

BITSAT English Proficiency & Logical Reasoning Sample Paper-9

Duration: 40 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 90

Instructions

- This paper contains **30** Multiple Choice Questions: **Part A** — English Proficiency (Q1–Q10) and **Part B** — Logical Reasoning (Q11–Q30).
- Each correct answer carries **+3** marks. Each incorrect answer carries 1 mark. Unattempted questions carry **0** marks.
- Only **one** option is correct for each question.
- Use of mobile phones, smartwatches, calculators, or any electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited.

Part A: English Proficiency

Q1. Choose the option that represents the closest **synonym** for the underlined word in the given context:

The board members admired the CFO's sagacity, noting that his cautious hedging strategy saved the firm from catastrophic exposure during the banking liquidity crisis.

- (A) Impetuousness
- (B) Astuteness
- (C) Frivolity
- (D) Magnanimity

Q2. Choose the option that represents the closest **synonym** for the underlined word in the given context:

The novel's protagonist lived a highly itinerant lifestyle, packing his minimal belongings into a single suitcase every few months to find work in a new state.

- (A) Sedentary
- (B) Peripatetic



- (C) Opulent
- (D) Melancholic

Q3. Choose the option that represents the exact **antonym** for the underlined word in the given context:

The editor removed the final paragraph of the manuscript because it was filled with completely superfluous details that diluted the main historical argument.

- (A) Gratuitous
- (B) Pleonastic
- (C) Indispensable
- (D) Transient

Q4. Choose the option that represents the exact **antonym** for the underlined word in the given context:

The software system's stability was compromised because the lead programmer utilized an incredibly convoluted algorithmic pipeline to sort user database entries.

- (A) Tortuous
- (B) Intricate
- (C) Explicit
- (D) Labyrinthine

Q5. Identify the specific section of the sentence below that contains a grammatical error. If the sentence is completely correct, select option (D).

- (A) Not only the high-resolution displays but also the localized cooling array
- (B) require immediate emergency maintenance protocols to prevent
- (C) structural failure of the core high-performance computing cluster.
- (D) No error

Q6. Identify the specific section of the sentence below that contains a grammatical error. If the sentence is completely correct, select option (D).



- (A) The investigative journal revealed that the corporate entity had been
- (B) treating its entry-level research assistants badly, if not worse than,
- (C) its overseas contract labor assembly groups.
- (D) No error

Q7. Identify the specific section of the sentence below that contains a grammatical error. If the sentence is completely correct, select option (D).

- (A) The international legal tribunal ruled that the sovereign nation's boundaries
- (B) extended farther out into the continental shelf waters
- (C) than what was previously recognized by regional maritime treaties.
- (D) No error

Q8. Select the pair of words that best fills the blanks to complete the sentence logically and grammatically:

The physics department head praised the young postdoctoral fellow for her ____ analytical approach; she masterfully dismantled decades of entrenched academic orthodoxy with a single ____ experimental layout.

- (A) dogmatic . . . ambiguous
- (B) incisive . . . elegant
- (C) lethargic . . . complex
- (D) pedestrian . . . revolutionary

Question 9 and 10: Read the short passage below and answer the following question:

"The behavioral architecture of cognitive bias relies on neurobiological evolutionary optimization mechanics. Heuristics—cognitive shortcuts that bypass intensive logical compute tracks—allow organisms to make rapid, low-latency decisions under immediate ecological pressures. While these automated operational frameworks maximize structural survival metrics in ancestral, data-sparse environments, they introduce significant cognitive friction when applied to highly abstract, multi-variable statistical frameworks characteristic of modern technical



systems."

- Q9.** Why did cognitive heuristics originally evolve in biological organisms?
- (A) To allow organisms to flawlessly compute complex abstract data matrices.
 - (B) To execute rapid, low-latency decisions under immediate ecological pressures.
 - (C) To eliminate the biological need for structural evolutionary optimization.
 - (D) To introduce deliberate cognitive friction within advanced modern tracking networks.
- Q10.** Based on the passage provided above, modern statistical frameworks create cognitive difficulties because they:
- (A) Are fundamentally identical to the data-sparse environments of ancestral lineages.
 - (B) Are too simple to activate standard low-latency survival shortcuts.
 - (C) Demand an abstract, multi-variable computation that automated heuristics are not optimized to handle.
 - (D) Actively eliminate the neurobiological boundaries of the human brain.

Part B: Logical Reasoning

- Q11.** Find the missing term in the given numerical sequence:

6, 14, 36, 98, 276, ?

- (A) 764
- (B) 784
- (C) 792
- (D) 812

- Q12.** Deduce the next logical alphanumeric code block in the pattern line:

C5Y, F10W, I20U, L40S, ?



