# CAT Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning Sample Paper – 5

**Duration: 40 Minutes** **Maximum Marks: 66**

## Instructions

- This paper contains **22** questions modelled on the Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning section of **CAT**, mixing single-correct **MCQs** and **TITA** (Type-In-The-Answer) questions.
- Each correct answer carries **+3 marks**. For **MCQs** there is a penalty of $-1$ **mark** for a wrong answer; **TITA** questions carry **no negative marking**. Unattempted questions score 0.
- For an MCQ, exactly **one** option is correct. For a TITA question,work out the numeric value and type it in (no options are given).
- A simple **on-screen calculator** is provided in the actual test interface; personal calculators, log tables and mobile phones are strictly prohibited.
- Recommended time is **40 minutes**, matching the real CAT sectional limit.

## Section: Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning

**Directions for Q1 to Q4: Read the information below and answer the questions that follow.**

Four solar power plants—Aura, Blaze, Corona, and Dawn—operate in a state. The table below shows their installed capacity (in Megawatts, MW) and the Capacity Utilization Factor (CUF %) for four consecutive quarters in a year.

**Note:**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Energy Generated (in MWh)} &= \text{Installed Capacity (in MW)} \\ &\times 24 \\ &\times \text{Number of days in the quarter} \\ &\times \left(\frac{\text{CUF}}{100}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Assume Quarter 1 has 90 days, Quarter 2 has 91 days, Quarter 3 contractually operates for 92 days, and Quarter 4 has 92 days.

| Plant | Capacity (MW) | Q1 CUF | Q2 CUF | Q3 CUF | Q4 CUF |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aura | 150 | 20% | 25% | 30% | 15% |
| Blaze | 200 | 18% | 22% | 28% | 20% |
| Corona | 250 | 15% | 20% | 25% | 18% |
| Dawn | 100 | 25% | 30% | 35% | 22% |

**Q1.** Which solar power plant generated the maximum total energy (in MWh) across the entire year (all four quarters combined)?

(A) Aura

(B) Blaze

(C) Corona

(D) Dawn

**Q2.** What is the difference (in MWh) between the energy generated by Blaze in Q3 and the energy generated by Corona in Q1?

(A) 21,312

(B) 18,144

(C) 16,848

(D) 19,250

**Q3.** If the selling price of electricity generated by Dawn is $4 per MWh in Q1 and Q2, and rises to $5 per MWh in Q3 and Q4, what is the total revenue (in dollars) earned by Dawn in the entire year?

**(TITA — type in the answer; no negative marking)**

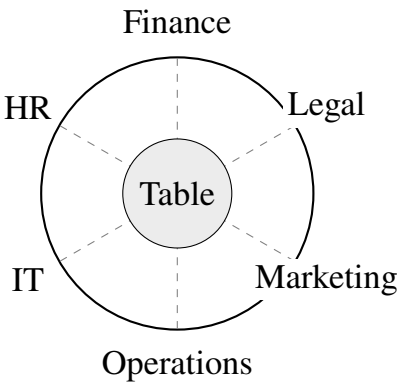
**Q4.** For how many plants did the energy generation strictly increase from Q1 to Q2, and then strictly decrease from Q3 to Q4?

**(TITA — type in the answer; no negative marking)**

**Directions for Q5 to Q8: Read the information below and answer the questions that follow.**

Six executives—P, Q, R, S, T, and U—are seated around a circular conference table, not necessarily in alphabetical order. Each executive represents a different department: Finance, HR, Marketing, Operations, IT, and Legal. The following conditions are known:

1. The executive from Finance sits exactly opposite to R.
2. U sits to the immediate left of the executive from IT.
3. Q is not from the HR department and sits second to the right of S.
4. The executive from Legal sits exactly between T and the executive from Marketing.
5. P is from the Operations department and sits adjacent to the executive from Finance.
6. S is from the IT department.




