

# NIGERIAN CUSTOM SERVICE

## Nigerian Custom Service Examination Question Format

The Nigerian Custom Service Examination consist of three basic parts which are

- i. English language
- ii. Mathematics
- iii. General Knowledge

### **English language**

They consist of opposite in meaning, nearest in meaning and filling the gap. There are usually 20 questions in all.

### **Mathematics**

They consist of percentage, ratio, simple interest, sets, probability, sets, statistics, conversions, simple and compound interest, age and work, area and volumes, profits and loss e.t.c. In all there are usually 20 questions to answer.

### **General Knowledge**

This question usually covers a wide area including the other subjects like chemistry, physics, biology, history of Nigeria, Nigeria current affair, all about Nigerian Custom Service, World organizations such as OPEC, UN, ECOWAS, OAU as well as knowledge of information technology e.t.c. In all there are usually 10 questions, sometimes even 20 questions.

# NIGERIAN CUSTOM SERVICE APTITUDE TEST PAST QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (50 Questions)

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**NOTE: PLEASE CONFIRM ALL ANSWERS FROM OTHER SOURCES TO BE SURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT ANSWERS.**

1.

Bisi is as tall as Uche. Adamu and Hafeez are the same height. There is no difference in height between Uche and Adamu. Therefore:

- (a) Bisi is taller than Adamu.
- (b) Uche is shorter than Hafeez.
- (c) Bisi is as tall as Hafeez.
- (d) Hafeez is shorter than Bisi.

ANS: C

2.

If your daily newspaper costs N500 during the weekend and N300 on other days, how much do you spend weekly on newspapers?

- (a) N2,500.00
- (b) N3,000.00
- (c) N3,500.00
- (d) N4,000.00

ANS: A

3.

A printing machine produces at 30 pages per minute. How many pages can the machine print in one hour?

- (a) 30
- (b) 180
- (c) 300
- (d) 1800

ANS: D

4.

How many days are there in a leap year?

- (a) 364 days
- (b) 365 days
- (c) 366 days
- (d) 367 days

ANS: C

5.

If forty people donated N6 a month to a cooperative society for one year, how much

would be collected?

- (a) N288
- (b) N2880
- (c) N28,000
- (d) None of these

ANS: B

6.

How many weeks make a leap year?

- (a) 50
- (b) 51
- (c) 52
- (d) 53

ANS: C

7.

Reorganise the following sentences into the order in which they were originally written-  
P: This is pollution. Q: It can be small-scale or global and most plants and animals suffer its effects. R: harmful by –products of industry and agriculture enter the environment.

- (a) RPQ
- (b) PRQ
- (c) PQR
- (d) QRP

ANS: A

8.

Reorganise the following sentences into the order in which they were originally written-  
P: There are thought to be billions of them. Q: Perhaps the most common objects in the universe are stars. R: It includes everything visible, invisible, known and not yet known. S: The universe is made up of everything that exists.

- (a) PQRS
- (b) QSRP
- (c) SRQP
- (d) QRPS

ANS: C

9.

How many state Governors are there in Nigeria in the year 2011?

- (a) 36
- (b) 37
- (c) 38
- (d) 39

ANS: A

10.

$6 + 9 = Z$ . Therefore

- (a)  $Z = 15$
- (b)  $Z = 16$
- (c)  $Z = 17$
- (d)  $Z = 18$

ANS: A

11.

25% of Z = 37.5 Therefore

- (a) Z = 1.5
- (b) Z = 9.375
- (c) Z = 150
- (d) Z = 937.5

ANS: C

12.

Ten buses are to carry 20 passengers each. Each passenger is travelling with a bag weighing 15kg. What is the combined weight of luggage to be moved by all the buses?

- (a) 300kg
- (b) 600kg
- (c) 3000kg
- (d) 6000kg

ANS: C

13.

Which is the odd number out? 462 683 385 198

- (a) 198
- (b) 385
- (c) 462
- (d) 683

ANS:  
D

14.

A B C D E F G H

What letter is two letters to the left of the letter immediately to the right of the letter three letters to the right of the letter A?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E

ANS: B

15.

Only one group of five letters below can be re-arranged to spell out a five-letter word in the English language. Identify the word.

