

Nigerian Army DSSC Aptitude Test

Practice Questions and Answers

The Nigerian Army Direct Short Service Commission (DSSC) aptitude test usually covers English, mathematics, general knowledge and military awareness. Use these questions to practise, then check your answers at the end.

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Section A: English Language

1. Choose the word closest in meaning to VALIANT.

- A. Cowardly
- B. Brave
- C. Careless
- D. Proud

2. Choose the opposite of HOSTILE.

- A. Friendly
- B. Angry
- C. Violent
- D. Strong

3. The soldiers, together with their commander, ____ arrived.

- A. have
- B. has
- C. is
- D. was

4. Which word is correctly spelt?

- A. Liutenant
- B. Lieutenant
- C. Leiutenant
- D. Lieutenent

5. He was accused ____ stealing.

- A. for
- B. with
- C. of
- D. on

Section B: Mathematics

6. Simplify 0.25×0.4 .

- A. 0.01
- B. 0.1
- C. 1.0
- D. 0.025

7. What is $\frac{3}{5}$ of 450?

- A. 250
- B. 270
- C. 300
- D. 320

8. A soldier marches 24 km in 4 hours. What is his average speed?

- A. 4 km/h
- B. 5 km/h
- C. 6 km/h
- D. 8 km/h

9. Solve: $5x - 3 = 2x + 12$.

- A. $x = 3$
- B. $x = 4$
- C. $x = 5$
- D. $x = 6$

10. What is the square root of 196?

- A. 12
- B. 13
- C. 14
- D. 16

11. Convert 0.75 to a percentage.

- A. 7.5%
- B. 75%
- C. 0.75%
- D. 750%

12. The perimeter of a square is 48 m. What is its area?

- A. 96 m²
- B. 144 m²
- C. 192 m²
- D. 2304 m²

13. What comes next: 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, ?

- A. 30
- B. 34
- C. 36
- D. 49

Section C: Military Awareness

14. The Nigerian Army traces its origin to the Glover Hausas formed in:

- A. 1863
- B. 1900
- C. 1914
- D. 1960

15. Nigerian Army Day (NADCEL) is celebrated every year on:

- A. 1 October
- B. 6 July
- C. 15 January
- D. 12 June

16. The motto of the Nigerian Army is:

- A. Onward Together
- B. Victory is from God alone
- C. Willing, Able, Ready
- D. Service and Integrity

17. Which rank comes immediately after Captain in the Nigerian Army?

- A. Lieutenant
- B. Major
- C. Colonel
- D. Lieutenant Colonel

18. The most junior commissioned officer rank in the Nigerian Army is:

- A. Lieutenant
- B. Second Lieutenant
- C. Captain
- D. Warrant Officer

19. The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria is the:

- A. Chief of Defence Staff
- B. Minister of Defence
- C. President
- D. Chief of Army Staff

20. The Nigerian Civil War took place from:

- A. 1960 to 1963
- B. 1966 to 1969
- C. 1967 to 1970
- D. 1970 to 1975

21. ECOMOG stands for:

- A. ECOWAS Monitoring Group
- B. ECOWAS Military Operations Group
- C. Economic Community Military Group
- D. ECOWAS Mobile Guard

22. The Nigerian Defence Academy is located in:

- A. Abuja
- B. Kaduna
- C. Jos
- D. Zaria

Section D: General Knowledge

23. In which year did Nigeria gain independence?

- A. 1957
- B. 1960
- C. 1963
- D. 1966

24. What is the capital of Nigeria?

- A. Lagos
- B. Kaduna
- C. Abuja
- D. Ibadan

25. How many states are there in Nigeria?

- A. 30
- B. 34
- C. 36
- D. 37

26. Nigeria became a republic in which year?

- A. 1960
- B. 1963
- C. 1966
- D. 1979

27. ECOWAS stands for:

- A. Economic Community of West African States
- B. Economic Council of West African States
- C. Economic Commission for West African Society
- D. Economic Community of Western Africa

28. The longest river in Nigeria is the:

- A. River Benue
- B. River Niger
- C. River Kaduna
- D. River Ogun

Answer Key

Section A: English Language

1. **B** (Brave)
2. **A** (Friendly)
3. **A** (have) – The verb agrees with the main subject, 'The soldiers'.
4. **B** (Lieutenant)
5. **C** (of)

Section B: Mathematics

6. **B** (0.1)
7. **B** (270)
8. **C** (6 km/h)
9. **C** ($x = 5$) – $3x = 15$.
10. **C** (14)
11. **B** (75%)
12. **B** (144 m²) – Side 12 m, area 144 m².
13. **C** (36) – Square numbers.

Section C: Military Awareness

14. **A** (1863)
15. **B** (6 July) – It marks the first shots of the civil war on 6 July 1967.
16. **B** (Victory is from God alone)
17. **B** (Major)
18. **B** (Second Lieutenant)
19. **C** (President)
20. **C** (1967 to 1970)
21. **A** (ECOWAS Monitoring Group)
22. **B** (Kaduna)

Section D: General Knowledge

23. **B** (1960) – Nigeria became independent on 1 October 1960.
24. **C** (Abuja) – Abuja replaced Lagos as the capital in 1991.
25. **C** (36) – Nigeria has 36 states plus the FCT.
26. **B** (1963) – Nigeria became a republic on 1 October 1963.
27. **A** (Economic Community of West African States)
28. **B** (River Niger)

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