

WAEC RECRUITMENT PAST QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

English Language — 1–20

Choose the correct spelling:

- A. Accomodation
- B. Accommodation
- C. Acommodation
- D. Accommondation

Answer: B. Accommodation

The opposite of “ancient” is:

- A. Old
- B. Modern
- C. Former
- D. Past

Answer: B. Modern

A person who writes books is called a:

- A. Librarian
- B. Journalist
- C. Author
- D. Publisher

Answer: C. Author

Choose the correct sentence:

- A. She don't like rice.
- B. She doesn't likes rice.
- C. She doesn't like rice.
- D. She didn't likes rice.

Answer: C. She doesn't like rice.

The synonym of “rapid” is:

- A. Slow
- B. Quick
- C. Weak
- D. Late

Answer: B. Quick

“He kicked the bucket” means:

- A. He kicked a bucket.
- B. He became angry.
- C. He died.
- D. He fell down.

Answer: C. He died.

The plural of “criterion” is:

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

Answer: B. Criteria

Which word is a noun?

- A. Beautiful
- B. Quickly
- C. Honesty
- D. Run

Answer: C. Honesty

The opposite of “scarce” is:

- A. Rare
- B. Abundant
- C. Small
- D. Limited

Answer: B. Abundant

“The man who came yesterday is my uncle.” The underlined clause would be a:

- A. Noun clause
- B. Adverbial clause
- C. Relative/adjectival clause
- D. Main clause

Answer: C. Relative/adjectival clause

Choose the correctly punctuated sentence:

- A. "Where are you going?" he asked.
- B. "Where are you going", he asked.
- C. Where are you going? "he asked."
- D. "Where are you going." he asked.

Answer: A. "Where are you going?" he asked.

The comparative form of "good" is:

- A. Gooder
- B. Best
- C. Better
- D. More good

Answer: C. Better

A person who cannot read or write is:

- A. Illiterate
- B. Intelligent
- C. Literate
- D. Educated

Answer: A. Illiterate

The synonym of "assist" is:

- A. Prevent
- B. Help
- C. Stop
- D. Refuse

Answer: B. Help

"Neither Musa nor Ali ____ present."

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

Answer: C. is

The opposite of "expand" is:

A. Increase

B. Contract

C. Develop

D. Extend

Answer: B. Contract

Which is correctly spelt?

A. Priviledge

B. Privilege

C. Privelege

D. Privillage

Answer: B. Privilege

“Once in a blue moon” means:

A. Every day

B. Very often

C. Rarely

D. At night

Answer: C. Rarely

The past tense of “go” is:

A. Goed

B. Gone

C. Went

D. Going

Answer: C. Went

The opposite of “victory” is:

A. Success

B. Defeat

C. Achievement

D. Triumph

Answer: B. Defeat

B. Mathematics — 21–40

What is 25% of 200?

A. 25

B. 40

C. 50

D. 75

Answer: C. 50

Simplify: $3 + 5 \times 2$.

A. 16

B. 13

C. 10

D. 11

Answer: B. 13

What is 15×12 ?

A. 160

B. 170

C. 180

D. 190

Answer: C. 180

If $x + 7 = 15$, find x .

A. 6

B. 7

C. 8

D. 9

Answer: C. 8

What is $\frac{3}{4}$ of 100?

A. 25

B. 50

C. 75

D. 80

Answer: C. 75

Find the average of 10, 20 and 30.

A. 15

B. 20

C. 25

D. 30

Answer: B. 20

A shirt costs ₦5,000. If the discount is 10%, how much is the discount?

A. ₦400

B. ₦450

C. ₦500

D. ₦550

Answer: C. ₦500

What is 2^5 ?

A. 10

B. 16

C. 25

D. 32

Answer: D. 32

Find the perimeter of a square with side 5 cm.

A. 10 cm

B. 15 cm

C. 20 cm

D. 25 cm

Answer: C. 20 cm

What is $\sqrt{81}$?

A. 7

B. 8

C. 9

D. 10

Answer: C. 9

Convert 0.5 to a fraction.

A. $\frac{1}{2}$

B. $\frac{1}{3}$

C. $\frac{2}{3}$

D. $\frac{3}{4}$

Answer: A. $\frac{1}{2}$

What is $1000 \div 25$?

A. 20

B. 30

C. 40

D. 50

Answer: C. 40

If 5 books cost ₦2,500, what is the cost of one book?

A. ₦400

B. ₦500

C. ₦600

D. ₦700

Answer: B. ₦500

What is 7^2 ?

A. 14

B. 21

C. 49

D. 77

Answer: C. 49

Simplify $\frac{20}{100}$.

A. $\frac{1}{2}$

B. $\frac{1}{4}$

C. $\frac{1}{5}$

D. $\frac{2}{5}$

Answer: C. $\frac{1}{5}$

If a car travels 60 km in 2 hours, its average speed is:

A. 20 km/h

B. 30 km/h

C. 40 km/h

D. 60 km/h

Answer: B. 30 km/h

What is $45 + 37$?

