



UPCAT Language Proficiency Practice Questions

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

Questions 1 – 14: Select the word or pair of words that appropriately completes the following relationship.

1. ode : poetry;

- A. theme : essay
- B. conflict : short story
- C. fable : prose
- D. tragedy : drama

2. each : somebody;

- A. that : oh
- B. gracefully : dance
- C. sing : song
- D. which : whom

3. peal : peel;

- A. steal : still
- B. fair : fare
- C. buy : vie
- D. great : greet

4. herd : cattle;

- A. colony : termites
- B. pack : peacocks
- C. hive : wolves
- D. covey : whales



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5. epic : elegy;

- A. allegro : plot
- B. sonata : satire
- C. radar : allegory
- D. couplet : sonnet

6. golf : hole;

- A. baseball : glove
- B. archery - bull's eye
- C. bowling : pin
- D. tennis : racket

7. protein : meat;

- A. energy : sugar
- B. calories : water
- C. vitamins : minerals
- D. starch : potatoes

8. fern : plant;

- A. shark : water
- B. cat : lion
- C. collie : boxer
- D. dog : animal

9. try : tried;

- A. came : come
- B. fly : flew
- C. go : gone
- D. dead : died



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10. lion : cub;

- A. duck : drake
- B. child : baby
- C. horse : colt
- D. goat : lamb

11. rabies : dogs;

- A. malaria : mosquitoes
- B. fever : ants
- C. cough : worms
- D. AIDS : rat

12. gloves : hand;

- A. welder : steel
- B. gun : combat
- C. field : football
- D. helmet : head

13. gun : holster;

- A. sword : scabbard
- B. sword : slay
- C. sword : bayonet
- D. sword : cadet

14. canvas : painting;

- A. clay : pottery
- B. clay : mold
- C. clay : art
- D. clay : statue



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Questions 15 – 19: Choose the word closest to the meaning to the underlined word in the sentence.

15. The corrupt policeman was discharged from service due to his ignominious act of accepting bribes.

- A. honorable
- B. disresponsible
- C. unwanted
- D. remarkable

16. Jacqueline is an irascible girl who frequently has tantrums.

- A. impatient
- B. cheerful
- C. hot-tempered
- D. jolly

17. The piquant mouse was able to find its way out of the maze in a short while.

- A. dumb
- B. clever
- C. small
- D. unusual

18. Only a ruffian could do such a heinous act of killing a helpless child.

- A. an insane person
- B. a brutal person
- C. a lovable person
- D. a confused person

19. The plane overshot the runway and landed on a ditch.

- A. passed through
- B. passed by
- C. went beyond

D. did not reach

Questions 20 – 10: Choose the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word in the sentence.

20. The garrulous girls were distanced from each other.

- A. mute
- B. talkative
- C. behaved
- D. quiet

21. The players were confused when the kibitzers suddenly butted-in during the team's huddle.

- A. advisers
- B. spectators
- C. onlookers
- D. crowd

22. Mahirap pakinggan ang sinasabi ng taong garil.

- A. utal
- B. bulol
- C. matalino
- D. matatas

23. Hungkag ang bigasan dahil nasira ng bagyo ang mga palay.

- A. salat
- B. puno
- C. bulok
- D. bago

24. Maantak ang sugat kapag napatakan ng kalamansi.

- A. malaki

- B. maliit
- C. manhid
- D. mahapdi

Questions 25 – 26: Piliin ang salitang kasing-kahulugan ng salitang nakapahilig.

25. Dahil sa paulit-ulit na pagsisinungaling, ***basa ang papel*** niya sa karamihan.

- A. ayaw nang paniwalaan
- B. ayaw nang pagbigyan
- C. ayaw nang pakinggan
- D. ayaw nang makasama

26. Ni ayaw man lamang humarap sa tao ang ***talo-saling*** na si Eula.

- A. masungit
- B. isnabera
- C. mahiyain
- D. pangit

Questions 27 – 31: Choose the sentence that best combines the underlined sentences.

27. The airport is called the Glynco Jetport. The airline reservations and travel systems refer to its location as Brunswick, Georgia.

