

Elementary Interior Design Principles

Interior Design · Practice Test · 25 Questions

1. Which element of design refers to the physical 'feel' or 'touch' of a surface such as wood, velvet, or stone?

- A) Line
- B) Texture
- C) Form
- D) Value

2. In interior design, what is the 'negative space' in a room?

- A) The empty space around furniture
- B) The area under the floorboards
- C) The darkest part of a basement
- D) The space behind a wall

3. Which colour scheme uses colours that are directly opposite each other on the colour wheel, such as blue and orange?

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

4. What is the primary function of an 'accent wall' in a room?

- A) To increase the room's temperature
- B) To create a focal point
- C) To hide electrical wiring
- D) To make the room appear smaller

5. Which architectural feature is a permanent structural opening used to let light and air into a room?

- A) Window
- B) Cushion
- C) Rug
- D) Lamp

6. What does the term 'ergonomics' primarily refer to in the context of furniture design?

- A) The aesthetic beauty of the wood
- B) The cost of the materials
- C) The efficiency and comfort for human use
- D) The environmental impact of production

7. Which of the following is considered a 'cool' colour?

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

8. What is the purpose of 'ambient' lighting in a room?

- A) To highlight specific artwork
- B) To provide general, overall illumination
- C) To assist with reading at a desk
- D) To create a decorative silhouette

9. If a room is described as having 'symmetry,' what does it mean?

- A) The room is circular
- B) The furniture is scattered randomly
- C) One side of the room mirrors the other
- D) There is no furniture in the room

10. Which material is a natural, sustainable resource often used for flooring?

- A) Polyester carpet
- B) Bamboo
- C) Vinyl
- D) Plastic laminate

11. What is the term for the 'heaviness' or 'weight' that an object appears to have to the eye?

- A) Visual weight
- B) Mass density
- C) Gravity index
- D) Surface tension

12. Which of these is a secondary colour created by mixing red and yellow?

- A) Green
- B) Purple
- C) Orange
- D) Brown

13. What type of light is best for task-specific activities like cooking or studying?

- A) Task lighting
- B) Decorative lighting
- C) Ambient lighting
- D) Mood lighting

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

- A) The brightness of the paint
- B) The size of an object in relation to other objects
- C) The cost of the furniture
- D) The type of fabric used on a sofa

15. Which element is used to lead the eye through a room?

- A) Line
- B) Scale
- C) Shape
- D) Texture

16. What is the main purpose of using window blinds or curtains?

- A) To increase room height
- B) To regulate light and provide privacy
- C) To structurally support the wall
- D) To change the color of the ceiling

17. What is a 'tints' of a colour?

- A) Adding black to a colour
- B) Adding white to a colour
- C) Adding gray to a colour
- D) Adding brown to a colour

18. What term describes the arrangement of furniture that allows people to move through a room easily?

- A) Traffic flow
- B) Spatial hoarding
- C) Grid locking
- D) Vertical stacking

19. Which of the following is a 'warm' colour?

- A) Blue
- B) Green
- C) Purple
- D) Red

20. What is a 'floor plan' in interior design?

- A) The pattern on a rug
- B) A scale drawing of a room's layout from above
- C) The color palette of the floors
- D) The price list for flooring materials

21. Which material is commonly used to create a mirror-like finish on furniture?

- A) Glass
- B) Sandpaper
- C) Cotton
- D) Cardboard

22. In interior design, what does 'balance' achieve?

- A) It creates visual stability
- B) It makes a room colder
- C) It uses only one color
- D) It prevents furniture from moving

23. What is an example of a 'pattern' in interior design?

- A) A plain white wall
- B) A repeated geometric shape on wallpaper
- C) A single wooden chair
- D) A plain concrete floor

24. What does a 'colour palette' represent in a design project?

- A) The price range of paints
- B) The selection of colours used in a space
- C) The shape of the paint brushes
- D) The types of lights installed

25. Which design principle involves repeating elements like shapes or colours to create a sense of movement?

- A) Rhythm
- B) Contrast
- C) Isolation
- D) Neutrality