



## UPCAT Language Proficiency Practice Questions

Set 1

**Directions:** Read the sentence/question/passage first before selecting the letter that corresponds to your answer.

1. May I please request that each of the two groups take an \_\_\_\_\_ position in the issue now.

- A. alternating
- B. alternative
- C. alternate
- D. all of the above

2. \_\_\_\_\_ mountains aplenty in the Philippines.

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

3. The student badly needs her teacher's

- A. advice
- B. advise
- C. advising
- D. advisory

4. Choose the correct and effective sentence from the set of sentences.

- A. She only walked fifteen miles when her legs gave out.
- B. She had only walked for about fifteen miles when her legs gave out.
- C. She has walked only fifteen miles when her legs gave out.
- D. She had walked only fifteen miles when her legs gave out.

5. A thousand pesos \_\_\_\_\_ not enough compensation and you \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- A. are – knows



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*To God be the glory!*

- B. are – know
- C. is – know
- D. is – knows

6. If we \_\_\_\_\_ harder we would have passed the UPCAT.

- A. study
- B. had studied
- C. studied
- D. have studied

7. Amicable means the same as –

- A. friendly
- B. anxious
- C. jealous
- D. patient

8. \_\_\_ are you deserting me \_\_\_\_\_ you are also taking our supplies.

- A. neither—nor
- B. not only—but
- C. both—and
- D. either—or

9. Lolita is going to Switzerland \_\_\_\_\_ May next year. Particularly, she would be leaving \_\_\_\_\_ eight o'clock a.m \_\_\_\_\_ New Year's Day.

- A. in – on – on
- B. at – on – at
- C. in – at – in
- D. in – at – on

10. Choose the correct and effective sentence from the set of sentences.

- A. Father jogs exuberantly to the park every morning before breakfast to exercise his heart.
- B. Father exuberantly jogs every morning to the park to exercise his heart before breakfast.
- C. Father, to exercise his heart, jogs exuberantly every morning before breakfast to the park.
- D. Father jogs exuberantly every morning before breakfast to the park to exercise his heart.

11. She \_\_\_\_\_ finished the project before tomorrow.

- A. None of the above
- B. would have
- C. will have
- D. should have

**Questions 12 – 14:** Read the group of words provided. There may be a mistake in the sentence structure. If you find a mistake, choose the answer that is written most clearly and correctly. If there is no mistake, choose Correct as is.

12. Veronica left the room, turned right, and, without any hesitation, walked outside.

- A. Leaving the room, turning right, Veronica walking outside without any hesitation.
- B. Veronica left the room and she turned right and walked outside without any hesitation.
- C. Veronica left the room turned right and walked outside without any hesitation.
- D. Correct as is

13. There are extra chairs in that room that are not needed or necessary.

- A. There are extra chairs in that room.
- B. There are extra and unnecessary chairs in that room.
- C. The extra chairs in that room are not needed or necessary.
- D. Correct as is

14. Some tortoises living up to 100 years are among the world's oldest animals.
- A. The world's oldest animals, some living up to 100 years are some tortoises.
  - B. Some tortoises, among the world's oldest animals, are living up to 100 years.
  - C. Living up to 100 years, some tortoises are among the world's oldest animals.
  - D. Correct as is

***For question numbers 15 – 21: Determine which of the following synonyms on the given choices best corresponds to how the underlined word/s were used on each sentence.***

