

Level 1

GCC Noncredit ESL Verbal Assessment Questions

These are examples of questions you are going to have on your verbal assessment at the end of the semester. Answer each question in a complete sentence (unless a short answer is specified).

1. Present Continuous

- a. What are you doing right now?

2. To Be – Yes/No Questions and Short Answers

- a. Is your classroom cold?
- b. Are you a teacher?
- c. Are you married?
- d. Are your classmates interesting?

3. To Be – Information Questions (wh-questions)

- a. Where do you live?
- b. What time is it?
- c. How's the weather today?
- d. Who's your favorite actor?

4. Adjectives

- a. Are houses in Los Angeles expensive or cheap?
- b. What color are your eyes? What color is your hair?

5. Possessive Adjectives

- a. What's your mother's name?
- b. What's your father's name?
- c. What color is your notebook?

6. Prepositions of Location and Time

- a. Where's the clock? (*map, board, pencil, etc.*)
- b. What time is your class?
- c. Where are you from?
- d. What street do you live on?
- e. What state do you live in?

7. There Is/There Are

- a. How many states are there in the United States?
- b. How many students are there in your class?
- c. Is there a grocery store in your neighborhood?

8. Conjunctions (and, or, but)

- a. Tell me two things you like.
- b. Tell me something you like and something you don't like.

9. Demonstratives – This/That/These/Those

- a. What is this?
- b. What are these?
- c. What are those?

10. Simple Present Tense – Yes/No Questions and Short Answers

- a. Do you speak Spanish?
- b. Do you speak Armenian?
- c. Does President Obama live in California?

11. Simple Present Tense – Information Questions (wh-questions)

- a. What kind of music do you like? (*movies, sports, food, etc.*)
- b. How many hours do you study each week?
- c. What do you do on rainy days?
- d. Where do you go on the weekend?
- e. How do you usually get to school?
- f. When do you get up in the morning?

12. Adverbs of Frequency

- a. When do you usually eat breakfast?
- b. How often do you exercise?
- c. Tell me something you never do during the week.
- d. Who usually cooks dinner at your home? (*does the laundry, cleans, etc.*)

13. Contrast of Simple Present and Present Continuous

- a. Every Saturday he rides his bike (*plays soccer, goes to a restaurant*).
What's he doing now?
- b. Now he's reading the newspaper (*playing basketball, studying, etc.*).
What does he do every day?

14. Can

- a. Can you play the guitar? (*speak Russian, dance, type, swim, etc.*)
- b. Name one thing you can do and one thing you can't do.
- c. What languages can you speak?

15. Have to

- a. What do you have to pay every month?
- b. What does a teacher have to do during every class?

16. Future: Be Going To

- a. Who are you going to see this weekend?
- b. Where are you going to go after class?

17. Want to

- a. What do you want to eat for dinner tonight?
- b. Where do you want to go this weekend?

18. Past Tense – Regular Verbs

- a. What did you do last weekend?
- b. Where did you live before you came to the U.S.?
- c. Who did you call on the phone yesterday?

19. Past Tense – Yes/No Questions and Short Answers

- a. Did you see your friends last weekend?
- b. Did you work yesterday?
- c. Did you drive to school today?

20. Past Tense of To Be

- a. Where were you born?
- b. How was your weekend?
- c. Where were you yesterday afternoon?