



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.

Tin	ship
Sweet	lap
Pop	foil
Hob	corn
Steam	meat
Over	nail

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

The presentercaptivated 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.

There are at least 40 members of staff who know **their** holiday rota will be altered to reflect **their** change in shift pattern.

Question 6 Appropriately select “two, to or too” in each of the gaps in this sentence.

For the last **two** years there has been **too** many staff involved in the organisation of this conference **to** 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: **Admission**

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 child's 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.

There **were** 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