GATE XL (APTITUDE)

Basic English Grammar: Articles

1. Fill in the blank

She bought __ apple and __ orange from the market.

- A) a, an
- B) an, an
- C) an, a
- D) a, a

Answer: B) an, an

2. Identify the correct sentence

- A) He is an honest man.
- B) She adopted a unique approach.
- C) I saw a European tourist at the café.
- D) All of the above

Answer: D) All of the above

(Explanation: "an" is used before "honest" because "h" is silent; "a" is used before "unique" and "European" because they begin with a "yu" sound.)

3. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank

There was __ hour-long delay due to bad weather.

- A) a
- B) an
- C) the
- D) No article required

Answer: B) an

(Explanation: "hour" starts with a vowel sound "ow-er", so "an" is used.)

4. Which of the following sentences is incorrect?

- A) She adopted an MBA graduate.
- B) He is an MA student.
- C) I need a hour to complete this.
- D) We visited a university yesterday.

Answer: C) I need a hour to complete this.

(Explanation: "hour" starts with a vowel sound, so it should be "an hour".)

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct articles

__ sun is __ star that provides energy to Earth.

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

Answer: D) The, the

(Explanation: "The" is used before unique objects like "sun" and "star" in this context.)