

Nigerian Correctional Service (NCoS) Recruitment Practice Questions & Answers (1–100)

Section A: Current Affairs & General Knowledge

1. What was the Nigerian Correctional Service previously called?

✓ Answer: Nigerian Prisons Service

2. When was it renamed the Correctional Service?

✓ Answer: 2019



Explanation:

Through the Nigerian Correctional Service Act signed by President Buhari.

3. Who is the current Controller General of Corrections?

✓ Answer: Haliru Nababa (as of 2024-2025)

4. Under which ministry does NCoS operate?

✓ Answer: Ministry of Interior

5. What is the motto of NCoS?

✓ Answer: "Service and Humanity."

6. Who is the current President of Nigeria?

✓ Answer: Bola Ahmed Tinubu

7. Who was the first President of Nigeria?

✓ Answer: Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe

8. What is the capital of Nigeria?

✓ Answer: Abuja

9. When did Nigeria gain independence?

✓ Answer: 1st October 1960

10. Who is the current Minister of Interior?

✓ Answer: Hon. (Dr) Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo

11. What is the population of Nigeria approximately?

✓ Answer: Over 200 million

12. What currency is used in Nigeria?

✓ Answer: Naira

13. Which river is the longest in Nigeria?

✓ Answer: River Niger

14. What does NEMA stand for?

✓ Answer: National Emergency Management Agency

15. Where is the NCoS headquarters located?

✓ Answer: Abuja, Nigeria

16. What are the duties of NCoS?

✓ Answer: Safe custody, reformation, rehabilitation, and reintegration of offenders.

17. Who is the current Senate President?

✓ Answer: Senator Godswill Akpabio

18. What does EFCC stand for?

✓ Answer: Economic and Financial Crimes Commission

19. What does DSS stand for?

✓ Answer: Department of State Services

20. What is the emergency phone number in Nigeria?

✓ Answer: 112

Section B: English Language

21. The inmate _____ escaped was caught.

✓ Answer: (C) who

22. Opposite of Release?

✓ Answer: (B) Detain

23. Correct spelling:

✓ Answer: (A) Discipline

24. I am interested _____ joining NCoS.

✓ Answer: (A) in

25. Identify the verb: The prison officers work hard.

✓ Answer: work

26. Synonym of Reform?

✓ Answer: (A) Change

27. Antonym of Legal?

✓ Answer: (D) Illegal

28. Which is a noun?

✓ Answer: (C) Rehabilitation

29. Neither the inmates nor the officer _____ hurt.

✓ Answer: (A) was

30. Correct sentence:

✓ Answer: (C) The inmate has been released.

Section C: Mathematics

31. $7^2 + 2^2 = ?$

✓ Answer: $49 + 4 = 53$

32. Simplify: $15 \div (3 \times 1)$

✓ Answer: $15 \div 3 = 5$

33. Solve for x: $4x + 4 = 20$

✓ Answer: $4x = 16, x = 4$

34. LCM of 8 and 12?

✓ Answer: 24

35. HCF of 18 and 24?

✓ Answer: 6

36. 25% of 800?

✓ Answer: $(0.25 \times 800) = 200$

37. Probability of picking a blue ball from 3 red and 2 blue balls?

✓ Answer: $2/5$

38. Simple interest on N6000 at 3% for 2 years?

✓ Answer: $(6000 \times 3 \times 2)/100 = N360$

39. $\frac{3}{5}$ as a percentage?

✓ Answer: $(3/5) \times 100 = 60\%$

40. Simplify: $(14 - 6) + (2 \times 3)$

✓ Answer: $8 + 6 = 14$

Section D: Correctional Service Specific

41. What is the main purpose of correctional facilities?

✓ Answer: Rehabilitation and reformation of offenders

42. Who is an inmate?

✓ Answer: A person confined in a prison or correctional facility.

43. What is parole?

✓ Answer: Conditional release of a prisoner before completion of sentence under supervision.

44. What is recidivism?

✓ Answer: Returning to crime after being released from prison.

45. Who is a warder?

✓ Answer: A correctional officer or prison guard.

46. Types of correctional facilities in Nigeria?

✓ Answer: Custodial centres and non-custodial units

47. Examples of non-custodial measures?

✓ Answer: Community service, parole, probation

48. What is probation?

✓ Answer: An alternative sentence allowing an offender to remain in the community under supervision.

49. What is bail?

✓ Answer: Temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial.

50. What is solitary confinement?

✓ Answer: Keeping an inmate alone in a cell as punishment.