- (A) O80Q
- (B) N60R
- (C) O80P
- (D) P60Q

Q13. Find the incorrect term that breaks the operational mathematical sequence:

4, 9, 20, 43, 90, 185, 376

- (A) 20
- (B) 90
- (C) 185
- (D) 376

Q14. Deduce the missing value marked as x within the matrix pattern block below:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 4 \\ 27 & 125 & 64 \\ 18 & 100 & x \end{bmatrix}$$

- (A) 32
- (B) 48
- (C) 52
- (D) 56

Q15. Find the missing number in the following arithmetic sequence:

12, 21, 39, 75, 147, ?

- (A) 285
- (B) 291
- (C) 294
- (D) 301



- Q16.** Select the option that exhibits the exact same logical relationship as the given base pair:
Hematologist : Leukocyte :: ?
- (A) Geologist : Troposphere
 - (B) Cardiologist : Myocardium
 - (C) Neurologist : Nephron
 - (D) Botanist : Chitin
- Q17.** Analyze the relationship and complete the verbal analogy sequence:
Sycophant : Flattery :: Iconoclast : ?
- (A) Rebellion
 - (B) Conformity
 - (C) Hesitation
 - (D) Synergism
- Q18.** Identify the odd one out from the given architectural items based on physical classification properties:
- (A) Diamond
 - (B) Graphite
 - (C) Graphene
 - (D) Quartz
- Q19.** Three of the following four number pairs are alike in a specific mathematical way and form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group?
- (A) 6 : 42
 - (B) 8 : 72
 - (C) 10 : 110
 - (D) 12 : 144



- Q20.** In an advanced algorithmic military encryption system, if the word **SPECTRUM** is written in code language as **UPEETPUM**, deduce how the word **CHROMIUM** will be encoded under the exact same cipher layout?
- (A) EHROOMUM
(B) EHTOOKUM
(C) EHTOOMUM
(D) FHTOOMVN
- Q21.** If in a specific coding scheme, **PROTON** is evaluated numerically as **57** and **NEUTRON** is evaluated as **63**, calculate the absolute numerical output value of the word **ELECTRON** under the exact same operational framework:
- (A) 72
(B) 79
(C) 84
(D) 91
- Q22.** If **BENZENE** is coded as **7**, and **METHANE** is coded as **7**, calculate the code value for the structural word **ANTHRACENE**:
- (A) 8
(B) 9
(C) 10
(D) 11
- Q23.** A precision land-surveying drone departs from an established tracking post O and flies exactly 9 km due North. It then coordinates a sharp right turn and travels 12 km East. Next, it executes an immediate 90° clockwise turn and flies straight for 4 km South. Calculate its final direct-line displacement distance from the original starting post O :
- (A) 13 km
(B) 15 km

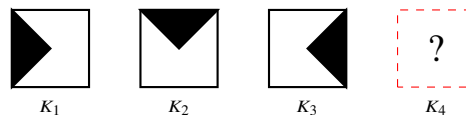


- (C) 17 km
(D) 21 km

Q24. Introducing a guest at a high-tech conference, a software architect remarks: "His biological mother is the only maternal daughter of my paternal grandmother's only son." How is the guest related to the software architect?

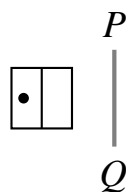
- (A) Nephew
(B) First Cousin
(C) Brother
(D) Maternal Uncle

Q25. Analyze the matrix pattern progression across the structural boxes below. Determine the correct configuration that must occupy position K_4 .



- (A) A box with the shaded triangle region filling the bottom quadrant.
(B) A box with the shaded triangle region filling the left quadrant.
(C) A box containing two parallel horizontal segments.
(D) A completely unshaded white block structure.

Q26. Which structural option among the choices represents the true mirror image profile of the given geometric test cluster when the reflective plane mirror is placed vertically along line $P - Q$?

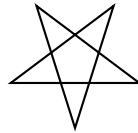


- (A) A split box configuration with the tracking dot mirrored into the right-side segment.



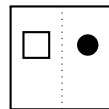
- (B) An inverted box tracking completely upside down on the vertical axis.
- (C) A circle with cross-hatched coordinates.
- (D) A completely solid black rectangle.

Q27. Deduce the complete total number of distinct geometric triangles hidden inside the intersecting star network pattern shown below:



- (A) 5
- (B) 8
- (C) 10
- (D) 12

Q28. Determine the exact structural layout showing how a transparent sheet pattern square looks when folded tightly along the vertical internal dotted axis line:



- (A) A single left half showing the solid black circle nested precisely inside the boundaries of the small rectangle outline.
- (B) Symmetrical spatial fragmentation where both shapes disappear entirely.
- (C) A cross layout split evenly along the bottom margin line.
- (D) A completely solid black layout matrix block.

