

IBPS Clerk Prelims 2026

Articles (A vs An) - Practice Set 1 of 5

FREE SET

Focus: A vs An (Basic Rules)

Time: 20 Minutes

Total: 25 Questions

Basic Words - 8 Qs

Exceptions - 6 Qs

Mixed Practice - 6 Qs

Fill in the Blanks - 5 Qs

Instructions

- ✓ This is the FREE practice set (Set 1 of 5) focusing on A vs An for IBPS Clerk Prelims 2026
- ✓ Choose the correct article (A or An) for each blank
- ✓ Each question carries 1 mark (No negative marking for practice)
- ✓ Try to complete all 25 questions within 20 minutes to simulate exam conditions
- ✓ After attempting all questions, check answers with detailed explanations
- ✓ Use the Performance Tracker to analyze your accuracy and identify weak areas
- ✓ ★ **Complete all 5 sets to master Articles for IBPS Clerk!**

SECTION A: Basic Words (Consonant vs Vowel Sounds)

8 Questions

Directions: Choose the correct article (A or An) for each word/phrase.

Question 1

Easy

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_____ book

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 2

Easy

_____ apple

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 3

Easy

_____ car

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 4

Easy

_____ elephant

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 5

Easy

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_____ umbrella

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 6

Easy

_____ dog

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 7

Easy

_____ ice-cream

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 8

Easy

_____ orange

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

SECTION B: Exceptions (Silent Letters & Special Sounds)**6 Questions**

Directions: Choose the correct article (A or An) for each word/phrase. Pay attention to pronunciation, not spelling!

Question 9**Medium****FREE PRACTICE SET**

_____ honest man

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 10**Medium**

_____ hour

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 11**Medium**

_____ university

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 12**Medium**

_____ European country

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 13**Medium****FREE PRACTICE SET**

_____ one-eyed man

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 14**Medium**

_____ MBA degree

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

SECTION C: Mixed Practice (Words & Phrases)**6 Questions**

Directions: Choose the correct article (A or An) for each word/phrase.

Question 15**Easy**

_____ beautiful flower

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 16**Easy**

_____ interesting story

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 17**Medium****FREE PRACTICE SET**

_____ X-ray report

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 18**Medium**

_____ useful advice

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 19**Medium**

_____ NRI account

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 20**Medium**

_____ VIP lounge

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

SECTION D: Fill in the Blanks (Sentences)**5 Questions**

Directions: Complete each sentence with the correct article (A or An).

Question 21

Easy

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She is _____ doctor.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 22

Easy

He wants to become _____ engineer.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 23

Medium

This is _____ unique opportunity.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 24

Medium

He is _____ honest person.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An



She has _____ one-hour meeting.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

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Answer Key with Detailed Explanations

SECTION A: Basic Words

Q1. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"Book" starts with consonant sound (B) → A book.

 Consonant sound → A

Q2. Answer: B. An

 **B**

"Apple" starts with vowel sound (A) → An apple.

 Vowel sound (A,E,I,O,U) → An

Q3. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"Car" starts with consonant sound (C) → A car.

 Consonant sound → A

Q4. Answer: B. An

 **B**

"Elephant" starts with vowel sound (E) → An elephant.

 Vowel sound (A,E,I,O,U) → An

Q5. Answer: B. An

✓ B

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"Umbrella" starts with vowel sound (U) → An umbrella.

📌 Vowel sound (A,E,I,O,U) → An

Q6. Answer: A. A

✓ A

"Dog" starts with consonant sound (D) → A dog.

📌 Consonant sound → A

Q7. Answer: B. An

✓ B

"Ice-cream" starts with vowel sound (I) → An ice-cream.

📌 Vowel sound (A,E,I,O,U) → An

Q8. Answer: B. An

✓ B

"Orange" starts with vowel sound (O) → An orange.

📌 Vowel sound (A,E,I,O,U) → An

SECTION B: Exceptions

Q9. Answer: B. An

✓ B

"Honest" has silent H → pronunciation starts with 'ऑ' (O sound) → An honest man.

📌 Silent H → pronunciation matters, not spelling

Q10. Answer: B. An

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 **B**

"Hour" has silent H → pronunciation starts with 'अ' (O sound) → An hour.

 Silent H → An

Q11. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"University" pronunciation starts with 'यू' (Y sound - consonant) → A university.