15. Leo made a disappointed, misunderstood face from the many creases at his disposal.

- A. authority
- B. distribution
- C. garbage unit
- D. regulation

16. Joana's reply to his query was sure and crisp, that it didn't took too long before she was able to prod him away.

- A. brittle
- B. lively
- C. concise
- D. fragile

17. The professor took an immaculate handkerchief out of his pocket, and began to polish the lenses of his glasses.

- A. pure
- B. spotless
- C. error-free
- D. flawless

18. Much of his writing is slack that is why readers get bored at his works.
- A. lacks action
  - B. lacks completeness/perfection
  - C. lacks firmness
  - D. lacks diligence
19. Members shall be adequately braced to resist lateral and torsional displacement.
- A. connected together
  - B. supported with braces
  - C. reinforced
  - D. get ready for an attack
20. Pauline's words had made all sorts of frightened echoes in our minds.
- A. a close imitation
  - B. an answering sympathetic effect
  - C. a soft recurrence of a statement
  - D. a reverberation of sound waves
21. The dead load consists of the weight of the structure completed.
- A. empty
  - B. inert
  - C. constant
  - D. lifeless
22. Terrie kept fumbling the materials, gathering a few and shuffling them as if they were cards.
- A. playing with
  - B. juggling
  - C. groping for
  - D. moving clumsily

23. Two police officers sprawled over a couch in Johanna's living room, as if they were in their own homes.

- A. creep awkwardly
- B. lay down
- C. jumped into
- D. sit with arms and legs spread out

24. The interviewer, dark, young and serious, turned his attention to us with a cramped sort of face.

- A. paralyzed
- B. cheerful
- C. bothered
- D. expressionless

25. The dog ambled to the door, which was slightly ajar, and slowly squeezed out into the passage.

- A. crept
- B. ran
- C. walked
- D. jumped

26. Harold lumbered at him and clouted him across the head.

- A. cover with a clout
- B. hit forcefully
- C. stroke gently
- D. kissed

27. I thought they were likely to bundle him into a car but the policeman simply led him back to the road and pointed him towards the town center.

- A. wrap
- B. hustle
- C. a lot of things

D. grouped together

28. *The cold air mass will move south from Canada.*

In which sentence does the word mass mean the same thing as in the sentence above?

- A. The storm warning of a blizzard caused mass concern.
- B. The oil mass spread quickly into the ocean.
- C. There was a mass of people gathering to watch the parade.
- D. The 100-member choir will mass in the auditorium on Saturday.

**Questions 29 – 33:** *Choose the correct sequence of sentences that will make the paragraph more organized and logical.*

29.

- (1) This mere mechanism of reading becomes altogether automatic at an early period of life.
- (2) You will often find yourself reading words or characters automatically, while your mind is concerned with a totally different subject.
- (3) This can be performed irrespective of attention.
- (4) In as much, neither can I call it reading when it is just to extract the narrative portion of a text from the rest simply for one's personal amusement.
- (5) To read the characters or the letters of the text does not mean reading in the true sense of the word.

- A. 5-2-1-3-4
- B. 3-5-1-2-4
- C. 2-1-3-4-5
- D. 5-3-2-1-4

30.

- (1) Most of this material which we call ash, stays behind after the fire burns out.
- (2) When we burn fuel such as wood, oil or coal, the fuel combines with oxygen in the air to form gases that escape into the atmosphere.
- (3) Some of it, however, is carried aloft by the hot gases of the fire and adds to the

volume of smoke produced.

(4) In addition, most of the fuels contain a small amount of various substances that do not burn.

(5) But most of the burning we do is far from perfect, so tiny particles of unburned fuel escape up the chimney in the form of smoke.

- A. 2-5-3-4-1
- B. 2-3-5-1-4
- C. 2-3-5-4-1
- D. 2-5-4-1-3

31.

(1) In the Philippines, the population boom has derailed efforts to make the benefits of economic growth trickle down to the grassroots. Thousands of new people are born on our planet every day.

(2) With the population galloping toward the 100-million mark, the Philippines will be among one of several developing nations leading global population growth in the coming years, according to the United Nations.

(3) With limited resources and economic growth failing to keep pace with the population boom, this means more people getting an ever-shrinking share of the pie.

(4) This has been a problem in previous administrations and remains a problem of the Aquino government, despite sustained economic growth since 2010.

(5) This is true both in the Philippines and around the planet, whose resources cannot meet the demands especially of the poorest segments of the 7.2 billion population.

- A. 1-2-3-4-5
- B. 4-2-3-1-5
- C. 2-3-5-1-4
- D. 5-3-2-1-4

32.

