

Inanna Quiz

1. Ninshubur is (a) Inanna's sister (b) Inanna's beloved husband (c) Inanna's faithful servant (d) queen of the gods
2. Which three deities is Ninshubur to ask for help? _____, _____, and _____
3. When Inanna goes to the underworld, why does she say she has come? (a) to the funeral rites of her brother in law (b) to receive secret knowledge (c) to mount a challenge to Ereshkigal's power (d) to experience death so that she may understand what it is to be human
4. Which is NOT an image Inanna calls up to evoke the effect of death: (a) becoming wood for the woodcutter (b) facing torment and mockery in the underworld (c) being shattered like stone by a stonecutter (d) being covered by dust
5. Which of the following is NOT among the *me*: (a) the shugurra crown (b) a lapis necklace (c) a measuring rod and line (d) a cloak of darkness
6. The god who knows the water of life and the secret of life is: (a) Enki (b) Inanna (c) Nanna (d) Ninshubur
7. When Ereshkigal hears of Inanna's appearance, she is (a) happy to see her (b) resentful of the gods for trapping her in the underworld (c) angry enough to set a trap for Inanna (d) ready to beseech Enki to intercede on her own behalf
8. In mourning for Inanna, Ninshubur does NOT (a) beat a drum (c) walk around the houses of the gods (c) shave off her long black hair (d) dress like a beggar
9. Which does NOT describe the kugurra and galatur (a) they are made from dirt under Enki's fingernails (b) they are neither male nor female (c) they are able to break down the walls of the underworld (d) they are able to transport the water of life
10. When the kugurra and galatur arrive, Ereshkigal is (a) celebrating Inanna's death (b) giving birth (c) mourning for her husband (d) planning her ascent in Inanna's place
11. What do the kugurra and galatur do that wins them a gift from Ereshkigal: (a) show empathy for her pain (b) perform seven services for her in the upper world (c) give her the food and water of life (d) criticize Inanna's assault on her realm
12. Why do the Annuna stop Inanna from returning to the upper world? (a) she must provide someone in her place (b) they cannot let souls ascend without receiving a gift of gold (c) she must drink the water of life before she can exit (d) they cannot thwart the will of Enlil
13. Which of the following does NOT describe the galla: (a) they are like reeds (b) they are unable to move in the daytime (c) they snatch away children from their mothers (d) some carry a scepter or mace
14. How are Ninshubur and Inanna's sons dressed when the galla find them? (a) in soiled sackcloth (b) armored as if for war (c) all in white, to face the spirits of the underworld (d) in simple shepherd's garments
15. Why does Inanna send her husband to the underworld (a) he has the best chance to defeat Ereshkigal (b) he had committed suicide in her absence (c) he must now marry Ereshkigal (d) he was not mourning for his wife

16. Who helps Dumuzi escape: (a) Enlil (b) Nanna (c) Ninshubur (d) Utu
17. Inanna's sister is: (a) Dumuzi (b) Ereshkigal (c) Nanna (d) Ninshubur
18. The god of the sun, Inanna's brother, is (a) the bull of heaven (b) Dumuzi (c) Nanna (d) Utu
19. When she descends to the underworld, Inanna must relinquish (a) the seven *me* (b) all things belonging to Ereshkigal (c) materials that cannot survive in the underworld (d) her prejudices about the underworld
20. The deity of the morning star: (a) Enki (b) Inanna (c) Nanna (d) Utu