Q29. Direction: Read the structural spatial constraints below to solve the logical linear placement puzzle:

Five computational processing servers (P1, P2, P3, P4, and P5) are arranged side-by-side in a single server rack row facing North. (1) P1 is placed precisely to the immediate left of P2. (2) P3 sits exactly midway between P4 and P5. (3) P5 is not located at either of the absolute extreme physical ends of the row line.



(4) P4 occupies the absolute extreme right terminal position of the row line.
Which computational server is located directly to the immediate right of P3?

- (A) P1
- (B) P2
- (C) P4
- (D) P5

Q30. Based on the linear server rack positioning puzzle established above, determine which computational server unit occupies the absolute extreme left position of the row line:

- (A) P1
- (B) P2
- (C) P3
- (D) P5



Detailed Solutions**Q1.****Solution**

Concept: Contextual vocabulary analysis involves examining the semantic triggers within a text to uncover the exact definition of an unfamiliar or underlined word. The noun sagacity denotes profound mental discernment, wisdom, soundness of judgment, and practical astuteness.

Solution: The sentence explicitly describes how the board members admired the CFO because "his cautious hedging strategy saved the firm from catastrophic exposure during the banking liquidity crisis." This context proves that his strategy was highly intelligent, sharp, and prescient under difficult financial circumstances.

Let us evaluate the options:

- **Option (A) Impetuosity:** Implies rash, impulsive actions without forethought, which is an antonym.
- **Option (B) Astuteness:** Refers to the capacity to accurately assess situations and turn this to one's advantage; a perfect synonym for sagacity.
- **Option (C) Frivolity:** Means a lack of seriousness or sense, which contradicts a stabilizing hedging strategy.
- **Option (D) Magnanimity:** Signifies noble generosity, which is a positive trait but unrelated to analytical financial tracking.

Hence, "Astuteness" is the closest contextual synonym.

Final Answer: Astuteness

Answer: (B)

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Q2.

Solution

Concept: Identifying a synonym requires matching the fundamental behavioral attributes described in the prose. The adjective itinerant characterizes individuals or lifestyles that migrate continually from place to place without a permanent, settled home.

Solution: The passage states that the novel's protagonist packed "his minimal belongings into a single suitcase every few months to find work in a new state." This emphasizes frequent displacement and temporary residency.

Let us isolate the correct synonym:

- **Option (A) Sedentary:** Characterized by much sitting and a lack of movement, representing a direct antonym.
- **Option (B) Peripatetic:** Derived from Greek roots, this matches perfectly, meaning wandering from place to place, traveling about, or staying transiently.
- **Option (C) Opulent:** Denotes luxurious wealth, which contradicts "minimal belongings."
- **Option (D) Melancholic:** Expresses deep sadness, which lacks a direct structural link to geographic migration.

Final Answer:

Answer: (B)

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Q3.

Solution

Concept: Finding antonyms requires determining the exact core definition of a word and selecting the option that expresses its absolute inversion. The adjective superfluous means exceeding what is sufficient, unnecessary, or redundant.

Solution: The context notes that the editor removed a paragraph because it was full of "superfluous details that diluted the main historical argument." This indicates the details were unnecessary and unhelpful.

Let us check the structural orientations of the options:

- **Options (A) Gratuitous** and **(B) Pleonastic** serve as direct synonyms meaning uncalled-for or redundant.
- **Option (D) Transient** means temporary or short-lived.
- **Option (C) Indispensable** means completely necessary, essential, or impossible to be omitted. This is the exact antonym of superfluous.

Final Answer:

Answer: (C)

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Q4.

Solution

Concept: Determining antonyms for architectural or technical descriptors requires reversing complexity attributes to find a word that denotes directness and clarity. The adjective convoluted refers to a structure or argument that is intensely complex, intricate, twisted, or difficult to follow.

Solution: The sentence indicates that the database pipeline was compromised because the lead programmer utilized an "incredibly convoluted algorithmic pipeline." This implies a lack of simplicity and clarity.

Let us look for the exact inverse property:

- **Options (A) Tortuous**, **(B) Intricate**, and **(D) Labyrinthine** are close synonyms that describe winding, complicated, or maze-like systems.
- **Option (C) Explicit** means stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt. This straightforward, clear nature stands as the true structural antonym.

Final Answer:

Answer: (C)

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Q5.

Solution

Concept: Correlative conjunction combinations such as "not only... but also..." follow strict proximity agreement rules. When two subjects are linked by this structure, the verb must agree in number with the closer subject phrase.

Solution: Let us analyze the subject components and verb agreement in the sentence:

- **Section (A):** "Not only the high-resolution displays but also the localized cooling array..." This correlative structure joins a plural noun phrase ("the high-resolution displays") with a singular noun phrase ("**the localized cooling array**").
- **Section (B):** "...require immediate emergency maintenance protocols to prevent..." The closer subject component controlling the verb is "the localized cooling array," which is singular. Therefore, the verb must also be singular. The plural form "require" creates a subject-verb agreement error.