(1) Ang bawat polista ay kinakailangang magtrabaho ng apatnapung araw sa bawat taon.

(2) Ang *polo y servicios* o sapilitang paggawa ay ang sapilitang paglilingkod sa



pamahalaang mga Pilipinong lalaki mula 16 hanggang 60 taong gulang.

(3) Noong 1884, ito ay ginagawa na lamang labinlimang araw.

(4) Ang mga manggagawa sa ilalim ng *polo y servicios* ay tinatawag na polista.

(5) Upang makaligtas sa sapilitang paggawa, kinakailangang magbayad ng *falla* na tanging mga mayayaman lamang ang nakakabayad.

A. 2-4-1-3-5

B. 2-5-1-4-3

C. 2-3-1-5-4

D. 2-1-5-4-3

33.

(1) Ipinakikita ng panitikang eksistensyal ang kamulatan sa kamalian at kahangalan ng uniberso.

(2) Madalas na paksa nito ang mga bagay at galaw na etikal na titiyak sa kahulugan ng buong buhay ng isang indibidwal.

(3) Ang eksistensyalismo ay naniniwalang ang tao mismo ang gumagawa at humuhubog ng kanyang kapalaran.

(4) Di nito tinatanggap na ang herediti at kapaligiran ang tumitiyak sa motibasyon at ang pag-uugali ng tao.

(5) Ang kanyang kahihinatnan ay ayon sa kanyang pagpili ng aksyon o ng pamamaraan ng pamumuhay.

A. 3-1-2-5-4

B. 3-5-4-1-2

C. 3-5-1-2-4

D. 3-2-1-4-5

34. His reassuring words mitigated our fears. Mitigated means –

A. reinforced

B. added to

C. caused

D. eased

35. By the time the operation ends, Billy \_\_\_\_\_ a total of 1,300 hours for his friend and

\_\_\_\_\_ countless outdated magazines in the emergency room waiting area.

- A. will have waited...will have read
- B. have waited...have read
- C. waited...read
- D. will have waited...read

36. Sarah wanted to see the concert she had been looking forward to it for a long time. Choose the answer that is the best way to write the underlined section of the sentence.

- A. concert, she had been
- B. concert; she had been
- C. concert she has been
- D. Correct as is

**Questions 31 – 35:** Ayusin ang mga sumusunod na salita upang makabuo ng makabuluhang pangungusap.

37. nilalaman kuwento unawain ang ng

1            2            3    4    5

- A. 3-4-5-2-1
- B. 3-4-1-5-2
- C. 3-5-1-2-3
- D. 3-1-2-4-5

38. takdang sala ang may lahat parusa ng

1            2    3    4            5            6    7

- A. 4-6-3-2-7-1-5
- B. 4-1-6-3-5-7-2
- C. 4-1-3-5-7-2-6
- D. 4-2-3-5-7-6-1

39. isang ang buhay gulong ay

1      2   3      4   5

- A. 2-5-3-4-1
- B. 2-4-5-1-3
- C. 2-5-3-1-4
- D. 2-3-5-1-4

40. Celso ang hinihintay ano mo pa

1      2      3      4   5   6

- A. 4-6-2-3-5-1
- B. 4-5-6-2-3-1
- C. 1-2-6-5-4-3
- D. 1-4-5-3-2-6

41. kabataan ang ay mahalagang isang ng buhay yugto

1      2   3      4      5   6      7      8

- A. 2-5-1-6-7-8-3-4
- B. 2-1-3-4-6-7-5-8
- C. 2-1-3-5-4-8-6-7
- D. 2-5-6-1-4-7-3-8

42. It is bizarre how often public figures who loudly espouse traditional family values are later caught in some scandal concerning their own private lives.

- A. remember
- B. reject
- C. recognize
- D. argue for

43. Marc is far too sensible to have done a fatuous thing like that.



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- A. dangerous
- B. risky
- C. innate
- D. foolish

44. Our workplace wore a macabre look on Monday after the company downsized its staff strength.

- A. gameface
- B. serious
- C. tropical
- D. lugubrious



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