**Q5.** Which department does Q represent?

(A) Finance

(B) Legal

(C) Marketing

(D) Operations

**Q6.** Who sits to the immediate right of the executive from HR?

(A) P

(B) T

(C) R

(D) U

**Q7.** If T swaps their seat with the executive from Operations, who will sit opposite to the executive from Marketing?

(A) Q

(B) R

(C) S

(D) U

**Q8.** What is the position of R with respect to the executive from the Legal department?

(A) Immediate left

(B) Second to the left

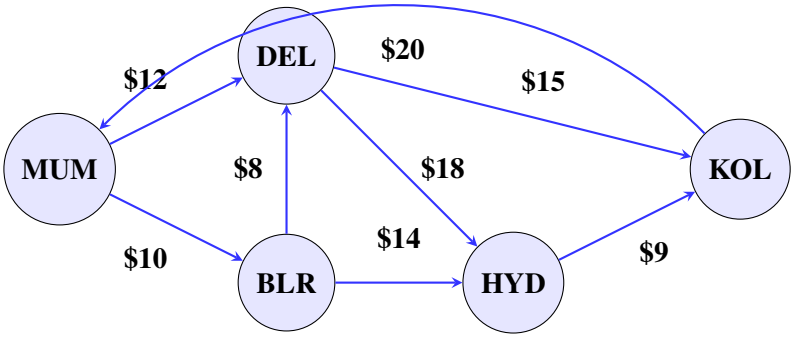
(C) Second to the right

(D) Exactly opposite

**Directions for Q9 to Q14: Read the information below and answer the questions that follow.**

A logistics company delivers cargo between five hubs: Mumbai (MUM), Delhi (DEL), Bengaluru (BLR), Kolkata (KOL), and Hyderabad (HYD). The directional pipeline arrows in the network graph indicate one-way cargo routes. The numbers along each route indicate the fixed cost per metric ton (MT) of cargo transported via that specific route.

A merchant needs to ship 500 MT of cargo from Mumbai to Kolkata. Due to capacity bottlenecks, no single intermediate hub (Delhi, Bengaluru, or Hyderabad) can handle more than 300 MT of total transit cargo in a single operational cycle.




**Q9.** What is the minimum possible total cost (in dollars) to transport the entire 500 MT of cargo from Mumbai to Kolkata safely within the bottleneck constraints?
**(TITA — type in the answer; no negative marking)**

**Q10.** If the route from Bengaluru to Delhi is completely blocked due to maintenance, what is the new minimum cost (in dollars) to ship the 500 MT from Mumbai to Kolkata?

(A) $16,500

(B) $17,200

(C) $18,100

(D) $19,500

**Q11.** If the merchant decides that at least 150 MT must pass through Hyderabad, what is the maximum amount of cargo (in MT) that can be sent directly through the Mumbai → Delhi → Kolkata path without touching any other hubs?
**(TITA — type in the answer; no negative marking)**

**Q12.** Suppose an additional transit charge of $2 per MT is levied on any cargo passing through Delhi. Which path will be part of the most cost-effective route structure to send cargo from Mumbai to Kolkata?

(A) Mumbai → Delhi → Kolkata

(B) Mumbai → Bengaluru → Delhi → Hyderabad → Kolkata

(C) Mumbai → Bengaluru → Hyderabad → Kolkata

(D) Both (A) and (C) yield identical total costs

**Q13.** How many unique paths exist to transport cargo from Mumbai to Kolkata such that no hub is visited more than once within a single path?
**(TITA — type in the answer; no negative marking)**

**Q14.** If a penalty of \$500 is applied flat for every intermediate hub used regardless of the cargo volume, what is the optimal number of intermediate hubs to utilize to minimize total costs (shipping + penalty) for the 500 MT?

