

UNCOMMONLY COMMON IQ TEST

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feeling smart

fast as a dart!

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DIRECTIONS: The items below are to answered without use of reference aids, personal advice, opinions, cheat helps from mailman, plumber, bar maid, fantasy characters in video games.

Draw from your vast experiences in life, those that allowed you to navigate the choppy waters of reality! No time limit or speed limit. No penalty for guessing. Answer each item. Do not skip.

It is best to write your answers on paper, and then transfer them to email. There are 40 items. Each correct answer is worth 1 point.

Submit ANSWERS ONLY in plain text email: ggrove141@aol.com. A preliminary norm result will be given, subject to revision and post vision. If you understand what is expected of you, YOU MAY BEGIN NOW!

1. Automobile tires are made of rubber because (1) it absorbs shocks very well, (2) it is cheaper than wood, (3) it is easier to obtain, (4) it grows in the tropics, (5) it can be easily replaced.
2. Bridges are painted in order to (1) appear clean and neat, (2) prevent rust and decay, (3) give idle men work to do, (4) beautify the country, (5) lessen the tension.
3. Language is considered an important invention because (1) people can form sentences and words, (2) it is a rapid, symbolic expression of our ideas, (3) it makes us more civilized and human (4) it can be easily taught to children, (5) it can be understood by everybody.
4. Zeppelins are filled with hydrogen because (1) hydrogen is used to drive the motors, (2) hydrogen is lighter than air, (3) hydrogen is cheaper than gas, (4) hydrogen does not smell, (5) hydrogen is used for balloons.
5. Letters are delivered promptly by the post office so that the (1) office can be closed on time, (2) enclosures will not be lost, (3) mail will not be heavy, (4) letters will not be damaged, (5) public may not be inconvenienced.
6. Mail which is sent from an addressee's old address to his new address is said to be (1) returned, (2) canceled, (3) forwarded, (4) received, (5) detained.
7. A balloon rises in the air because (1) it is filled with air, (2) it is round and made of rubber, (3) its volume weighs less than an equal volume of air, (4) it is made of heavy rubber, (5) it is blown by the wind.
8. You talk so loud I cannot see what you do, means (1) great braggers, little doers, (2) a deluge of words and a drop of sense, (3) great cry and little wool, (4) talking prevents one from seeing, (5) great talkers always work hard.
9. Drop by drop the lake is drained, means (1) every man wishes water for his own well, (2) many little strokes fell great oaks, (3) drowning men will catch at a straw, (4) all's well that ends well, (5) it is never too late to mend.

10. Air is cheap because (1) it is plentiful, (2) it is necessary for life, (3) is manufactured easily, (4) it is chemically pure, (5) it is a good conductor of heat.
11. Desks are made of wood because (1) wood is light and cheap, (2) wood lasts longer than steel, (3) wood can be polished, (4) wood burns more easily than coal, (5) wood looks better than steel.
12. The saying "Rome was not built in a day," means most nearly (1) Rome is a large city, (2) Masons work in Rome, (3) Had Rome been built at the present time it would have been built in a day, (4) At the time Rome was built, workmen were very slow, (5) Anything of value takes time to produce.
13. The saying "You must take the fat with the lean," means most nearly (1) It is never too late to mend, (2) Jenny Craig must accept members whether fat or lean, (3) Perseverance will win, (4) Every man has his place in the world, (5) People must expect difficult tasks as well as easy ones.
14. The saying "Don't cry over spilt milk," means most nearly (1) Be careful not to spill milk, (2) If you must spill milk, cry first, (3) One should not worry over things one cannot help, (4) Cats will lap up spilt milk, (5) Crying is unsightly.
15. Money was invented because (1) it can easily be hidden, (2) it provides for a standard medium of exchange, (3) people could have more jobs coining it, (4) it is easy to carry around, (5) it increases the wealth of the country.
16. "Such a father, such a son," means (1) such is the hour, such is the man, (2) such is a tree, such is fruit, (3) such is the government, such are the people, (4) such a welcome, such a farewell, (5) such is the morning, such is the people.
17. "Strike when the iron is hot," means (1) cold metal does not bend, (2) a burnt child dreads the fire, (3) a danger foreseen is half avoided (4) grind with every wind, (5) put your shoulder to the wheel.
18. England declared war on Germany in 1914 in behalf of (1) Russia, (2) Belgium, (3) United States, (4) France (5) Denmark.
19. How is asbestos obtained? (1) Mined, (2) Manufactured, (3) Grown, (4) Chemically compounded, (5) Distilled.
20. What is an example of chemical change? (1) Burning of paper, (2) Freezing of water, (3) Dissolving of sugar, (4) Melting of snow, (5) Formation of sleet.
21. The United States purchased Alaska from (1) The Indians, (2) England, (3) Russia, (4) Japan, (5) Portugal.
22. Why do people work? Because they must (1) earn a living, (2) enjoy themselves, (3) gain knowledge, (4) pass the time, (5) support the state.
23. In cities people build very tall buildings because (1) people like tall buildings to live in, (2) limited appropriate space makes it necessary, (3) it shows that engineers can build them, (4) the air is better higher up, (5) they look grand.
24. Business men want peace because (1) it encourages trade, (2) they hate soldiers, (3) they can obtain patents, (4) they do not like to fight, (5) they are lazy.
25. Why do we use a knife? Because (1) it looks bright, (2) it can be used to cut things, (3) it can be used to eat soup, (4) it is hard, (5) it is easy to hold.