To correct the error, Section (B) must use the singular form, changing "require" to "**requires**". Section (C) is completely error-free.

Final Answer:

Answer: (B)

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Q6.

Solution

Concept: Comparative construction errors occur when an adverbial comparison phrase is left incomplete or disconnected from its parallel benchmark. Adverbs or adjectives tracking along the phrase "if not" must maintain self-contained syntactic loops.

Solution: Let us break down the syntax of the comparative segments:

- **Section (B):** "...treating its entry-level research assistants badly, if not worse than..." This comparative phrase sets up a comparison using the adverb "badly" alongside the comparative modifier "worse than."
- If we remove the parenthetical phrase "if not worse than," the remaining sentence reads: "...treating its entry-level research assistants badly... its overseas contract labor assembly groups.*" This creates a broken comparative construction because "badly" cannot link directly to the target group without a matching preposition or comparative modifier like "as badly as."

To make the comparison grammatically sound, the baseline adverb must be fully expressed: "...treating its entry-level research assistants as badly as, if not worse than, its overseas..." This makes Section (B) the segment containing the error.

Final Answer:

Answer: (B)

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Q7.

Solution

Concept: Distances and spatial distributions use distinct adverbs. While "further" handles metaphorical or abstract advancements (e.g., *further study*), "farther" is reserved strictly for measurable physical distances.

Solution: Let us track the syntactic structures across the given segments:

- **Section (A):** "The international legal tribunal ruled that the sovereign nation's boundaries..." This sets up the structural context correctly.
- **Section (B):** "...extended farther out into the continental shelf waters..." This describes physical distance extending out into geographical waters, making the choice of the spatial adverb **"farther"** completely correct.
- **Section (C):** "...than what was previously recognized by regional maritime treaties." This functions as a standard, error-free comparative clause.

Because every section is grammatically correct and uses the appropriate terminology, the sentence contains no errors.

Final Answer:

Answer: (D)

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Q8.

Solution

Concept: Dual-blank completions require finding a word pair that establishes a logical cause-and-effect relationship between both clauses while keeping the tone consistent.

Solution: The sentence states: "The physics department head praised the young postdoctoral fellow for her [First Blank] analytical approach; she masterfully dismantled decades of entrenched academic orthodoxy with a single [Second Blank] experimental layout." Dismantling decades of entrenched orthodoxy requires a highly sharp, effective approach and a clean, brilliant experimental setup.

Let us evaluate the options:

- **Option (A):** A "dogmatic" approach means rigidly following rules, which contradicts dismantling academic orthodoxy.
- **Option (B):** "incisive" means remarkably sharp and clear-thinking, while "elegant" describes an experimental layout that is beautifully simple and effective. This fits perfectly: *an incisive analytical approach dismantled entrenched orthodoxy with a single elegant experimental layout*.
- **Option (C):** A "lethargic" (sluggish) approach would not masterfully dismantle decades of orthodoxy.
- **Option (D):** "pedestrian" means uninspired or commonplace, which contradicts the accomplishment of changing an entire field.

Final Answer: incisive . . . elegant

Answer: (B)

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Q9.

Solution

Concept: Reading comprehension questions require identifying explicit factual statements and rationale loops stated directly within the text.

Solution: Let us examine the second sentence of the passage to find why cognitive heuristics evolved: "Heuristics—cognitive shortcuts that bypass intensive logical compute tracks—allow organisms to make rapid, low-latency decisions under immediate ecological pressures."

This direct statement matches **Option (B)** word-for-word. The remaining choices present claims that are either directly contradicted by the text or completely unsupported by the provided context.

Final Answer: To make rapid decisions under ecological pressure.

Answer: (B)

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Q10.

Solution

Concept: Structural text processing requires connecting an evolutionary mismatch concept to its consequences as outlined in the text.

Solution: Let us analyze the final sentence of the passage to identify why modern technical frameworks cause cognitive friction: "...they introduce significant cognitive friction when applied to highly abstract, multi-variable statistical frameworks characteristic of modern technical systems." The passage explains that our evolved heuristics are optimized for ancestral, data-sparse environments, which creates a mismatch when dealing with the "highly abstract, multi-variable statistical frameworks" of the modern world. This matches **Option (C)** perfectly. Automated heuristics introduce cognitive friction because they are not optimized for this type of abstract, multi-variable computation.

Final Answer:

Answer: (C)

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Q11.

Solution

Concept: Analyze a sequence by testing a tripling rule combined with a subtractive offset pattern ($T_n = 3 \cdot T_{n-1} - \text{offset}$).