A. 72

B. 82

C. 92

D. 102

Answer: B. 82

Find 20% of ₦10,000.

A. ₦1,000

B. ₦1,500

C. ₦2,000

D. ₦2,500

Answer: C. ₦2,000

A triangle has angles 60° and 70° . What is the third angle?

A. 40°

B. 50°

C. 60°

D. 70°

Answer: B. 50°

What is $144 \div 12$?

A. 10

B. 11

C. 12

D. 14

Answer: C. 12

C. General Knowledge & Nigeria — 41–70

What does WAEC stand for?

A. West African Examination Council

B. West African Examinations Council

C. Western African Education Council

D. West Africa Education Commission

Answer: B. West African Examinations Council

WAEC was established in:

A. 1948

B. 1952

C. 1960

D. 1970

Answer: A. 1948

The headquarters of WAEC is in:

A. Lagos

B. Abuja

C. Accra

D. Kumasi

Answer: C. Accra, Ghana

How many countries are members of WAEC?

A. 3

B. 4

C. 5

D. 6

Answer: C. 5

Which of these is a WAEC member country?

A. Kenya

B. Nigeria

C. South Africa

D. Cameroon

Answer: B. Nigeria

Nigeria gained independence in:

A. 1957

B. 1960

C. 1963

D. 1970

Answer: B. 1960

Nigeria became a republic in:

A. 1960

B. 1961

C. 1963

D. 1966

Answer: C. 1963

The capital of Nigeria is:

A. Lagos

B. Kano

C. Kaduna

D. Abuja

Answer: D. Abuja

Nigeria has how many states?

A. 30

B. 36

C. 37

D. 40

Answer: B. 36

Nigeria has how many Local Government Areas?

A. 774

B. 760

C. 786

D. 800

Answer: A. 774

The Nigerian currency is:

A. Dollar

B. Pound

C. Naira

D. Cedi

Answer: C. Naira

The Nigerian flag has which colours?

- A. Green, white, green
- B. Red, white, red
- C. Blue, white, blue
- D. Green, yellow, green

Answer: A. Green, white, green

The green colour in Nigeria's flag represents:

- A. Peace
- B. Agriculture/natural wealth
- C. Unity
- D. Strength

Answer: B. Agriculture/natural wealth

The white colour represents:

- A. Peace and unity
- B. Agriculture
- C. Wealth
- D. Power

Answer: A. Peace and unity

The Nigerian national anthem adopted in 1978 was titled:

- A. Nigeria, We Hail Thee
- B. Arise, O Compatriots
- C. One Nigeria
- D. Nigeria Forever

Answer: B. Arise, O Compatriots

Nigeria's current national anthem restored in 2024 is:

- A. Nigeria, We Hail Thee
- B. Arise, O Compatriots
- C. One Nigeria
- D. Stand Up Nigeria

Answer: A. Nigeria, We Hail Thee

The largest continent in the world is:

- A. Africa
- B. Europe
- C. Asia
- D. America

Answer: C. Asia

The largest ocean is:

- A. Atlantic Ocean
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Arctic Ocean
- D. Pacific Ocean

Answer: D. Pacific Ocean

The capital of Ghana is:

- A. Kumasi
- B. Accra
- C. Tamale
- D. Tema

Answer: B. Accra

The headquarters of the African Union is in:

- A. Abuja
- B. Nairobi
- C. Addis Ababa
- D. Cairo

Answer: C. Addis Ababa

ECOWAS stands for:

- A. Economic Community of West African States
- B. Economic Council of West African States
- C. Economic Commission of African States
- D. European Community of West African States

Answer: A. Economic Community of West African States

The headquarters of ECOWAS is in:

- A. Lagos

B. Abuja

C. Accra

D. Dakar

Answer: B. Abuja

The River Niger is one of the major rivers in:

A. West Africa

B. East Africa

C. Southern Africa

D. North Africa

Answer: A. West Africa

Which is the most populous country in Africa?

A. Egypt

B. South Africa

C. Nigeria

D. Ethiopia

Answer: C. Nigeria

Democracy means government by:

A. Soldiers

B. The people

C. Judges

D. Traditional rulers

Answer: B. The people

The arm of government responsible for making laws is the:

A. Executive

B. Judiciary

C. Legislature

D. Police

Answer: C. Legislature

The arm responsible for interpreting laws is the:

A. Judiciary

B. Legislature

C. Executive

D. Civil service

Answer: A. Judiciary

The Nigerian legislature is called the:

A. Parliament

B. National Assembly

C. Federal Council

D. House of Representatives only

Answer: B. National Assembly

The Nigerian National Assembly consists of:

A. Senate only

B. House of Representatives only

C. Senate and House of Representatives

D. Governors and Senators

Answer: C. Senate and House of Representatives

The official language of Nigeria is:

A. Hausa

B. Yoruba

C. English

D. Igbo

Answer: C. English

D. ICT & Computer Knowledge — 71–85

CPU stands for:

A. Central Processing Unit

B. Computer Personal Unit

C. Central Printing Unit

D. Computer Processing Utility

Answer: A. Central Processing Unit

Which device is used to type text?

