & C:** Grammatically incorrect in this context.

**Question #28** Key: (A)

SZABMU 2024

Supply the correct preposition: I was almost back \_ my classroom door when I heard a strange noise.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Prepositions of Specific Location.

**Solution:** "At" specifies exact point location (*at the classroom door*).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options B, C, & D:** Do not convey precise arrival position at a point.

**Question #29** Key: (A)

DUHS 2024

Choose the correct set of prepositions: Since she believed \_\_\_ her abilities, she didn't ask \_ any help.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Fixed Prepositions.

**Solution:** Correct collocations are "believe in" (have faith in) and "ask for" (request assistance).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options B, C, & D:** Violate fixed idiomatic preposition couplings.

**Question #30** Key: (D)

DUHS 2024

Choose the grammatically correct sentence:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Prepositional Collocations with 'Agree'.

**Solution:** "Agreed on" is used when reaching consensus on terms, plans, or amounts.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** 'Agreed to' applies to proposals or demands.
- **Option B:** 'Agreed at' is ungrammatical.
- **Option C:** 'Agreed with' applies to persons or opinions.

**Question #31** Key: (A)

UHS 2024

\_\_\_\_\_ words spoken in earnest will convince him.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Quantifiers for Countable Nouns.

**Solution:** "A few" means a small positive quantity (some words), which logically fits convincing someone.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option B:** 'The few' implies all of a small specific group.
- **Option C:** 'Few' has a negative meaning (almost none).
- **Option D:** Comparative quantifier.

**Question #32** Key: (C)

BUMHS 2023

Which of the following is a noun?

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Parts of Speech Identification.

**Solution:** Happiness is an abstract noun describing a state of being.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** Adjective.
- **Option B:** Adverb.
- **Option D:** Verb.

**Question #33** Key: (A)

BUMHS 2023

Which of the following is a verb?

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Parts of Speech.

**Solution:** Run is an action verb.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option B:** Adjective.
- **Option C:** Adverb.
- **Option D:** Noun.

**Question #34** Key: (A)

BUMHS 2023

Fill in the blank: He is interested \_ music.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Fixed Prepositions.

**Solution:** Adjective 'interested' strictly takes "in".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options B, C, & D:** Incorrect prepositions following 'interested'.

**Question #35** Key: (C)

BUMHS 2023

Choose the correct option: She is good \_ speaking English.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Preposition with 'Good'.

**Solution:** Expressing skill or proficiency takes "good at".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A & B:** Incorrect prepositions.
- **Option D:** Adverb.

**Question #36** Key: (B)

BUMHS 2023

Fill in the blank with the correct word: Neither the invaders who were invading \_\_\_\_\_ happening.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Correlative Conjunctions.

**Solution:** The negative correlative conjunction '**Neither**' pairs exclusively with '**nor**'.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** 'Or' pairs with 'Either'.
- **Options C & D:** Not correlative conjunction markers.

**Question #37** Key: (B)

FMDC 2023

Fill in the blank with appropriate article as required: It is \_ honor for me to address you.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Articles Based on Initial Phonetic Sound.

**Solution:** Although 'honor' begins with consonant 'h', the initial sound is a silent 'h' vowel sound (/ɒnər/), requiring "**an**".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** Used only before consonant sounds.
- **Option C:** Indefinite expression of privilege takes 'an'.

**Question #38** Key: (C)

FMDC 2023

Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition: He was sitting next \_ her.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Fixed Prepositional Phrases.

**Solution:** The standard compound preposition of spatial proximity is "**next to**".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & D:** Cannot follow 'next' to express spatial adjacency.

**Question #39** Key: (B)

FMDC 2023

Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition: Each article was sold \_ over a pound.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Prepositions of Rate/Price.

**Solution:** The preposition "**at**" is used to indicate price, value, or rate (sold **at** over a pound).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, & D:** Prepositions not used to specify price values.

**Question #40** Key: (A)

FMDC 2023

She sings \_\_\_\_\_ beautifully that everyone enjoys her performances.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Correlative Intensity Structures.

**Formula:**

so + Adverb + that-clause

**Solution:** The structure "**So + adverb + that**" expresses degree producing a specific outcome.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option B:** 'Too' pairs with infinitive clauses (too... to).
- **Option C:** 'Such' modifies noun phrases (such a beautiful song).
- **Option D:** 'Very' does not clause-pair directly with result connector 'that'.

**Question #41** Key: (C)

KMU 2023

The railway system is very efficient as the train always arrives \_\_\_ time.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Prepositional Idioms.

**Solution:** "**On time**" means punctual and according to schedule.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & D:** Do not form the standard idiom for punctuality.

**Question #42** Key: (D)

KMU 2023

Which part of speech is used to describe or modify a noun or pronoun?

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Parts of Speech.

**Solution:** An **Adjective** modifies or describes nouns and pronouns.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** Expresses action or state.
- **Option B:** Connects clauses/words.
- **Option C:** Modifies verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs.

**Question #43** **Key: (B)**

KMU 2023

*I like blue T-shirt over there better than red one.*

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Definite Articles for Specified Items.

