

Interior Design Principles & Elements

Interior Design · Practice Test · 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