26. Drinking fountains are used in public schools CHIEFLY because (1) they are convenient, (2) the parents request them, (3) they are inexpensive, (4) they are sanitary, (5) the children prefer them.
27. "Birds of a feather flock together," means (1) all crows fly together in one flock, (2) people of a kind don't mind, (3) people of the same interests associate with each other, (4) we all like to do the same thing, (5) time and tide wait for no man.
28. Some trees are tall because (1) they belong to a tall species, (2) less sunlight falls on them, (3) they grow near orchards, (4) they are neglected, (5) they are evergreens.
29. A harbor is considered a good one if (1) it is built of stone, (2) is long and narrow, (3) it is wide and deep, (4) it is in Europe, (5) it has many ships.
30. The reason gold is so valuable is that (1) it can be mined only with difficulty, (2) it does not tarnish, (3) it is relatively a rare metal, (4) it shines brighter than other metals, (5) it is found in this country.
31. The saying "Make hay while the sun shines," means mostly nearly (1) Hay should not be cut by moonlight, (2) Sunshine cures hay, (3) The best hay is made in sunshine, (4) We should make the most of our opportunities, (5) Haste makes waste.
32. Canals are built because (1) they offer cheap transportation inland, (2) they are better than rivers, (3) they must be used for fertilizing soil, (4) they provide work for people, (5) they are needed for barges.
33. Glass is used for windows because (1) it keeps the dust out, (2) it lets in the light, (3) it is cheaper than oiled paper, (4) it breaks easily.
34. "Idle youth, dependent age," means (1) a young saint, an old devil, (2) a young serving man, an old beggar, (3) as you sow, you shall reap, (4) if you are idle you may get rich, (5) most men are dependent in youth and in old age.
35. "Practice makes perfect," means (1) difficulties give way to diligence, (2) error is always in the rough, (3) skill comes through experience, (4) it is good to practice, (5) we do not know everything.
36. The saying "Meddle not with dirt--some of it will stick to you," means most nearly (1) Sand, if dry, will not stick, (2) Farmers are always dirty, (3) Dirty hands should be washed, (4) Associating with evil will leave its mark on you, (5) To avoid becoming dirty, farmers should use tractors.
37. Laws are made because (1) they are to be obeyed by everybody, (2) they safeguard our homes and society, (3) modern society needs them, (4) the legislature has been elected, (5) all men are dishonest.
38. People pay taxes because (1) they must help the poor, (2) they must elect governors, (3) they must support the government, (4) they are too rich, (5) they like to do so.
39. The first four notes of Beethoven's FIFTH SYMPHONY (1) are recognized by almost every one throughout the world, (2) were an experiment in projecting the composer's anger at a society that failed to acknowledge his genius, (3) became the code for "V" for Victory during World War I, (4) has been used in pop songs and rap, (5) represents the composer's daring use of a pounding, difficult to forget motif.
40. One of Mozart's favorite substitutes for the dominant 7th (V7) in his symphonies was (1) the tonic chord in third position, (2) the leading-tone chord in root position, (3) the diminished 7th chord, (4) the augmented 7th chord, (5) the Lost Chord.

This concludes the test.