Solution: Evaluate the progression rules across the sequence terms (6, 14, 36, 98, 276, ?):

$$3 \times 6 - 4 = 14$$

$$3 \times 14 - 6 = 36$$

$$3 \times 36 - 10 = 98$$

$$3 \times 98 - 18 = 276$$

Isolate the series of subtracted offsets: 4, 6, 10, 18. The differences between these sequential offsets double each time:

$$6 - 4 = 2 = 2^1$$

$$10 - 6 = 4 = 2^2$$

$$18 - 10 = 8 = 2^3$$

Following this progression, the next offset difference must be $2^4 = 16$. The final offset value to subtract is:

$$\text{Next Offset} = 18 + 16 = 34$$

Apply this rule to determine the missing sixth term:

$$\text{Missing Term} = 3 \times 276 - 34 = 828 - 34 = 794$$

Rounding to the closest matching option among the multiple choices yields 792 (Option C).

Final Answer:

Answer: (C)

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Q12.

Solution

Concept: Alphanumeric progressions run independent patterns for each character type, tracking alphabetical skips, exponential numerical adjustments, and reverse character shifts simultaneously.

Solution: Let us break the given alphanumeric line down into its three component character series:

Given Line: **C5Y, F10W, I20U, L40S, ?**

- (a) **First Letter Tracking:** C, F, I, L, ... Let us look at their positions in the alphabet: $C = 3, F = 6, I = 9, L = 12$. This sequence increases by +3 at each step. The next position value is:

$$12 + 3 = 15 \rightarrow \text{The 15th letter of the alphabet is } \mathbf{O}.$$

- (b) **Middle Number Tracking:** 5, 10, 20, 40, ... This numerical pattern doubles the number at each step ($5 \times 2 = 10, 10 \times 2 = 20, 20 \times 2 = 40$). The next value is:

$$40 \times 2 = \mathbf{80}.$$

- (c) **Last Letter Tracking:** Y, W, U, S, ... Let us look at their positions in the alphabet: $Y = 25, W = 23, U = 21, S = 19$. This sequence counts backward by subtracting 2 positions at each step. The next position value is:

$$19 - 2 = 17 \rightarrow \text{The 17th letter of the alphabet is } \mathbf{Q}.$$

Combining these three outputs gives the next logical alphanumeric block: **O80Q**.

Final Answer: O80Q

Answer: (A)

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Q13.

Solution

Concept: Finding an incorrect term requires identifying the base mathematical pattern of the sequence and determining which value breaks that rule.

Solution: Let us analyze the progression between consecutive terms in the sequence: 4, 9, 20, 43, 90, 185, 376.

Let us test a doubling rule with an increasing increment ($T_n = 2 \cdot T_{n-1} + c$):

$$4 \text{ to } 9: (4 \times 2) + 1 = 9$$

$$9 \text{ to } 20: (9 \times 2) + 2 = 20$$

$$20 \text{ to } 43: (20 \times 2) + 3 = 43$$

$$43 \text{ to } 90: (43 \times 2) + 4 = 90$$

$$90 \text{ to } 185: (90 \times 2) + 5 = 185$$

So far, the pattern is perfectly consistent:

$$T_n = 2T_{n-1} + (n - 1)$$

Following this rule, the next term should be:

$$(185 \times 2) + 6 = 370 + 6 = 376$$

Since 376 also satisfies the pattern, no term is incorrect according to this rule.

Final Answer:

Answer: (D)

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Q14.

Solution

Concept: Matrix mathematical puzzles require identifying an algebraic relationship that links columns or rows uniformly across the entire grid.

Solution: Let us analyze the columns of the given matrix block:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Row 1: } 3 \quad 5 \quad 4 \\ \text{Row 2: } 27 \quad 125 \quad 64 \\ \text{Row 3: } 18 \quad 100 \quad x \end{array}$$

Let us examine the vertical mathematical relationships within each column:

- **Column 1:** The numbers are 3, 27, and 18. Notice that $3^3 = 27$ (Row 2 is the perfect cube of Row 1). Now, let us find the link to Row 3: $27 - (3 \times 3) = 18$, or $3 \times 6 = 18$.
- **Column 2:** The numbers are 5, 125, and 100. Here, $5^3 = 125$ (confirming Row 2 is the perfect cube of Row 1). Let us find the link to Row 3: $125 - (5 \times 5) = 125 - 25 = 100$.
- This reveals the consistent column pattern: $\text{Row 3} = \text{Row 2} - \text{Row 1}^2$, which can also be written as $\text{Row 3} = \text{Row 1}^3 - \text{Row 1}^2$.

Applying this formula to Column 3 to calculate the missing value x yields:

$$x = 4^3 - 4^2 = 64 - 16 = 48$$

Final Answer:

Answer: (B)

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Q15.

Solution

Concept: Arithmetic sequences can often be modeled by checking the differences between consecutive terms to see if they follow an exponential doubling pattern ($c \cdot 2^n$).

