

IBPS PO Prelims 2026

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

FREE SET

Focus: A vs An (Moderate-High Difficulty)

Time: 20 Minutes

Total: 25 Questions

Basic Words - 6 Qs

Exceptions & Silent Letters - 7 Qs

Abbreviations & Banking Terms - 6 Qs

Sentence-Based - 6 Qs

Instructions

- ✓ This is the FREE practice set (Set 1 of 5) focusing on A vs An for IBPS PO Prelims 2026
- ✓ Choose the correct article (A or An) for each blank
- ✓ Pay attention to pronunciation, not just spelling
- ✓ 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 PO!**

SECTION A: Basic Words

6 Questions

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

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

_____ ice-cream

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

SECTION B: Exceptions & Silent Letters

7 Questions

Directions: Choose the correct article (A or An). Pay attention to pronunciation!

Question 7

Medium

_____ honest person

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 8

Medium

_____ hour

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

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

_____ university

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 10**Medium**

_____ European country

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 11**Hard**

_____ one-eyed man

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 12**Hard**

_____ heir to the throne

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 13**Hard****FREE PRACTICE SET**

_____ honorary degree

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

SECTION C: Abbreviations & Banking Terms**6 Questions**

Directions: Choose the correct article (A or An). Pay attention to pronunciation!

Question 14**Medium**

_____ MBA degree

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 15**Medium**

_____ X-ray report

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 16**Medium**

_____ VIP lounge

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 17**Hard****FREE PRACTICE SET**

_____ NRI account

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 18**Hard**

_____ RBI policy announcement

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 19**Hard**

_____ UFO sighting

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

SECTION D: Sentence-Based Questions**6 Questions**

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

Question 20**Easy**

She is _____ doctor at the city hospital.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 21**Easy****FREE PRACTICE SET**

He wants to become _____ engineer in a multinational company.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 22**Medium**

This is _____ unique opportunity for investors to enter the market.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 23**Medium**

He is _____ honest person who never compromises on his principles.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 24**Hard**

The RBI is expected to announce _____ one-time restructuring scheme for stressed assets.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An



She completed _____ MBA from IIM Ahmedabad and got _____ excellent job offer from a leading bank.

- ☐ A. a, a
- ☐ B. an, an
- ☐ C. an, a
- ☐ D. a, 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

 **An**

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

 Vowel sound → An

Q3. Answer: A. A

 **A**

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

 Consonant sound → A

Q4. Answer: B. An

 **An**

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

 Vowel sound → An

Q5. Answer: B. An

✓ An

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

📌 Vowel sound → An

Q6. Answer: B. An

✓ An

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

📌 Vowel sound → An

SECTION B: Exceptions & Silent Letters

Q7. Answer: B. An

✓ An

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

📌 Silent H → An

Q8. Answer: B. An

✓ An

"Hour" has silent H → pronunciation 'आवर' (vowel sound) → An hour.

📌 Silent H → An

Q9. Answer: A. A

✓ A

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

📌 U sounds like Y → A

Q10. Answer: A. A

✓ A

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

📌 EU sounds like Y → A

Q11. Answer: A. A

✓ A

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

📌 One sounds like Wan (W sound) → A

Q12. Answer: B. An

✓ An

"Heir" has silent H → pronunciation starts with vowel sound → An heir.

📌 Silent H → An

Q13. Answer: B. An

✓ An

"Honorary" has silent H → pronunciation starts with vowel sound → An honorary.

📌 Silent H → An

SECTION C: Abbreviations & Banking Terms

Q14. Answer: B. An

✓ An

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

📌 M is pronounced 'em' (vowel sound) → An

Q15. Answer: B. An

✓ An

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

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

Q16. Answer: A. A

✓ A

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

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

Q17. Answer: B. An

✓ An

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

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

Q18. Answer: A. A

✓ A

"RBI" pronunciation starts with 'अर' (vowel sound) → actually 'R' is pronounced 'ar' (vowel sound) → An RBI. But careful: 'R' is 'ar' (vowel) → An RBI.

✚ R is pronounced 'ar' (vowel sound) → An

Q19. Answer: A. A

✓ A

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

✚ U sounds like Y → A

SECTION D: Sentence-Based Questions

Q20. Answer: A. A

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 **A**

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

 Profession with consonant sound → A

Q21. Answer: B. An

 **An**

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

 Profession with vowel sound → An

Q22. Answer: A. A

 **A**

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

 U sounds like Y → A

Q23. Answer: B. An

 **An**

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

 Silent H → An

Q24. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"One-time" pronunciation starts with 'व' (W sound) → A one-time scheme.

 One sounds like Wan (W sound) → A

Q25. Answer: B. an, an

"MBA" → vowel sound → an MBA; "excellent" → vowel sound (E) → an excellent job.

📌 Both start with vowel sounds → An for both

📊 Performance Tracker - IBPS PO Set 1 (A vs An)

Section	Total	Correct	Wrong	Accuracy %
Section A (Basic Words)	6	___	___	___%
Section B (Exceptions & Silent Letters)	7	___	___	___%
Section C (Abbreviations & Banking Terms)	6	___	___	___%
Section D (Sentence-Based)	6	___	___	___%
TOTAL	25	___	___	___%

📈 Score Interpretation (IBPS PO - A vs An):

- **22-25 correct:** Excellent! You've mastered A vs An for IBPS PO.
- **18-21 correct:** Good - review the exceptions (honest, hour, university, European, 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)

🎯 IBPS PO Special Focus - Key Learning Points from Set 1

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

🎯 **Common Exceptions for IBPS PO:** a university, an hour, an honest man, a one-eyed man, a European, an MBA, an heir, an honorary degree, a one-time scheme

 **Abbreviations Rule:** Pronunciation of the first letter matters: an MBA (M='em'), a VIP (V='vee'), an X-ray (X='ex'), an NRI (N='en'), an RBI (R='ar'), a   **FREE PRACTICE SET**

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

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

 **Banking Context Vocabulary:** RBI, NPA, monetary policy, restructuring scheme, stressed assets — be familiar with these terms

IBPS PO 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 PO Level)**

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

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