

Fundamentals of Interior Design

Interior Design · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. Which principle of design refers to the visual weight of objects within a space?

- A) Balance**
- B) Emphasis
- C) Rhythm
- D) Harmony

2. In color theory, which grouping is composed of colors located directly opposite each other on the color wheel?

- A) Analogous
- B) Complementary**
- C) Monochromatic
- D) Triadic

3. What is the primary purpose of a 'floor plan' in interior design?

- A) To show electrical wiring
- B) To illustrate color schemes
- C) To show the layout of walls and rooms from an overhead view**
- D) To detail furniture upholstery fabrics

4. Which design movement, prominent in the early 20th century, is characterized by geometric shapes, bold colors, and luxurious materials?

- A) Minimalism
- B) Art Deco**
- C) Victorian
- D) Industrial

5. Which element of design is defined by the physical feel or visual appearance of a surface?

- A) Line
- B) Form
- C) Texture**
- D) Space

6. What is the standard height for a residential kitchen countertop measured from the floor?

- A) 70 cm
- B) 90 cm**
- C) 110 cm
- D) 120 cm

7. Which term describes the use of a single hue with varying shades, tints, and tones?

A) Monochromatic

B) Neutral

C) Achromatic

D) Primary

8. Which type of lighting is designed to provide overall illumination to a room?

A) Task lighting

B) Accent lighting

C) Ambient lighting

D) Decorative lighting

9. In interior design, what is 'ergonomics' primarily concerned with?

A) The aesthetic appeal of furniture

B) The efficient and safe interaction between humans and their environment

C) The cost-effectiveness of materials

D) The historical accuracy of a room style

10. Which architectural feature refers to a vertical post used to support a beam or arch?

A) Lintel

B) Column

C) Truss

D) Cantilever

11. Which material is considered a sustainable, renewable resource for flooring?

A) Vinyl

B) Porcelain tile

C) Bamboo

D) Polyester carpet

12. What is the primary function of 'negative space' in a room layout?

A) To store unused furniture

B) To prevent a room from feeling cluttered

C) To highlight the most expensive item

D) To increase construction costs

13. Which interior design style is characterized by raw, unfinished looks such as exposed brick and metal pipes?

A) Mid-century Modern

B) Industrial

C) Coastal

D) Traditional

14. What does the 'scale' of an object refer to in a room?

A) Its physical size in relation to other objects and the room

B) Its financial cost

C) Its level of comfort

D) Its color saturation

15. Which color is considered a 'cool' color on the color wheel?

A) Red

B) Orange

C) Yellow

D) Blue

16. What is the standard unit of measurement used to describe the intensity of light?

A) Volt

B) Lumen

C) Decibel

D) Watt

17. Which element of design is used to direct the eye through a space?

A) Line

B) Pattern

C) Balance

D) Texture

18. What is 'elevation' in architectural drawing?

A) A bird's-eye view of the floor

B) A side-view drawing of a wall surface

C) A perspective of the ceiling

D) A 3D rendering of furniture

19. Which of the following is a 'primary' color in the subtractive color model used in painting?

- A) Green
- B) Orange
- C) Red**
- D) Purple

20. What does 'Rhythm' achieve in interior design?

- A) The repetition of elements to create a sense of organized movement**
- B) The total cost of the project
- C) The insulation value of walls
- D) The fire safety rating of fabrics

21. Which synthetic material is commonly used for durable, stain-resistant carpeting?

- A) Nylon**
- B) Wool
- C) Silk
- D) Cotton

22. What is the 'golden ratio' often used for in design?

- A) Calculating the budget
- B) Determining the structural load
- C) Achieving aesthetically pleasing proportions**
- D) Selecting lighting fixtures

23. Which term refers to the process of arranging furniture to facilitate conversation?

- A) Traffic flow
- B) Space planning**
- C) Visual merchandising
- D) Rendering

24. Which design period is known for clean lines, organic curves, and 'form following function'?

- A) Gothic
- B) Mid-century Modern**
- C) Baroque
- D) Rococo

25. What does 'task lighting' specifically aim to do?

- A) Illuminate the whole room
- B) Provide light for specific activities like reading or cooking**
- C) Highlight art pieces
- D) Decorate the ceiling