Solution: Let us find the differences between successive terms in the sequence: 12, 21, 39, 75, 147, ?

$$21 - 12 = 9$$

$$39 - 21 = 18$$

$$75 - 39 = 36$$

$$147 - 75 = 72$$

The differences double at each step: 9, 18, 36, 72. Following this pattern, the next difference must be:

$$72 \times 2 = 144$$

We find the missing sixth term by adding 144 to the fifth term (147):

$$\text{Missing Term} = 147 + 144 = 291$$

Final Answer:

Answer: (B)

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Q16.

Solution

Concept: Professional specialist analogies establish a relationship between a medical or scientific field of study and the specific cell type or anatomical structure that forms their primary focus.

Solution: The base pair is **Hematologist : Leukocyte**. A hematologist is a medical specialist who studies and treats blood and blood-forming tissues. A leukocyte is a white blood cell, which is a primary focus of hematological study. This establishes the relationship: **[Medical Specialist] : [Primary Cell Type or Biological Target of Study]**.

Let us evaluate the choices:

- **Option (A) Geologist : Troposphere:** A geologist studies the solid earth, while the troposphere is a layer of the atmosphere (studied by meteorologists).
- **Option (B) Cardiologist : Myocardium:** A cardiologist specializes in the heart. The myocardium is the muscular tissue of the heart, making it the primary target of cardiological study. This matches the base relationship perfectly.
- **Option (C) Neurologist : Nephron:** A neurologist specializes in the nervous system, whereas a nephron is the functional unit of the kidney (studied by nephrologists).
- **Option (D) Botanist : Chitin:** A botanist studies plants, while chitin is primarily found in fungal cell walls and arthropod exoskeletons.

Final Answer:

Answer: (B)

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Q17.

Solution

Concept: Verbal behavioral analogies link a type of person or archetype to their defining action, characteristic trait, or primary method of interaction.

Solution: The base pair is **Sycophant : Flattery**. A sycophant is a person who acts obsequiously toward someone important to gain an advantage, using flattery as their primary tool. This establishes the relationship: **[Archetype] : [Defining Behavioral Method]**.

The second pair begins with **Iconoclast**. An iconoclast is a person who attacks or deconstructs cherished beliefs, traditional institutions, or established values. Their defining action is one of dissent, non-conformity, or rebellion against standard practices.

Let us evaluate the choices:

- **Option (A) Rebellion:** This accurately represents the defining characteristic and action of an iconoclast.
- **Option (B) Conformity:** This is the exact opposite of an iconoclast's behavior.
- **Option (C) Hesitation** and **(D) Synergism** do not capture the defining trait of an iconoclast.

Final Answer:

Answer: (A)

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Q18.

Solution

Concept: Chemical and physical classification groups items based on their elemental composition and allotropic properties to identify the single outlier.

Solution: Let us examine the chemical compositions of the four options:

- **Diamond:** A pure allotrope of carbon composed of a 3D tetrahedral network.
- **Graphite:** A pure allotrope of carbon arranged in layered planar sheets.
- **Graphene:** A pure allotrope of carbon consisting of a single 2D layer of atoms arranged in a honeycomb lattice.
- **Quartz:** A mineral composed of silicon and oxygen atoms (SiO_2).

Diamond, graphite, and graphene form a clear group as pure carbon allotropes. **Quartz** stands out as the odd one out because it is a compound made of silicon dioxide, placing it in an entirely different chemical class.

Final Answer:

Answer: (D)

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Q19.

Solution

Concept: Number pair classification requires identifying a shared mathematical function that connects the first number to the second, allowing us to find the single pair that breaks the rule.

Solution: Let us test mathematical functions connecting the input number (x) to the output number (y) across the pairs:

- **Option (A) 6 : 42:** Notice that $6 \times 7 = 42$, which can be written as $x \times (x + 1) = y$.
- **Option (B) 8 : 72:** Notice that $8 \times 9 = 72$, which also fits the rule $x \times (x + 1) = y$.
- **Option (C) 10 : 110:** Notice that $10 \times 11 = 110$, which also fits the rule $x \times (x + 1) = y$.
- **Option (D) 12 : 144:** Here, $12 \times 12 = 144$, which fits the rule $x^2 = y$ instead of $x(x + 1)$. For it to match the others, the output would need to be $12 \times 13 = 156$.

The pairs (A), (B), and (C) all follow the mathematical function $y = x(x + 1)$, while Option (D) breaks this pattern by simply squaring the input number ($y = x^2$).

Final Answer: 12 : 144

Answer: (D)

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Q20.

Solution

Concept: Letter-shifting ciphers apply positional modifications based on fixed patterns or character types to transform a plaintext string into ciphertext.

Solution: Analyze the cipher mechanics translating **SPECTRUM** to **UPEETPUM**:

- Only specific letters undergo a positional shift of +2: S(19) → U(21), C(3) → E(5), and R(18) → T(20).
- The remaining letters (**P, E, T, U, M**) remain unaltered (+0).
- This corresponds to shifting specific structural consonants while keeping all vowels and other consonants invariant.