- (a) ANOIP
- (b) TNIEC
- (c) HEOLC
- (d) LEVUR

ANS: A

16.

SUNDAY, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY, WEDNESDAY, MONDAY, SUNDAY, ... What day is next?

- (a) SUNDAY
- (b) MONDAY
- (c) TUESDAY
- (d) WEDNESDAY

ANS: A

17.

Tola, Vincent, Adamu, Idrisu and Emeka took part in a shot put competition. Idrisu took more shots than Adamu, Vincent took more than Idrisu, Adamu took more than Tola, and Emeka took fewer than Vincent. No two competitors took the same number of shots. Which one of the following conclusions is, therefore proved to be correct?

- (a) Idrisu took more shots than Tola but fewer than Adamu.
- (b) Idrisu took fewer shots than Tola and Vincent.
- (c) Idrisu took more shots than Tola and Tola took fewer shots than Adamu.
- (d) Emeka took more shots than Adamu.

ANS: C

18.

If you have four-fifths of N100 and spend N36.00, how much will you be left with?

- (a) N9
- (b) N44
- (c) N64
- (d) N424

ANS: B

19.

If Friday is the fourth day of the month, what day is the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the month?

- (a) WEDNESDAY
- (b) THURSDAY
- (c) SATURDAY
- (d) SUNDAY

ANS: D

20.

If four people all said "hello" to each other once, how many times would the word "hello" be spoken?

- (a) 11 times
- (b) 12 times
- (c) 13 times
- (d) 14 times

ANS: B

21.

Reorganise the following sentences into the order in which they were originally written-  
X: They give special practice at improving your ability to calculate. Y: Where you see QR beside an exercise or a question, this stands for Quantitative Reasoning. Z: You should do and discuss these questions with your teacher and classmates.

- (a) XYZ
- (b) XZY
- (c) YXZ
- (d) YZX

ANS: D

22.

Reorganise the following sentences into the order in which they were originally written-

P: ICT is generally taken to mean technologies that support communication via computers. Q: Presently, the world is experiencing an ever-increasing use of information and communication technology (ICT) in many areas of human endeavour. R: Thus, the advent of ICT has brought about effective and efficient information generation, utilization and dissemination, as well as storage and retrieval. S: Such technologies include the Internet, local area networking, electronic mail, and the world-wide-web.

- (a) PQRS
- (b) QRSP
- (c) PSRQ
- (d) QPSR

ANS: D

23.

Reorganise the following sentences into the order in which they were originally written- P: The other was left standing by alone until they were ready for him. Q: I saw a man strike one of them with a wooden axe. R: As I looked, I saw two fellows pulled from the boat: they were being brought to be killed.

- (a) QRP
- (b) RQP
- (c) QPR
- (d) PQR

ANS: B

24.

If the word PINT is written under the word SAFE, the word THUD is written under the word PINT and the word HOPE is written above the word SAFE, what word can be read diagonally?

- (a) TEND
- (b) FAST
- (c) HAND
- (d) SPIN

ANS: C

25.

What is the day and date 30 days after Wednesday 12 May?

- (a) Thursday 29 May
- (b) Thursday 10 June
- (c) Friday 30 May
- (d) Friday 11 June

ANS: D

26.

In the series: AB, ABD, ABDG, ABDGK, ... What comes next?

- (a) ABDGKO
- (b) ABDGKP
- (c) ABDGKQ
- (d) ABDGKR

ANS: B

27.

ZK9PXL428 rearranged as follows – letters first in alphabetical order, followed by the numbers in ascending numerical order, gives:

- (a) KZ9LPX248
- (b) 2489KLPXZ
- (c) KLPXZ2489
- (d) 248LPXKZ9

ANS: C

28.

If the word HAVE is written under the word FARM, the word COST is written above the word FARM and the word GATE is written under the word HAVE, what word can Nigerian Airforce be read diagonally?

- (a) HAS
- (b) ORE
- (c) RAG
- (d) CAVE

ANS: C

29.

If the word DONE is written under the word BALL, the word COLD is written above the word BALL and the word SING is written above the word COLD, how many words can be read diagonally?

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 5

ANS: D

30.

If the word SOUR is written under the word EVEN, the word PAST is written under the word SOUR and the word CALM is written above the word EVEN, what word can be read diagonally?