Section E: General Science

51. What gas do humans need for respiration?

✓ Answer: Oxygen

52. Normal body temperature in Celsius?

✓ Answer: 37°C

53. Chemical symbol of potassium?

✓ Answer: K

54. Largest bone in human body?

✓ Answer: Femur (thigh bone)

55. Which organ filters blood?

✓ Answer: Kidney

56. Blood is pumped by which organ?

✓ Answer: Heart

57. Number of chambers in human heart?

✓ Answer: 4

58. Boiling point of water?

✓ Answer: 100°C

59. Chemical symbol for gold?

✓ Answer: Au

60. Gas plants use for photosynthesis?

✓ Answer: Carbon dioxide

Section F: Logical Reasoning

61. If all officers are trained and some trained are promoted, can we conclude some officers are promoted?

✓ Answer: No

62. If today is Friday, what day will it be in 12 days?

✓ Answer:
 $12 \div 7 = 1 \text{ week} + 5 \text{ days} \rightarrow \text{Friday} + 5 = \text{Wednesday}$

63. Next number: 6, 12, 24, 48, __

✓ Answer: 96

64. Choose the odd one out:

(A) Rehabilitation

(B) Reformation

(C) Imprisonment

(D) Oxygen

✓ Answer: (D) Oxygen

📖 Explanation:

Others relate to correctional services.

65. If $7x = 35$, what is x ?

✓ Answer: $x = 35 \div 7 = 5$

66. Rearrange: officers / trained / the / well / are.

✓ Answer: The officers are well trained.

67. If A is older than B and B is older than C, who is the youngest?

✓ Answer: C

68. Which number is missing: 15, __, 25, 30, 35

✓ Answer: 20

69. Next in sequence: 4, 8, 12, 16, __

✓ Answer: 20

70. Choose the odd one out:

(A) Court

(B) Prison

(C) Police

(D) Teacher

✓ Answer: (D) Teacher

Section G: More Current Affairs

71. Current IGP?

✓ Answer: Kayode Egbetokun

72. Current Chief of Army Staff?

✓ Answer: Lt. Gen. Taoreed Lagbaja

73. NAFDAC stands for?

✓ Answer: National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control

74. DG of NAFDAC?

✓ Answer: Prof. Mojisola Adeyeye

75. NDLEA stands for?

✔ Answer: National Drug Law Enforcement Agency

76. Chairman of NDLEA?

✔ Answer: Brig. Gen. Mohamed Buba Marwa (Rtd)

77. Number of states in Nigeria?

✔ Answer: 36 + FCT

78. Name three states in South West.

✔ Answer: Lagos, Ogun, Oyo

79. Capital of Enugu State?

✔ Answer: Enugu

80. Current governor of Kano State?

✔ Answer: Abba Kabir Yusuf

Section H: Numerical Reasoning

81. Inmate meal cost N200 per day. What is the cost for 30 days?

✔ Answer: $200 \times 30 = \text{N}6000$

82. A Vehicle travels at 70 km/hr. Time to cover 210 km?

✔ Answer: $210 \div 70 = 3$ hours

83. Area of square with side 9 cm?

✔ Answer: $9 \times 9 = 81 \text{ cm}^2$

84. Perimeter of rectangle L=7 cm, W=3 cm?

✔ Answer: $2(7+3)=2(10)= 20$ cm

85. If 3 soaps cost N450, what is the cost of 5 soaps?

✔ Answer:
1 soap = 150,
 $5 \times 150 = \text{N}750$

86. $\frac{1}{6}$ of 120?

✓ Answer: 20

87. Multiply: 5×8

✓ Answer: 40

88. Divide: $90 \div 10$

✓ Answer: 9

89. Square root of 144?

✓ Answer: 12

90. Cube of 5?

✓ Answer: $5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125$

Section I: Additional General Knowledge

91. UN Secretary General?

✓ Answer: António Guterres

92. HQ of the African Union?

✓ Answer: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

93. African country with smallest population?

✓ Answer: Seychelles

94. Largest continent?

✓ Answer: Asia

95. President of Senegal?

✓ Answer: Bassirou Diomaye Faye (2024-present)

96. Capital of Morocco?

✓ Answer: Rabat

97. Who discovered River Niger?

✓ Answer: Mungo Park

98. WHO stands for?

✓ Answer: World Health Organisation

99. Richest woman in Africa?

✓ Answer: Folorunsho Alakija

100. Capital of Bauchi State?

✓ Answer: Bauchi