



# Basic Linux Commands

## ✓ Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

**Instructions:** Choose the correct answer. Each question carries **1 mark**.

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### 1 What does the `pwd` command do?

- A) Lists files
- B) Prints working directory
- C) Changes directory
- D) Deletes files

✓ Answer: B

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### 2 Which command lists files in long listing format?

- A) ls -a
- B) ls -lh
- C) ls -l
- D) pwd

✓ Answer: C

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### 3 What does `ls -a` show?

- A) Only directories
- B) Hidden files
- C) File size in MB
- D) Only executable files

✓ Answer: B

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### 4 The first character in `ll` output indicates:

- A) File size
- B) Owner
- C) File type
- D) Date modified

 **Answer:** C

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**5 What does the symbol `d` represent in permissions?**

- A) Regular file
- B) Device file
- C) Directory
- D) Link

 **Answer:** C

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**6 Which command creates nested directories automatically?**

- A) mkdir -r
- B) mkdir -p
- C) mkdir -a
- D) mkdir -n

 **Answer:** B

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**7 Which command removes only empty directories?**

- A) rm -r
- B) delete
- C) rmdir
- D) remove

 **Answer:** C

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**8 What does `rm -r` do?**

- A) Deletes only files
- B) Deletes directories recursively
- C) Renames files
- D) Lists directories

 **Answer:** B

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### **9** What does `cd -` do?

- A) Goes to root directory
- B) Moves up one level
- C) Switches to previous directory
- D) Deletes current directory

 **Answer:** C

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### **10** Which command displays manual pages?

- A) help
- B) manual
- C) man
- D) info

 **Answer:** C

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### **11** What does `touch file.txt` do?

- A) Deletes file
- B) Creates empty file
- C) Opens file
- D) Copies file

 **Answer:** B

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### **12** Which command displays file content?

- A) read
- B) view
- C) cat
- D) show

 **Answer:** C

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**13 Which command shows file content in reverse order?**

- A) rev
- B) tac
- C) cat -r
- D) reverse

 **Answer:** B

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**14 What is the correct syntax for copying a file?**

- A) copy source destination
- B) cp destination source
- C) cp source destination
- D) mv source destination

 **Answer:** C

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**15 Which command is used to rename a file?**

- A) rename
- B) mv
- C) cp
- D) rm

 **Answer:** B

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**16 An absolute path always starts with:**

- A) ~
- B) ..

- C) /
- D) .

 **Answer:** C

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**17] Which of the following is a relative path?**

- A) /home/ec2-user/file.txt
- B) ../../projectA/src/app.txt
- C) /etc/passwd
- D) /var/log/messages

 **Answer:** B

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**18] Which path works from anywhere in the system?**

- A) Relative path
- B) Absolute path
- C) Local path
- D) Parent path

 **Answer:** B

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**19] What does ... represent in Linux?**

- A) Current directory
- B) Root directory
- C) One level up
- D) Hidden file

 **Answer:** C

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**20] Which command is dangerous if used carelessly?**

- A) ls
- B) pwd
- C) rm -r \*
- D) cd

 **Answer:** C

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