**Solution:** Both shirts are specific objects uniquely identified in context ("over there", "red one"), requiring definite articles (**The**, **the**).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, & D:** Indefinite or missing articles fail to specify the specific items pointed out.

**Question #44** **Key: (C)**

KMU 2023

*Find one error in the sentence, if any: I just (B) don't want to get out (A) off (C) bed today. (D) No error*

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Preposition vs. Adverb Misuse.

**Solution:** The compound preposition is "out of" (single 'f'), making 'off' incorrect.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A & B:** Correct grammatical components.

**Question #45** **Key: (A)**

BUMHS 2023

*Choose the sentence that follows the correct adjective order:*

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Adjective Order.

**Formula:**

Opinion → Color → Purpose

**Solution:** Opinion (*beautiful*) → Color (*blue*) → Purpose (*sailing boat*).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options B, C, & D:** Violate standard adjective order sequence.

**Question #46** **Key: (A)**

BUMHS 2023

*Use an appropriate article: He is extremely alert and watchful like \_ cat.*

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Indefinite Articles.

**Solution:** Refers generically to any singular cat beginning with a consonant sound (**a cat**).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option B:** 'An' precedes vowel sounds.
- **Option C:** 'The' implies a specific previously identified cat.

**Question #47** **Key: (B)**

BUMHS 2023

*A boy is waiting for you for a long time. In this sentence, the word 'boy' is a/an:*

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Noun Classifications.

**Solution:** 'Boy' is a general name for a class of person, defining it as a **Common Noun**.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** Refers to specific named individuals.
- **Option C:** Refers to non-physical concepts.
- **Option D:** Refers to groups of entities.

**Question #48** **Key: (A)**

KMU 2023

*Identify the part of the sentence that carries an error: How much (A) spoonfuls of sugar (B) would you like (C)...*

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Countable Quantifiers.

**Solution:** Plural noun 'spoonfuls' is countable and must be quantified by "**many**" rather than "**much**".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options B, C, & D:** Correctly used components.

**Question #49** **Key: (A)**

DUHS 2022

Fill in with appropriate articles: To climb \_\_ tree is not to climb \_\_ mountain.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Indefinite Articles before Consonant Sounds.

**Solution:** Both 'tree' (/t/) and 'mountain' (/m/) begin with consonant sounds, requiring "a / a".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options B, C, & E:** 'An' precedes vowel sounds only.
- **Option D:** Definite article 'the' is inappropriate for generic parallel statements.

**Question #50** **Key: (D)**

DUHS 2022

Error correction: "I've lived in Barcelona since six years ."

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

'For' vs. 'Since' with Time Expressions.

**Formula:**

For + Duration of Time (six years)

**Solution:** Use "for" when stating total duration of time (Option D).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & C:** Distort prepositional duration structures.

**Question #51** **Key: (A)**

BUMHS 2022

Fill in with appropriate articles: \_ apple day keeps \_\_\_\_ doctor away.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Proverbial Articles.

**Solution:** An apple (vowel sound), a day (consonant sound), keeps the doctor away (Option A).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options B, C, & D:** Misapply basic article conventions.

**Question #52** **Key: (B)**

DUHS 2022

Fill in with appropriate preposition: She climbed \_\_\_\_ the ladder to paint the wall.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Directional Prepositions.

**Solution:** Ascending vertical structures requires directional preposition "Up".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, D, & E:** Do not express ascending motion along vertical surfaces.

**Question #53** **Key: (B)**

UHS 2022

Choose the sentence with correct use of articles:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Definite Articles with Musical Instruments.

**Solution:** Musical instruments when played take the definite article "the" (the piano and the violin).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, & D:** Omit or substitute indefinite articles for musical instrument play.

**Question #54** **Key: (B)**

UHS 2022

Choose the correct preposition: Distribute the handouts \_\_\_\_ the candidates.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Distribution Prepositions.

**Solution:** Distribution amongst a group of three or more individuals requires "Among".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** Movement toward inside.
- **Options C & D:** Static position prepositions.

**Question #55** Key: (C)

UHS 2022

Choose the correct option:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Articles and Series Commas.

**Solution:** Option C correctly uses **an apple** (vowel), **an orange** (vowel), and **a pear** (consonant) separated by commas.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** Uses 'an' before consonant sound 'pear'.
- **Option B:** Uses 'a' before vowel sound 'orange' and omits list commas.
- **Option D:** Uses 'a' before vowel sound 'apple'.

**Question #56** Key: (A)

UHS 2022

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Participial Adjective Differentiation (-ing vs -ed).

**Solution:** Things causing feelings are **-ing** (*play was boring*); persons experiencing feelings are **-ed** (*we felt bored*).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options B, C, & D:** Reverses or distorts participial adjectives.

**Question #57** Key: (D)

KMU 2022

Add some milk and sugar \_ the afternoon tea.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Preposition with 'Add'.

**Formula:**

Add X + **to** + Y

**Solution:** The verb 'add' strictly takes "**To**".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & C:** Non-standard prepositions following 'add'.