A. Monitor

B. Keyboard

C. Speaker

D. Printer

Answer: B. Keyboard

Which device displays information from a computer?

A. Keyboard

B. Mouse

C. Monitor

D. Scanner

Answer: C. Monitor

RAM stands for:

A. Random Access Memory

B. Read Access Machine

C. Rapid Access Module

D. Random Application Memory

Answer: A. Random Access Memory

Which is an example of an operating system?

A. Windows

B. Google

C. Facebook

D. Yahoo

Answer: A. Windows

What is used to move the pointer on a computer?

A. Printer

B. Mouse

C. Speaker

D. Scanner

Answer: B. Mouse

WWW stands for:

A. World Wide Web

B. World Web Window

C. Wide World Website

D. Web World Wide

Answer: A. World Wide Web

Which of these is a web browser?

A. Chrome

B. Excel

C. Windows

D. PowerPoint

Answer: A. Chrome

Microsoft Excel is mainly used for:

A. Spreadsheet/data processing

B. Drawing only

C. Browsing

D. Video calling

Answer: A. Spreadsheet/data processing

Microsoft Word is mainly used for:

A. Word processing

B. Calculating taxes only

C. Internet browsing

D. Antivirus protection

Answer: A. Word processing

What does PDF stand for?

A. Portable Document Format

B. Personal Data File

C. Printed Document File

D. Public Data Format

Answer: A. Portable Document Format

Which shortcut is commonly used to copy text?

A. Ctrl + X

B. Ctrl + C

C. Ctrl + V

D. Ctrl + Z

Answer: B. Ctrl + C

Which shortcut is commonly used to paste?

- A. Ctrl + P
- B. Ctrl + X
- C. Ctrl + V
- D. Ctrl + S

Answer: C. Ctrl + V

Which shortcut is commonly used to save a document?

- A. Ctrl + S
- B. Ctrl + A
- C. Ctrl + D
- D. Ctrl + F

Answer: A. Ctrl + S

Email means:

- A. Electronic mail
- B. Emergency mail
- C. Express mail
- D. External mail

Answer: A. Electronic mail

E. WAEC, Education & Workplace Questions — 86–100

WAEC primarily conducts examinations in:

- A. West Africa
- B. East Africa
- C. Europe
- D. North America

Answer: A. West Africa

Which examination is commonly associated with WAEC in Nigeria?

- A. WASSCE
- B. JAMB only
- C. NYSC
- D. NABTEB only

Answer: A. WASSCE

WASSCE stands for:

- A. West African Senior School Certificate Examination
- B. West African Secondary School Certificate Education
- C. West African School Standards Certificate Examination
- D. West African Senior Students Council Examination

Answer: A. West African Senior School Certificate Examination

Which of these is important when handling examination materials?

- A. Confidentiality
- B. Carelessness
- C. Sharing answers
- D. Altering records

Answer: A. Confidentiality

An employee who arrives at work on time demonstrates:

- A. Punctuality
- B. Negligence
- C. Laziness
- D. Dishonesty

Answer: A. Punctuality

If you discover an error in an official record, you should:

- A. Hide it
- B. Report it through the proper channel
- C. Destroy the record
- D. Ignore it

Answer: B. Report it through the proper channel

Confidential examination information should be:

- A. Shared publicly
- B. Posted online
- C. Protected from unauthorized persons
- D. Sent to friends

Answer: C. Protected from unauthorized persons

Teamwork means:

- A. Working against colleagues
- B. Working together toward a common goal
- C. Refusing instructions
- D. Working alone always

Answer: B. Working together toward a common goal

A good public servant should demonstrate:

- A. Integrity
- B. Dishonesty
- C. Partiality
- D. Laziness

Answer: A. Integrity

The best way to deal with an angry member of the public is to:

- A. Insult the person
- B. Remain calm and listen
- C. Walk away immediately
- D. Shout back

Answer: B. Remain calm and listen

What is the best reason for keeping official records accurately?

- A. To create confusion
- B. For proper accountability and reference
- C. To waste time
- D. To hide information

Answer: B. For proper accountability and reference

If you receive an instruction you do not understand, you should:

- A. Guess what to do
- B. Ignore it
- C. Seek clarification
- D. Give it to someone else

Answer: C. Seek clarification

An employee who uses official resources for personal purposes without permission may be guilty of:

- A. Misuse of resources
- B. Teamwork
- C. Punctuality
- D. Professionalism

Answer: A. Misuse of resources

Which quality is most important when handling sensitive examination information?

- A. Confidentiality
- B. Gossip
- C. Carelessness
- D. Bias

Answer: A. Confidentiality

The most appropriate attitude during a recruitment examination is to:

- A. Cheat
- B. Remain calm and follow instructions
- C. Copy another candidate
- D. Use unauthorized materials

Answer: B. Remain calm and follow instructions