

UBEC Recruitment Test

Practice Questions and Answers

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Section A: Education and Teaching

1. UBE stands for:

- A. Universal Basic Education
- B. Unified Basic Education
- C. Universal Board of Education
- D. Unity in Basic Education

2. The Universal Basic Education Act was signed into law in:

- A. 1999
- B. 2002
- C. 2004
- D. 2007

3. Under the UBE programme, basic education covers how many years of schooling?

- A. 6 years
- B. 9 years
- C. 12 years
- D. 3 years

4. Pedagogy refers to:

- A. The study of children's diseases
- B. The method and practice of teaching
- C. School administration
- D. Curriculum printing

5. Which is a well-stated behavioural objective?

- A. Pupils should understand rocks
- B. Pupils should know about rocks
- C. By the end of the lesson, pupils should be able to list three types of rocks
- D. Pupils should appreciate rocks

6. Continuous assessment means:

- A. Assessing only at the end of the year
- B. Assessing learners throughout the term
- C. Assessing teachers continuously
- D. Testing pupils every day

7. Teaching aids that appeal to both sight and hearing are called:

- A. Visual aids
- B. Audio aids
- C. Audio-visual aids
- D. Tactile aids

8. 'From known to unknown' and 'from simple to complex' are examples of:

- A. Principles of teaching
- B. School rules
- C. Assessment methods
- D. Curriculum subjects

9. In Maslow's hierarchy of needs, the most basic level is:

- A. Safety needs
- B. Esteem needs
- C. Physiological needs
- D. Self-actualisation

10. 'The Republic' was written by:

- A. Aristotle
- B. Plato
- C. Socrates
- D. John Dewey

11. 'Emile' was written by:

- A. Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- B. John Locke
- C. Friedrich Froebel
- D. Maria Montessori

12. The Montessori method is mostly associated with:

- A. University education
- B. Early childhood education
- C. Adult literacy
- D. Technical education

13. The body that registers and regulates teachers in Nigeria is:

- A. NTI
- B. NUT
- C. TRCN
- D. NECO

14. The minimum teaching qualification in Nigeria is the:

- A. WASSCE
- B. NCE
- C. B.Ed
- D. OND

Section B: English Language

15. Choose the opposite of DILIGENT.

- A. Hardworking
- B. Careful
- C. Lazy
- D. Brilliant

16. The children ____ playing in the field when it started to rain.

- A. was
- B. were
- C. are
- D. is

17. What is the plural of 'criterion'?

- A. Criteria
- B. Criterion
- C. Criterias
- D. Criterion

18. In 'Honesty is the best policy', 'honesty' is a/an:

- A. Proper noun
- B. Abstract noun
- C. Collective noun
- D. Verb

19. Which sentence is correct?

- A. Each of the pupils have a book.
- B. Each of the pupils has a book.
- C. Each of the pupil have a book.
- D. Each of the pupils are having a book.

Section C: Mathematics

20. What is 25% of 360?

- A. 80
- B. 90
- C. 95
- D. 100

21. Find the LCM of 4, 6 and 8.

- A. 12
- B. 16
- C. 24
- D. 48

22. Find the area of a rectangle 12 cm long and 7 cm wide.

- A. 38 cm²
- B. 76 cm²
- C. 84 cm²
- D. 96 cm²

23. Simplify $2^3 \times 2^2$.

- A. 16
- B. 32
- C. 64
- D. 10

24. A teacher shares 96 books equally among 8 pupils. How many does each get?

- A. 11
- B. 12
- C. 13
- D. 14

25. The angles in a triangle add up to:

- A. 90 degrees
- B. 180 degrees
- C. 270 degrees
- D. 360 degrees

Section D: General Knowledge

26. In which year did Nigeria gain independence?

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

27. What is the capital of Nigeria?

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

28. How many states are there in Nigeria?

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

29. Nigeria became a republic in which year?

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

30. On the Nigerian coat of arms, the 'Y' shape represents:

- A. Unity and faith
- B. The rivers Niger and Benue
- C. The two military forces
- D. Fertile soil

31. Nigeria's national motto is:

- A. Unity and Faith, Peace and Progress
- B. One Nigeria
- C. Peace and Unity
- D. Faith, Hope and Progress

32. The Nigerian Senate has how many members?

- A. 100
- B. 108
- C. 109
- D. 360

Answer Key

Section A: Education and Teaching

1. **A** (Universal Basic Education)
2. **C** (2004) – The UBE Act came in 2004; the programme was launched in 1999.
3. **B** (9 years) – 6 years primary + 3 years junior secondary.
4. **B** (The method and practice of teaching)
5. **C** (By the end of the lesson, pupils should be able to list three types of rocks) – Objectives must be specific and measurable.
6. **B** (Assessing learners throughout the term)
7. **C** (Audio-visual aids)
8. **A** (Principles of teaching)
9. **C** (Physiological needs) – Food, water, rest and shelter.
10. **B** (Plato)
11. **A** (Jean-Jacques Rousseau)
12. **B** (Early childhood education)
13. **C** (TRCN) – Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria.
14. **B** (NCE) – Nigeria Certificate in Education.

Section B: English Language

15. **C** (Lazy)
16. **B** (were)
17. **B** (Criteria)
18. **B** (Abstract noun)
19. **B** (Each of the pupils has a book.) – 'Each' is singular.

Section C: Mathematics

20. **B** (90)
21. **C** (24)
22. **C** (84 cm²) – $12 \times 7 = 84$.
23. **B** (32) – $2^5 = 32$.
24. **B** (12)
25. **B** (180 degrees)

Section D: General Knowledge

26. **B** (1960) – Nigeria became independent on 1 October 1960.
27. **C** (Abuja) – Abuja replaced Lagos as the capital in 1991.
28. **C** (36) – Nigeria has 36 states plus the FCT.
29. **B** (1963) – Nigeria became a republic on 1 October 1963.
30. **B** (The rivers Niger and Benue)
31. **A** (Unity and Faith, Peace and Progress)
32. **C** (109) – Three per state plus one for the FCT.

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