

NAPLAN Year 3 Sample Questions

20 original Year-3-style practice questions across Numeracy, Reading and Conventions of Language
— with a full answer key.

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Numeracy

1. What is $27 + 48$?
(A) 75
(B) 85
(C) 74
(D) 65
2. What is $90 - 36$?
(A) 46
(B) 54
(C) 64
(D) 56
3. There are 6 rows of chairs with 5 chairs in each row. How many chairs altogether?
(A) 11
(B) 25
(C) 30
(D) 35
4. Which number is the largest?
(A) 714
(B) 417
(C) 471
(D) 741
5. What is half of 18?
(A) 9
(B) 12
(C) 6
(D) 8
6. A pencil is 13 cm long and a crayon is 8 cm long. How much longer is the pencil?
(A) 3
(B) 5
(C) 6
(D) 21
7. What comes next in the pattern? 3, 6, 9, 12, ____
(A) 13
(B) 14
(C) 15
(D) 16
8. How many sides does a hexagon have?

- (A) 8
- (B) 4
- (C) 5
- (D) 6

9. What is 4×7 ?

- (A) 28
- (B) 32
- (C) 21
- (D) 24

10. A show starts at 2:00 and lasts 30 minutes. What time does it finish?

- (A) 2:15
- (B) 2:30
- (C) 2:45
- (D) 3:00

Reading

11. Read: 'The puppy wagged its tail and ran to the door when it heard the key.' Why did the puppy run to the door?

- (A) It wanted to sleep
- (B) It was hungry
- (C) It heard the key
- (D) It was tired

12. Choose the word closest in meaning to HAPPY.

- (A) angry
- (B) tired
- (C) sad
- (D) glad

13. Read: 'Maya planted seeds and watered them every day. Soon green shoots appeared.' What made the shoots appear?

- (A) Maya watered them every day
- (B) It was winter
- (C) Maya picked them
- (D) Maya sang to them

14. Which word means a baby dog?

- (A) kitten
- (B) puppy
- (C) foal
- (D) cub

15. Choose the word that best fits: 'The sun was so _____ that we wore hats.'

- (A) soft
- (B) cold
- (C) bright
- (D) quiet

Conventions of Language

- 16.** Which word is spelled correctly?
- (A) frend
 - (B) friendd
 - (C) freind
 - (D) friend
- 17.** Choose the correct word: 'The dog wagged ____ tail.'
- (A) its
 - (B) it's
 - (C) its'
 - (D) it is
- 18.** Which sentence has the correct punctuation?
- (A) Where is my bag.
 - (B) Where is my bag?
 - (C) where is my bag?
 - (D) where is my bag
- 19.** Choose the correct word: 'She ____ to the shop yesterday.'
- (A) go
 - (B) goes
 - (C) went
 - (D) going
- 20.** Which word is the plural of CHILD?
- (A) childrens
 - (B) childs
 - (C) childes
 - (D) children

Answer Key

1. A	2. B	3. C	4. D	5. A
6. B	7. C	8. D	9. A	10. B
11. C	12. D	13. A	14. B	15. C
16. D	17. A	18. B	19. C	20. D

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