Foreign Language Fundamentals

Linguistics · Practice Test · 25 Questions

1. Which language family does Mandarin Chinese belong to?

A) Indo-European
B) Sino-Tibetan
C) Austronesian
D) Uralic

2. What is the official script used for the Japanese language that incorporates Chinese characters?

A) Hiragana
B) Katakana
C) Kanji
D) Hangul

3. Which language is the primary official language of Brazil?

A) Spanish
B) Portuguese
C) French
D) English

4. In which country is Amharic the official working language?

A) Ethiopia
B) Kenya
C) Nigeria
D) Somalia

5. Which ancient language is considered the ancestor of most European languages?

A) Ancient Greek
B) Proto-Indo-European
C) Latin
D) Sanskrit

6. What is the name of the Korean alphabet system created during the Joseon Dynasty?

A) Kana
B) Devanagari
C) Hangul
D) Cyrillic

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7. Which language is spoken by the majority of the population in Iran?

A) Arabic
B) Turkish
C) Persian
D) Kurdish

8. Which writing system is used for the Russian language?

A) Latin
B) Cyrillic
C) Greek
D) Arabic

9. What is the most widely spoken language in the world by total number of speakers (native and non-native)?

A) Spanish
B) Mandarin Chinese
C) English
D) Hindi

10. Which language serves as one of the official languages of both Switzerland and Belgium?

A) German
B) Italian
C) Dutch
D) French

11. The Arabic language belongs to which family of languages?

A) Afroasiatic
B) Indo-European
C) Dravidian
D) Altaic

12. Which of these countries uses the Hindi language as an official language?

A) Pakistan
B) India
C) Bangladesh
D) Sri Lanka

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13. What is the primary language spoken in Thailand?

A) Vietnamese
B) Khmer
C) Thai
D) Lao

14. Which alphabet is used for the modern Turkish language?

A) Arabic script
B) Latin alphabet
C) Cyrillic alphabet
D) Greek alphabet

15. Which language is spoken as an official language in both Vietnam and parts of Canada?

A) French
B) English
C) Spanish
D) Portuguese

16. Swahili is a lingua franca in which region of the world?

A) West Africa
B) East Africa
C) North Africa
D) Southern Africa

17. Which language family does Finnish belong to?

A) Indo-European
B) Uralic
C) Altaic
D) Sino-Tibetan

18. The Tagalog language is native to which country?

A) Indonesia
B) Malaysia
C) Philippines
D) Singapore

19. What is the main language spoken in Argentina?

A) Spanish
B) Portuguese
C) Italian
D) German

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20. Which language is written using the Devanagari script?

A) Bengali
B) Tamil
C) Hindi
D) Telugu

21. Which of these languages is an official language of the United Nations?

A) Japanese
B) German
C) Arabic
D) Portuguese

22. The Hungarian language is most closely related to which of these?

A) Romanian
B) Finnish
C) Czech
D) Serbian

23. Which country has the most native Spanish speakers?

A) Spain
B) Argentina
C) Colombia
D) Mexico

24. What is the term for a language that has no native speakers but is used for communication between groups?

A) Dialect
B) Pidgin
C) Creole
D) Lingua franca

25. In which country is Malay the official language?

A) Malaysia
B) Thailand
C) Philippines
D) Vietnam

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