

Interior Design Principles & Elements

Interior Design · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. Which element of design refers to the physical texture of materials or the visual appearance of a surface's tactile quality?

- A) Pattern
- B) Form
- C) Texture**
- D) Mass

2. In the Munsell color system, what is the term used to describe the intensity or purity of a color?

- A) Hue
- B) Chroma**
- C) Value
- D) Tint

3. Which architectural style, prominent in the early 20th century, is characterized by its emphasis on geometric shapes, symmetry, and lavish ornamentation?

- A) Art Deco**
- B) Bauhaus
- C) Minimalism
- D) Brutalism

4. What is the standard measurement for the height of a typical dining table surface?

- A) 60-65 cm
- B) 70-75 cm**
- C) 85-90 cm
- D) 95-100 cm

5. Which principle of design is achieved when all parts of a room relate well to each other and contribute to a unified whole?

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

6. In interior design, what is 'negative space' more commonly referred to as?

- A) White space**
- B) Accent space
- C) Focal point
- D) Void

7. Which type of lighting is designed to provide overall illumination to a room, often referred to as general lighting?

- A) Task lighting
- B) Ambient lighting**
- C) Accent lighting
- D) Decorative lighting

8. Which textile fiber is derived from the flax plant and is historically significant in interior upholstery and linens?

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

9. What is the primary function of a 'soffit' in interior architecture?

- A) To support floor joists
- B) To hide mechanical systems or lower a ceiling area**
- C) To act as a structural pillar
- D) To frame a window opening

10. Which color scheme uses colors that are directly opposite each other on the color wheel?

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

11. What term describes the arrangement of furniture to allow for easy movement throughout a room?

- A) Traffic flow**
- B) Space planning
- C) Ergonomics
- D) Proportion

12. Which type of balance is achieved by placing identical objects on either side of a central axis?

- A) Asymmetrical
- B) Radial
- C) Symmetrical**
- D) Informal

13. The Bauhaus school of design, founded in 1919, originated in which country?

- A) France
- B) Germany**
- C) Italy
- D) United States

14. What is the 'Golden Ratio' approximately equal to in numerical terms?

- A) 1.168
- B) 1.618**
- C) 2.618
- D) 3.141

15. Which material is best known for being an 'insulator' in interior construction?

- A) Copper
- B) Steel
- C) Fiberglass**
- D) Aluminum

16. What defines the term 'ergonomics' in the context of interior design?

- A) The study of aesthetics
- B) The study of human efficiency and comfort in work environments**
- C) The history of furniture styles
- D) The science of color theory

17. What does 'scale' refer to in interior design?

- A) The size of an object in relation to other objects**
- B) The brightness of a room
- C) The softness of fabric
- D) The cost of materials

18. Which of the following is considered a 'cool' color on the color wheel?

- A) Red
- B) Orange
- C) Yellow
- D) Blue**

19. In flooring, what is the term for a layer placed between the subfloor and the finish flooring for insulation or sound dampening?

- A) Underlayment**
- B) Baseboard
- C) Joist
- D) Threshold

20. Which designer is most associated with the 'Mid-Century Modern' movement and the design of the Eames Lounge Chair?

A) Frank Lloyd Wright

B) Charles and Ray Eames

C) Philippe Starck

D) Le Corbusier

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

A) To show the electrical wiring only

B) To provide a top-down view of the room layout

C) To display the cost of materials

D) To show furniture colors

22. What is the primary characteristic of 'brutalist' architecture?

A) Exposed, raw concrete surfaces

B) Extensive use of stained glass

C) Intricate floral carvings

D) Use of lightweight plastic materials

23. Which element is used to draw the eye to a specific area of a room, such as a fireplace or a piece of art?

A) Repetition

B) Focal point

C) Rhythm

D) Scale

24. What is the definition of 'hue'?

A) The lightness or darkness of a color

B) The name of a color

C) The amount of grey in a color

D) The shine of a surface

25. Which type of window treatment is designed specifically to block out all light?

A) Sheer curtains

B) Blackout blinds

C) Venetian blinds

D) Roman shades