

NAPLAN Year 9 Sample Questions

20 original Year-9-style practice questions across Numeracy, Reading and Conventions of Language
— with a full answer key.

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Numeracy

1. Solve for x : $2x + 3 = 11$.
(A) 4
(B) 5
(C) 7
(D) 3
2. What is 5^2 (5 to the power of 2)?
(A) 20
(B) 25
(C) 30
(D) 10
3. A right triangle has legs 3 cm and 4 cm. How long is the hypotenuse?
(A) 7 cm
(B) 12 cm
(C) 5 cm
(D) 6 cm
4. What is 35% of 200?
(A) 75
(B) 35
(C) 60
(D) 70
5. What is the area of a rectangle 8 cm by 5 cm?
(A) 40 cm^2
(B) 13 cm^2
(C) 20 cm^2
(D) 26 cm^2
6. Simplify: $3(x + 2)$.
(A) $3x + 2$
(B) $3x + 6$
(C) $x + 6$
(D) $5x$
7. What is $-6 + 10$?
(A) -16
(B) -4
(C) 4
(D) 16
8. Two numbers are in the ratio 3 : 4. If the smaller is 9, what is the larger?

- (A) 13
- (B) 16
- (C) 10
- (D) 12

9. Using order of operations, what is $4 + 6 \times 2$?

- (A) 16
- (B) 20
- (C) 22
- (D) 12

10. What is $2^3 \times 2^2$ (write as a single power value)?

- (A) 16
- (B) 32
- (C) 64
- (D) 2^5

Reading

11. Read: 'The report was thorough, but its conclusions rested on a single, untested assumption.' The writer's main reservation is that the report —

- (A) was off-topic
- (B) was too short
- (C) relied on an unproven assumption
- (D) used no data

12. Choose the word closest in meaning to CANDID.

- (A) shy
- (B) angry
- (C) dishonest
- (D) frank

13. Read: 'The crowd's enthusiasm was infectious.' The word 'infectious' here means —

- (A) quickly spreading to others
- (B) very loud
- (C) short-lived
- (D) causing illness

14. Which word is an antonym of ABUNDANT?

- (A) plentiful
- (B) scarce
- (C) wealthy
- (D) common

15. Choose the word closest in meaning to METICULOUS.

- (A) friendly
- (B) careless
- (C) extremely careful
- (D) fast

Conventions of Language

16. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- (A) Its' a long way but we're almost there.
- (B) It's a long way but were almost there.
- (C) Its a long way, but were almost there.
- (D) It's a long way, but we're almost there.

17. Choose the correct word: 'Neither of the answers _____ correct.'

- (A) is
- (B) were
- (C) be
- (D) are

18. Which word is spelled correctly?

- (A) occassion
- (B) occasion
- (C) ocassion
- (D) occasionn

19. Choose the correct word: 'The decision affected everyone, and its _____ were lasting.'

- (A) effect's
- (B) affects
- (C) effects
- (D) affects'

20. Which sentence uses the semicolon correctly?

- (A) I came, I saw; I conquered,
- (B) I came; I saw, I conquered;
- (C) I; came I; saw I conquered.
- (D) I came; I saw; I conquered.

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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