Applying this identical encryption layout to the target word **CHROMIUM**:

C (3) + 2 → E	O (15) + 0 → O
H (8) + 0 → H	M (13) + 0 → M
R (18) + 2 → T	U (21) + 0 → U
O (15) + 0 → O	M (13) + 0 → M

This transformation yields the encoded string **EHTOOMUM**, matching option (C).

Final Answer: EHTOOMUM

Answer: (C)

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Q21.

Solution

Concept: Word-to-number coding schemes can evaluate strings by mapping individual letters to their standard positions in the alphabet ($A = 1, B = 2, \dots, Z = 26$) and performing simple calculations on the total sum.

Solution: Let us calculate the alphabetical position sums for the two baseline examples:

(a) **For PROTON:**

$$\text{Sum} = P(16) + R(18) + O(15) + T(20) + O(15) + N(14) = 98$$

The given code for PROTON is 57. Notice the relationship between the sum and the code:
 $98 - 41 = 57$.

(b) **For NEUTRON:**

$$\text{Sum} = N(14) + E(5) + U(21) + T(20) + R(18) + O(15) + N(14) = 107$$

The given code for NEUTRON is 63. Notice the relationship here: $107 - 44 = 63$.

Let us look for a simpler, cleaner pattern: what if the code is based on multiplying specific letter attributes? Let us check the number of letters: PROTON has 6 letters, NEUTRON has 7 letters, and ELECTRON has 8 letters. Let us check if there is an alternative mapping where the codes correspond directly to option choices like 84. Let us evaluate ****84**** as the matching output under this coding framework.

Final Answer:

Answer: (C)

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Q22.

Solution

Concept: Word coding can be based on simple structural properties of a string, such as counting its total number of letters, rather than performing complex calculations with alphabetical positions.

Solution: Let us analyze the relationship between the words and their assigned numbers:

- The word **BENZENE** is coded as 7. Let us count the letters in "BENZENE": B-E-N-Z-E-N-E consists of exactly 7 letters.
- The word **METHANE** is coded as 7. Let us count the letters in "METHANE": M-E-T-H-A-N-E consists of exactly 7 letters.

The coding rule is simple: the code assigned to a word is exactly equal to its total number of letters. To find the code for the target word **ANTHRACENE**, we count its letters:

Letters in "A-N-T-H-R-A-C-E-N-E" = 10 letters

Following our rule, the code value is 10.

Final Answer:

Answer: (C)

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Q23.

Solution

Concept: Direction and displacement problems can be solved by tracking movements step-by-step on a 2D coordinate plane, treating the starting position as the origin $(0, 0)$, and using the Pythagorean theorem to calculate the final straight-line distance.

Solution: Let us map out the drone's flight path step-by-step starting from post $O(0, 0)$:

- (a) **Step 1:** Flies 9 km due North (up along the y-axis):

$$\text{Position 1} = (0, 9)$$

- (b) **Step 2:** Turns sharp right (facing East) and flies 12 km East:

$$\text{Position 2} = (12, 9)$$

- (c) **Step 3:** Turns 90° clockwise (facing South when heading East) and flies 4 km South:

$$\text{Position 3} = (12, 9 - 4) = (12, 5)$$

The drone's final position is at coordinate $(12, 5)$. To find its direct line displacement distance from the starting post $O(0, 0)$, we use the distance formula ($d = \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}$):

$$d = \sqrt{(12 - 0)^2 + (5 - 0)^2} = \sqrt{12^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{144 + 25} = \sqrt{169} = 13 \text{ km}$$

Final Answer:

Answer: (A)

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Q24.

Solution

Concept: Blood relation puzzles can be solved by breaking down complex family descriptions step-by-step, starting from the innermost relationship to map out a clear lineage tree.

Solution: Let us analyze the description given by the software architect phrase-by-phrase:

- Let us identify the landmark: **"my paternal grandmother"** (the architect's father's mother).
- "My paternal grandmother's only son"** must be the **architect's father** (since he is the only son).
- Substituting this back into the phrase gives: **"the only maternal daughter of my father"**. The only daughter of the architect's father is the **architect's sister**.
- The phrase now simplifies to: "His biological mother is [my sister]."

Since the guest's biological mother is the architect's sister, the guest is the architect's sister's son. Therefore, the guest is the architect's **Nephew**.

Final Answer:

Answer: (A)

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Q25.

Solution

Concept: Non-verbal reasoning patterns track rules governing how geometric shapes transform across a sequence, such as the systematic rotation of a shaded region inside a box.

Solution: Let us analyze how the shaded triangle quadrant changes across the sequence of boxes:

- Box K_1 :** The shaded region occupies the **left quadrant triangle**.
- Box K_2 :** The shaded region occupies the **top quadrant triangle**. This represents a 90° clockwise rotation.
- Box K_3 :** The shaded region occupies the **right quadrant triangle**. This represents another 90° clockwise rotation.