 Spelling has U but pronunciation has Y sound → A

Q12. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"European" pronunciation starts with 'यू' (Y sound - consonant) → A European country.

 Spelling has EU but pronunciation has Y sound → A

Q13. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"One-eyed" pronunciation starts with 'व' (W sound - consonant) → A one-eyed man.

 Spelling has O but pronunciation has W sound → A

Q14. Answer: B. An

 **B**

"MBA" pronunciation starts with 'ए' (vowel sound) → An MBA degree.

 Abbreviation pronunciation matters: M is pronounced 'em' (vowel sound) → An

SECTION C: Mixed Practice



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Q15. Answer: A. A

A

"Beautiful" starts with consonant sound (B) → A beautiful flower.

First sound determines the article

Q16. Answer: B. An

B

"Interesting" starts with vowel sound (I) → An interesting story.

Vowel sound (I) → An

Q17. Answer: B. An

B

"X-ray" pronunciation starts with 'ɛ' (vowel sound) → An X-ray report.

X is pronounced 'ex' (vowel sound) → An

Q18. Answer: A. A

A

"Useful" pronunciation starts with 'j' (Y sound - consonant) → A useful advice.

U sounds like 'Y' → A

Q19. Answer: B. An

B

"NRI" pronunciation starts with 'ɛ' (vowel sound) → An NRI account.

N is pronounced 'en' (vowel sound) → An

Q20. Answer: A. A

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 **A**

"VIP" pronunciation starts with 'वी' (consonant sound) → A VIP lounge.

 V is pronounced 'vee' (consonant sound) → A

SECTION D: Fill in the Blanks (Sentences)

Q21. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"Doctor" starts with consonant sound (D) → A doctor.

 Profession names with consonant sound → A

Q22. Answer: B. An

 **B**

"Engineer" starts with vowel sound (E) → An engineer.

 Profession names with vowel sound → An

Q23. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"Unique" pronunciation starts with 'यू' (Y sound - consonant) → A unique opportunity.

 U sounds like 'Y' → A

Q24. Answer: B. An

 **B**

"Honest" has silent H → pronunciation starts with vowel sound → An honest person.

Q25. Answer: A. A

✅ A

"One-hour" pronunciation starts with 'ㄛ' (W sound - consonant) → A one-hour meeting.

📌 One sounds like 'Wan' (W sound) → A

 Performance Tracker - IBPS Clerk Set 1 (A vs An)

Section	Total	Correct	Wrong	Accuracy %
Section A (Basic Words)	8	—	—	—%
Section B (Exceptions)	6	—	—	—%
Section C (Mixed Practice)	6	—	—	—%
Section D (Fill in Blanks)	5	—	—	—%
TOTAL	25	—	—	—%

 Score Interpretation (IBPS Clerk - A vs An):

- **22-25 correct:** Excellent! You've mastered A vs An.
- **18-21 correct:** Good - review the exception rules (university, hour, honest, etc.)
- **14-17 correct:** Average - need more practice on pronunciation-based rules
- **Below 14:** Need significant improvement - review the sound rule (vowel vs consonant sounds)

 **Basic Rule (Most Important):** Sound देखो, spelling नहीं! "University" → Y sound → A, "Hour" → O sound → An

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 **Common Exceptions for IBPS Clerk:** a university, an hour, an honest man, a one-eyed man, a European, an MBA

 **Abbreviations Rule:** Pronunciation of the first letter matters: an MBA (M='em'), a VIP (V='vee'), an X-ray (X='ex')

 **Silent H Rule:** honest, hour, heir, honor → H is silent → use AN

 **Y/W Sound Rule:** university, European, unique, useful, one-eyed → Y or W sound → use A

IBPS Clerk Articles Series Progress

  **Set 1 (Free - This Set):** A vs An - 25 questions

  **Set 2 (Free):** The vs No Article - Coming Next

  **Set 3 (Free):** Mixed Articles - Coming Soon

  **Set 4 (Premium):** Mixed Articles - Advanced Level

  **Set 5 (Premium):** Error Detection - Advanced Level

★ **Next: Set 2 - The vs No Article (IBPS Clerk Level)**

 **IBPS Clerk Target:** A vs An is the foundation. Master this set before moving to Set 2!

IBPS Clerk Prelims 2026 - Articles Practice Set 1 (A vs An - Free - 25 Questions)

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