**Question #58** Key: (D)

KMU 2022

Cowardice is an example of a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Abstract Nouns.

**Solution:** **Cowardice** names an intangible state, emotion, or quality, defining it as an **Abstract noun**.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & C:** Concrete or countable entity categories.

**Question #59** Key: (C)

KMU 2022

A bridegroom is an example of:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Noun Gender.

**Solution:** **Bridegroom** refers specifically to a male about to be married (**Masculine gender**).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option D:** Feminine equivalent is 'bride'.
- **Options A & B:** Non-gendered categories.

**Question #60** Key: (C)

KMU 2022

We can drive \_\_\_\_ the tunnel.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Spatial Prepositions.

**Solution:** Moving inside from one open end to the far end of an enclosed structure requires "**Through**".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option D:** Means entering without necessarily exiting the far end.
- **Options A & B:** Static spatial locations.

**Question #61** Key: (D)

KMU 2022

My brother and I met an acquaintance of \_\_\_\_ in the shopping mall.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Double Possessives.

**Solution:** Following preposition 'of', absolute possessive pronoun "**Ours**" is required (*an acquaintance of ours*).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** Reflexive pronoun.
- **Option B:** Objective pronoun.
- **Option C:** Possessive adjective requiring a following noun.

**Question #62** Key: (D)

NUMS 2022

My friend has a fine \_\_\_\_ of old stamps.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Collective Nouns.

**Solution:** The specific collective noun for stamps is "**Collection**".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & C:** Incorrect collective nouns for non-living collectibles.

**Question #63** Key: (C)

DUHS 2022

Fill in with appropriate preposition: We saw a cricket match \_\_\_\_ the school stadium.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Prepositions of Specific Venue.

**Solution:** Specific institutional locations and venues take preposition "**At**".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & D:** Prepositions indicating spatial position above or surface contact.

**Question #64** Key: (B)

SZABMU 2022

Finally, the accused was found guilty \_\_\_\_ his crime.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Adjective Preposition Collocations.

**Solution:** The adjective 'guilty' strictly takes preposition "**of**" when identifying crimes.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, & D:** Incorrect prepositions following 'guilty'.

**Question #65** Key: (B)

NUMS 2021

We will stay here \_\_\_\_ Monday.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Time Prepositions.

**Solution:** "**Till**" indicates continuous duration up to a specific day.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options C & D:** Adverb or starting-point preposition.

**Question #66** Key: (C)

NUMS 2021

**DRAWBACK**, this word is a combination of:

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Compound Word Parts.

**Solution:** Formed by combining verb '**draw**' and noun '**back**' (or adverb depending on key variant; marked Option C in standard paper keys).

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & D:** Alternative part-of-speech combinations.

**Question #67** Key: (C)

NUMS 2021

"Which is the next up train?" What does "up" represent here?

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Parts of Speech in Context.

**Solution:** Modifies the implied direction of train movement, functioning as an **Adverb**.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & D:** Misidentify the grammatical modifier role.

**Question #68** Key: (C)

NUMS 2021

Abide \_\_\_\_ the traffic laws for smooth and safe flow of traffic.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Prepositions.

**Solution:** Fixed phrasal verb "**abide by**".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, B, & D:** Incorrect prepositions.

**Question #69** Key: (D)

NUMS 2021

He prefers death \_\_\_\_ dishonor.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Preposition with 'Prefer'.

**Solution:** "Prefer X to Y" is the standard construction.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- Options A, B, & C: Non-standard preposition choices.

**Question #70** Key: (C)

KMU 2021

Aslam likes to stay \_\_\_\_ home and watch TV shows.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Fixed Prepositions of Place.

**Solution:** The standard idiomatic phrase is "at home".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- Options A, B, & D: Do not form the standard expression for staying at one's residence.

**Question #71** Key: (C)

KMU 2021

He walked \_\_\_\_ the street.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Directional Prepositions.

**Solution:** "Down the street" is a common idiom meaning walking along the path of a street.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- Options A, B, & D: Less natural or non-idiomatic preposition choices.

**Question #72** Key: (C)

KMU 2021

Which of the following is a subordinating conjunction?

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Subordinating vs. Coordinating Conjunctions.

**Solution:** "Because" introduces dependent adverbial causal clauses, defining it as a **subordinating conjunction**.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- Options A, B, & D: Coordinating conjunctions (FANBOYS).

**Question #73** Key: (C)

KMU 2021

Fill in the blank with appropriate conjunction: He was tired \_ hungry.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Cumulative Conjunctions.

**Solution:** Connects two co-existing parallel physical states using "And".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- Option D: 'But' implies opposition/contrast.
- Options A & B: Disjunctive or negative conjunctions.

**Question #74** Key: (A)

KMU 2021

Identify the correct article: I saw \_\_\_\_ shooting star last night.

**CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION**

Indefinite Articles.

**Solution:** Modifies non-specific singular noun beginning with consonant sound /ʃ/ (shooting star) → "A".

**Why other options are incorrect:**

- Option B: Precedes vowel sounds.
- Option C: Used for previously identified specific items.