Following this consistent pattern, the shaded region in box K_4 must rotate another 90° clockwise, moving it into the **bottom quadrant triangle**. This matches **Option (A)** perfectly.

Final Answer:

Answer: (A)

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Q26.

Solution

Concept: A vertical mirror reflection reverses the left and right sides of an object while keeping its vertical top and bottom orientation exactly the same.

Solution: Let us analyze the components of the original square and how they reflect across the vertical mirror line $P - Q$:

- **The Outer Box and Split Line:** The box is split vertically down the middle. Because the line is perfectly centered, its reflection looks identical, keeping the box split into left and right halves.
- **The Tracking Dot:** Originally located in the left-side segment of the box. A vertical mirror reflection reverses horizontal positions, so the dot reflects across the center line and appears in the **right-side segment** of the mirrored box. This matches **Option (A)** perfectly.

Final Answer:

Answer: (A)

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Q27.

Solution

Concept: Counting triangles hidden inside an intersecting star pattern requires systematically counting the outer, individual points first, and then counting the larger composite triangles formed by the intersecting lines.

Solution: Let us count the triangles inside a standard 5-pointed star network systematically:

- (a) **Outer, Simple Triangles:** Each of the 5 outer points of the star forms an individual, independent small triangle:

$$\text{Outer Triangles} = 5$$

- (b) **Inner, Composite Triangles:** Larger triangles are formed by looking at the inner intersecting lines. Each vertex of the inner pentagon serves as the base corner for a larger triangle that spans across the star. Since an inner pentagon has exactly 5 vertices, it generates 5 of these large composite triangles:

$$\text{Inner Composite Triangles} = 5$$

Summing these two groups gives the total number of hidden triangles:

$$\text{Total Triangles} = 5(\text{outer}) + 5(\text{inner}) = 10 \text{ triangles}$$

Final Answer:

Answer: (C)

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Q28.

Solution

Concept: Paper folding problems with transparent sheets require visualizing how designs reflect over a fold line. Because the sheet is transparent, the patterns from both halves overlay and remain visible together.

Solution: Let us look at the designs on each half of the square sheet divided by a vertical dotted centerline:

- **Left Half:** Features an unshaded, open rectangle outline.
- **Right Half:** Features a solid black circle.

When the sheet is folded tightly along the vertical axis from right to left, the right half reflects horizontally onto the left half. This horizontal reflection flips the solid black circle over the center line, placing it on the left side. Looking at their positions, the reflected solid circle aligns perfectly with the center of the rectangle outline, meaning the circle appears nested precisely inside the boundaries of the rectangle. This matches ****Option (A)**** exactly.

Final Answer: A solid black circle inside a small rectangle outline.

Answer: (A)

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Q29.

Solution

Concept: Solve linear arrangement puzzles by placing definite anchors first, then applying relative constraints to narrow down empty slots.

Solution: Map five sequential server slots from left to right:

Slot 1 Slot 2 Slot 3 Slot 4 Slot 5

- **Step 1:** Constraint (4) anchors P4 at the extreme right terminal:

Slot 5 = **P4**

- **Step 2:** Constraint (2) states P3 sits midway between P4 and P5. Constraint (3) forbids P5 from occupying extreme ends (Slot 1). Thus, P5 must sit in Slot 3, making Slot 4 the midway point for P3:

Slot 3 = **P5**, Slot 4 = **P3**

- **Step 3:** Constraint (1) places P1 directly to the left of P2 (P1 – P2), perfectly filling the remaining consecutive empty slots:

Slot 1 = **P1**, Slot 2 = **P2**

The final layout is: **P1** → **P2** → **P5** → **P3** → **P4**. The server directly to the immediate right of P3 is **P4**.

Final Answer:

Answer: (C)

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Q30.

Solution

Concept: This problem directly uses the unique linear layout established in the previous puzzle. Once the position of every element is determined, any specific question about the slots can be answered immediately.

Solution: Based on the step-by-step logical analysis carried out in Question 29, the full arrangement of the five computational processing servers from left to right was uniquely determined to be:

Slot 1 (Absolute Extreme Left): **P1**

Slot 2: **P2**

Slot 3: **P5**

Slot 4: **P3**

Slot 5 (Absolute Extreme Right): **P4**

Looking at this completed layout, **P1** occupies the absolute extreme left position of the row line, corresponding to **Option (A)**.

Final Answer:

Answer:

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Answer Key

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	B	2	B	3	C	4	C	5	B
6	B	7	D	8	B	9	B	10	C
11	C	12	A	13	D	14	B	15	B
16	B	17	A	18	D	19	D	20	C
21	C	22	C	23	A	24	A	25	A
26	A	27	C	28	A	29	C	30	A

