Birmingham City University
Faculty of Health

Undergraduate Nursing Pre-entry Testing

Literacy Assessment – Sample Test Paper

This provides you with a sample of questions designed to test your basic literacy skills as part of the recruitment and selection process for the BSc (Hon’s) Nursing Programme (Adult, Child, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities) offered here at Birmingham City University.

The requirement for this testing has been developed following the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) (2010) standards for pre-registration nursing education. Standard 3 of the NMC (2010) publication details the selection and admission process to ensure an open and fair process for all candidates applying for pre-registration nurse training.

On your interview day this literacy test will be undertaken electronically thus also demonstrating your basic IT skills.

Good luck

Regards

Birmingham City University Pre-registration Nursing Admissions Tutors
Sample Literacy Test

You have been allocated thirty minutes in which to complete this test. During this test you are not permitted to use a dictionary. The test has been designed to test your basic literacy skills and includes the following:

- Spelling
- Punctuation and
- Grammar

Question 1  Homecoming is an example of a compound word. Please match the word on the left with an appropriate word on the right to create a suitable word by joining with a line.

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Question 2  Please circle the most suitable adverb for the gap in this sentence.

The presenter .................captivated the audience.

spitefully              successfully              tightly              boastfully

Question 3  Please circle the most appropriate word to complete this sentence.

The diamond ring weighed at least 2............

carrots      karats      carats      carets

Question 4  Please circle the right pronoun to correctly finish this sentence.

I have a feeling that .......... took a wrong turn at the last set of traffic lights.

it      she      her

Question 5  Appropriately select “they’re, their or there” in each of the gaps in this sentence.

............ are at least 40 members of staff who know............... holiday rota will be altered to reflect............. change in shift pattern.
Question 6  Appropriately select “two, to or too” in each of the gaps in this sentence.

For the last ………… years there has been ………… many staff involved in the organisation of this conference ………… get the funding established.

Question 7  Please circle an appropriate antonym from the list which means the opposite of the word in red in the following sentence.

Dr Jones had a strong suspicion that the blood sample was contaminated.

week              robust              sturdy               weak

Question 8  Please circle an appropriate synonym from the list which means the same as the word in red in the following sentence.

It would appear that the children were very articulate during the classroom debate.

aphasic              fluent               incoherent            in articulate

Question 9  The word below is spelt phonetically. Please write the correct spelling of this word in the answer box provided.

Admishun

Answer:

Question 10  Please rewrite the sentence below and add in the missing punctuation and capital letter.

diagnosis of allergy along with correct medication management and support can make a huge difference to a childs life preventing the isolation that so often goes along with allergic conditions (McManus 2010)

Question 11  Rewrite the sentence below by replacing the verb in red using the past tense.

For example: It is going to be cloudy today. It was cloudy today.

There are a huge number of activities to coordinate.

Question 12  Please circle the correctly spelt word from the available choices in order to complete the sentence below.

The whole group were completely…………………..in their treatment of the lecturer.

disscourteous              discourteous               diskcourteous        disccorteous