



The North Carolina College Knowledge Inventory (NCKI)

Marking Instructions

- Use a No. 2 pencil only.
- Do not use ink, ballpoint, or felt tip pens.
- Make solid marks that fill the oval completely.

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CORRECT MARK



1. What is your current grade level?

- A 9th grade C 11th grade
B 10th grade D 12th grade

2. What is your gender?

- A Male B Female

3. What is your ethnicity?

- A Caucasian/White
B African American/ Black
C Hispanic
D American Indian or Alaska Native
E Asian or Pacific Islander
F Multi-Racial
G Other

4. Which of the following are options when you go to college?

- A Being a full-time student
B Being a part-time student
C Taking courses online
D All of the above

5. Define **general college core requirements**:

- A Common courses that all students take during the early years of college regardless of the major they choose
B Basic writing, literature, math, history, and science courses
C Specialized, advanced classes taken during the final years of college to complete a certain major
D A and B only

6. The SAT includes the following sections:

- A Math and reading
B Math, reading, and writing
C Math, reading, and science

7. What is a SAT fee waiver?

- A A document that can be used like a coupon to pay for the SAT registration for eligible students
B A document that says your test scores will not count for college admission requirements
C Permission to sit out of taking the SAT

8. Which is the best time to take the SAT in high school?

- A 9th grade C 11th grade
B 10th grade D 12th grade

9. What is the difference between the **SAT** and **PSAT**?

- A The SAT is used as the official college entrance exam for most colleges in NC and the PSAT is a practice test
B The PSAT is used by high schools to determine which students will be allowed to apply for college, and the SAT is used as a graduation requirement
C The SAT measures a student's verbal reasoning, critical reading, and math problem solving skills; the PSAT measures a student's aptitude to do a specific job in the military

10. There are several steps you need to do in order to complete a college application. Which answer below has them in the correct order?

- A 1) set up a CFNC account, 2) submit the online FAFSA, 3) submit an online college application
B 1) complete all scholarship applications, 2) conduct college visits, 3) ask teachers for recommendation letters for the scholarship applications
C 1) review the online materials about all the colleges in NC, 2) apply to all colleges in NC, 3) wait until August before deciding which one to attend
D 1) make a list of the colleges that most interest you, 2) research or visit those colleges, 3) submit an online application using CFNC to the colleges that are best matched with your career and personal interests

11. A student who goes to a community college and then transfers to a four-year university to receive a Bachelor's degree would experience which of the following?

- A More options for courses and degree programs are available at community colleges
B Less cost in obtaining the 4-year degree
C Most credit for courses taken at community colleges transfers to 4-year colleges
D B and C only

12. The best definition of **bachelor's degree** is:

- A A 2-year degree that is usually earned at a community college
B A 4-year degree that is usually earned at a public or private university
C An advanced degree that usually requires at least six years to complete
D A term for the status of a male college student who is unmarried by graduation day

13. The best definition of **associate's degree** is:

- A A 2-year degree that is usually earned at a community college
B A 4-year degree that is usually earned at a public or private university
C A 2-year degree that can be earned in high school if a student is enrolled in an early college high school
D A and C only

14. Studies show that if you continue your education beyond high school you will make more money in your lifetime. What else is likely to happen if you continue your education after high school?

- A You are less likely to be unemployed
B You are likely to have better health and live longer
C If you have children, they are likely to do better in school and continue their education beyond high school
D All of the above

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15. Which of the following careers require more education than a four-year college degree?

- A Doctor
- B Teacher
- C Lawyer
- D A and C only

16. Which of the following are considered advanced degrees?

- A Associates, Bachelor's, Master's, Ph.D., and Professional Degrees (such as medical doctor or lawyer)
- B Bachelor's, Master's, Ph.D., and Professional Degrees
- C Master's, Ph.D., and Professional Degrees
- D Ph.D. and Professional Degrees

17. Which of the following **institutions** is a women's college?

- A Peace College
- B Davidson College
- C Gardner-Webb University
- D Wake Forest University

18. What is the average cost per year at a community college in North Carolina for a NC resident (including tuition and fees)?

- A \$0 - \$5,000
- B \$5,000 - \$10,000
- C \$10,000 - \$15,000
- D \$15,000 - \$20,000

19. What is the average cost per year at a public four-year university in North Carolina for a NC resident (including tuition, fees, room and board)?

- A \$5,000 - \$10,000
- B \$10,000 - \$15,000
- C \$15,000 - \$20,000
- D \$20,000 - \$25,000

20. When deciding how much it will cost to attend a certain college, what types of expenses must be considered?

- A Tuition and fees
- B Room, board, and transportation
- C Books and supplies
- D All of the above

21. What expenses are not included in college tuition?

- A Cost of registering for and attending classes
- B Books and other supplies
- C Living expenses such as renting a dorm room or an apartment and food
- D B and C only

22. What is a **need-based scholarship**?

- A A scholarship offered to high school students with a high GPA and SAT/ACT score
- B A scholarship offered to students who have athletic skill
- C A scholarship offered to students who have financial need

23. What do you need to qualify for most scholarships?

- A A GPA above a certain minimum
- B A GPA and an SAT/ACT score above certain minimums
- C A high school diploma
- D Extracurricular activities

24. Why is it important to fill out the FAFSA if you plan to attend college?

- A It can help you get into college
- B It will reduce the cost of applying to college
- C To determine if you are eligible for federal and state student financial aid
- D To qualify for many institutional grants
- E C and D only

25. When do you have to begin repaying a federal student loan?

- A After completing your first semester of college
- B The day after you leave college or drop to less than half-time enrollment
- C Six to nine months after you leave college or drop to less than half-time enrollment
- D Two years after you leave college or drop to less than half-time enrollment

26. Which of the following types of financial aid do you have to repay?

- A Grants
- B Scholarships
- C Loans
- D All of the above

27. What is a **Pell Grant**?

- A A tract of land named for Claiborn Pell in New Jersey
- B The largest source of federal student aid that is available based on income
- C A state scholarship program
- D A major at the University of North Carolina

28. What does **CFNC** stand for?

- A College Funding source for North Carolina
- B Collegiate Foundation for North Carolina students
- C College Foundation of North Carolina
- D Carolina Foundation for North Carolina colleges

29. What services does CFNC provide to high school seniors?

- A Opportunity to apply to all NC colleges online
- B Ability to complete an online FAFSA on the CFNC.org website
- C Free money for college
- D A and B only

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