- A. Where the airport is called the Glynco Jetport, the airline reservations and travel systems refer to the location as Brunswick, Georgia.
- B. But the airport is called the Glynco Jetport, the airline reservations and travel systems refer to the location as Brunswick, Georgia.
- C. Even though the airline reservations and travel systems refer to the location as Brunswick, Georgia, the airport is called the Glynco Jetport.
- D. When the airport is called the Glynco Jetport, the airline reservations refer to the location as Brunswick, Georgia, and the travel systems.

28. Plato believed that boys and girls should be given an equal education. This idea is rarely mentioned in textbooks.

- A. Plato believed that boys and girls should be given an equal education, where this idea is rarely mentioned in textbooks.
- B. Plato believed that boys and girls should be given an equal education, an idea that is rarely mentioned in textbooks.
- C. Believing that boys and girls should be given an equal education, Plato's idea is rarely mentioned in textbooks.
- D. Plato believed that boys and girls should be given an equal education, whereupon this idea is rarely mentioned in textbooks.

29. Recently there have been government cutbacks in funds. Experts foresee steady hiring in the government's future.

- A. Despite recent government cutbacks in funds, experts foresee steady hiring in the government's future.
- B. Whereupon recent government cutbacks in funds, experts foresee steady hiring in the government's future.
- C. So that there have been recent government cutbacks in funds, experts foresee steady hiring in the government's future.
- D. Nonetheless, there have been recent government cutbacks in funds, experts foresee steady hiring in the government's future.

30. The old brain is called the reptilian brain. It does not know passion, but only stolid obedience to its own genetic dictates.

- A. After the old brain is called the reptilian brain, it does not know passion, but only stolid obedience to its own genetic dictates.
- B. The old brain, called the reptilian brain, does not know passion, but only stolid obedience to its own genetic dictates.
- C. The old brain is called the reptilian brain, whereupon it does not know passion, but only stolid obedience to its own genetic dictates.
- D. Unless the old brain, called the reptilian brain, does not know passion, only stolid obedience to its own genetic dictates.

31. There have been great strides in the practical application of quantum physics in the last decade. We are no closer to actually understanding it than were the physicists of the 1920s.

- A. Unless there have been great strides in the practical application of quantum physics in the last few decades, we are no closer to actually understanding it than were the physicists of the 1920s.
- B. In the last few decades, we are no closer to actually understanding it than were the physicists of the 1920s, until there have been great strides in the practical application of quantum physics
- C. Although there have been great strides in the practical application of quantum physics in the last few decades, we are no closer to actually understanding it than were the physicists of the 1920s.
- D. In the last few decades, if there have been great strides in the practical application of quantum physics we are no closer to actually understanding it than were the physicists of the 1920s.

Questions 32 -150: Fill in the blank with the word that creates the most logical sentence.

32. Ruby loves blueberry pie _____ it is made with freshly picked blueberries.
- A. whether
B. because
C. when
D. as if
33. _____ our low annual fee, you will receive a 20% discount if you sign up this week.
- A. Because
B. While
C. In spite of
D. In addition to
34. I _____ the speech you gave last Thursday night, but I was in bed with the flu.
- A. will have heard
B. would hear
C. might hear
D. would have heard

35. . _____ the Beatles' most popular songs— most of which were written by Lennon and McCartney—are “I Want to Hold Your Hand” and “Hey, Jude.”

- A. With
- B. Considering
- C. Among
- D. To

36. My neighbor is deathly afraid of dogs; _____, I never let my Golden Retriever, Sandy, outside without a leash.

- A. moreover
- B. yet
- C. mainly
- D. consequently

37. The ticket said the show would start at 8:00, but the curtains didn't go up _____ 8:30.

- A. less than
- B. until
- C. about
- D. since

38. A large percentage of the class _____ fascinated by the museum.

- A. was
- B. be
- C. any of the above
- D. were

39. The children _____ the ill effects of war

- A. have borne
- B. have born
- C. has borne



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D. had born

40. My sister _____ to Zamboanga seven years ago.

- A. migrated
- B. migrating
- C. immigrated
- D. immigrating

41. The drug pushers tried to _____ the arresting cops.

- A. buy in
- B. buy off
- C. buy out
- D. buy up



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