- (a) REAL
- (b) LAST
- (c) POEM
- (d) CORE

ANS: C

31.

Consider the following statements.

Statement One: 2 kg of bread is lighter than 2 kg of stones.

Statement Two: 5kg of cement is not heavier than 5kg of sand.

Which of the options are correct?

- (a) Statement One is true.
- (b) Statement Two is true.
- (c) Statement One is false and Statement Two is false.
- (d) Statement One is true and Statement Two is true.

ANS: B



32.

What is the day and date 7 days after Monday 28 August?

- (a) Sunday 3 September
- (b) Monday 3 September
- (c) Tuesday 3 September
- (d) Wednesday 3 September

ANS: B

33.

If Thursday is the fourth day of the month, what day is the 18<sup>th</sup> day of the month?

- (a) Thursday
- (b) Friday
- (c) Saturday
- (d) Sunday

ANS: A

34.

What is the day and date 15 days after Friday 19 September?

- (a) Tuesday 29 September
- (b) Wednesday 30 September
- (c) Friday 2 October
- (d) Saturday 4 October

ANS: D

35.

In the sequence MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY, ... What day comes next?

- (a) SUNDAY
- (b) MONDAY
- (c) TUESDAY
- (d) WEDNESDAY

ANS: C

36. In the sequence MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY, ... What day comes next?

- (a) TUESDAY
- (b) WEDNESDAY
- (c) THURSDAY
- (d) SATURDAY

ANS: A

37.

Rearrange 582QUETF67 as follows – first, the consonants in alphabetical order, followed by the numbers in descending numerical order, then the vowels in alphabetical order.

- (a) FQT87652EU
- (b) QTFEU85276
- (c) FQTEU87652
- (d) 85276EUFQT

ANS: A

38.

Rearrange 2F39EAUYSMK596 as follows – first, the consonants in alphabetical order, followed by the numbers in descending numerical order, then the vowels in alphabetical order.

- (a) AEFKMUY996532
- (b) FKMY996532AEU
- (c) FKMY96532AEU
- (d) AEFKMUY96532

ANS: B

39.

A B C D E F G H

What letter is three letters to the left of the letter immediately to the right of the letter four letters to the right of the letter C?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E

ANS: D

40.

A B C D E F G H

What letter is four letters to the left of the letter immediately to the left of the letter three letters to the right of the letter E?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E

ANS: B

41.

January, March, June, October; what comes next?

- (a) November
- (b) December
- (c) February
- (d) March

ANS: D

42.

A, C, F, J, O, ... what letter comes next?

- (a) S
- (b) T
- (c) U
- (d) V

ANS: C

43.

Which set of letters is the odd one out?

- (a) IJKNO
- (b) LMNPQ
- (c) EFGIJ
- (d) OPQST

ANS: A

44.

Which set of numbers is the odd one out?

- (a) 9854
- (b) 7621
- (c) 6521
- (d) 8743

ANS: B

45.

Which set of letters is the odd one out?

- (a) ACEGI
- (b) EGIKM
- (c) UVWYZ
- (d) OQS UW

ANS: C

46.

The combined age of me and my two children is 75. What will it be in five years time?

- (a) 80
- (b) 85
- (c) 90
- (d) 95

ANS: C

47.

My watch was correct at noon, after which it started to lose 15 minutes per hour. It now shows 2.15 pm. What time is it now?

- (a) 2.30 pm
- (b) 2.45 pm
- (c) 3.00 pm
- (d) 3.15 pm

ANS: C

48.

My watch is now showing the time as 11.00 pm. What time was it 90 minutes ago?

- (a) 9.00 pm
- (b) 9.30 pm
- (c) 10.00 pm
- (d) 10.30 pm

ANS: B

49.

How much time can be spent on each question if there are 60 questions to be completed in one and a half hours?

- (a) 2 minutes
- (b) 3 minutes
- (c) 5 minutes
- (d) 10 minutes

ANS: B

50.

Two friends went to a neighbourhood shop with N500. They bought a loaf of bread at N180 and two tins of milk for N80 each. How much did they have left?

- (a) N200
- (b) N220
- (c) N240
- (d) N260

ANS: D