

Inanna Quiz

- _____ 1. Inanna's sister is: (a) Dumuzi (b) Ereshkigal (c) Nanna (d) Ninshubur
- _____ 2. The god of the sun, Inanna's brother, is (a) the bull of heaven (b) Dumuzi (c) Nanna (d) Utu
- _____ 3. The deity of the morning star: (a) Enki (b) Inanna (c) Nanna (d) Utu
- _____ 4. Ninshubur is (a) Inanna's sister (b) Inanna's beloved husband (c) Inanna's faithful servant (d) queen of the gods
- _____ 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. 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
- _____ 7. The god who knows the water of life and the secret of life is: (a) Enki (b) Inanna (c) Nanna (d) Ninshubur
- _____ 8. 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
- _____ 9. 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
- _____ 10. 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
- _____ 11. In mourning for Inanna, Ninshubur does NOT (a) compose a song of mourning to win over the gods (b) tear at her skin and eyes (c) walk around the houses of the gods (d) dress like a beggar

- _____ 12. Which three deities is Ninshubur to ask for help? _____ ,
_____, and _____
- _____ 13. 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
- _____ 14. When the kugurra and galatur arrive, Ereshkigal is (a) celebrating Inanna's death (b) giving birth (c) assuming the me for herself (d) planning her ascent in Inanna's place
- _____ 15. 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
- _____ 16. 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
- _____ 17. 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) they do not eat or drink
- _____ 18. How are Ninshubur and Inanna's sons dressed when the galla find them? (a) in soiled sackcloth (b) in the splendid garments of their rank in the upper world (c) all in white, to face the spirits of the underworld (d) armored as if for war
- _____ 19. 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
- _____ 20. Who helps Dumuzi escape: (a) Enlil (b) Nanna (c) Ninshubur (d) Utu