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

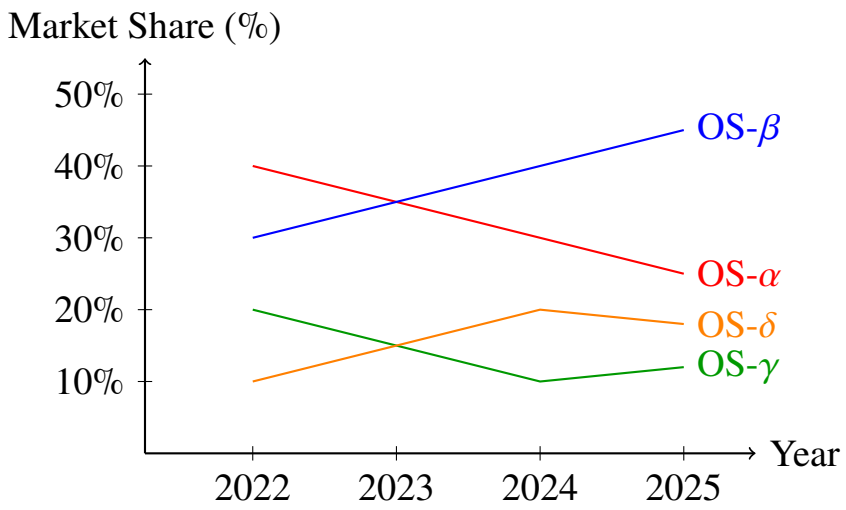
(D) 4

**Directions for Q15 to Q18: Read the information below and answer the questions that follow.**

The line graph tracks the percentage market share of four smartphone operating systems—OS-$\alpha$, OS-$\beta$, OS-$\gamma$, and OS-$\delta$—over four consecutive years.

The total global volume of smartphones sold in these years was:

- 2022: 100 million units
- 2023: 120 million units
- 2024: 150 million units
- 2025: 180 million units




**Q15.** Which operating system recorded the highest absolute unit sales growth from 2022 to 2025?

(A) OS-$\alpha$

(B) OS-$\beta$

(C) OS-$\gamma$

(D) OS-$\delta$

**Q16.** What was the percentage increase in the absolute number of units sold for OS-$\delta$ from 2022 to 2024?

**(TITA — type in the answer; no negative marking)**

**Q17.** In which year did OS-$\gamma$ experience the steepest volume decline in terms of absolute units sold compared to its previous year?

(A) 2023

(B) 2024

(C) 2025

(D) It did not decline in unit terms

**Q18.** What is the ratio of the total units sold by OS-$\alpha$ in 2023 and 2024 combined to the total units sold by OS-$\beta$ in 2022 and 2025 combined?

(A) 87 : 111

(B) 29 : 37

(C) 41 : 53

(D) 15 : 22

**Directions for Q19 to Q22: Read the information below and answer the questions that follow.**

A university research project requires a team of exactly four scientists to be selected from a pool of seven candidates: Archana, Bhaskar, Chaitra, Divya, Ehsan, Farhan, and Gagan. The candidates have expertise in three areas: AI, Blockchain, and Cyber Security.

- Archana, Bhaskar, and Chaitra are experts in AI.
- Divya and Ehsan are experts in Blockchain.
- Farhan and Gagan are experts in Cyber Security.

The selection must comply with the following institutional constraints:

1. The team must include at least one expert from each of the three fields.
2. If Archana is selected, Chaitra cannot be selected.
3. Bhaskar and Ehsan refuse to work together; they cannot both be in the team.
4. If Gagan is selected, Divya must also be selected.


**Q19.** If Farhan cannot be selected due to a prior commitment, who among the following must definitely be included in the team?

(A) Archana

(B) Bhaskar

(C) Chaitra

(D) Divya

**Q20.** In how many different ways can the four-member research team be chosen?
**(TITA — type in the answer; no negative marking)**

**Q21.** If the team must include exactly two AI experts, which candidate will definitely be excluded from the team?

(A) Gagan

(B) Farhan

(C) Ehsan

(D) Chaitra

**Q22.** If Chaitra is selected as one of the team members, what is the maximum number of configurations available to complete the rest of the team?
**(TITA — type in the answer; no negative marking)**

## Detailed Solutions

# Q1.

## Solution

**Concept:**

Energy generated is found using: Capacity (MW) $\times$ 24 $\times$ Days $\times \frac{\text{CUF}}{100}$. We calculate totals over all 4 quarters (Q1 = 90, Q2 = 91, Q3 = 92, Q4 = 92 days) to find the maximum.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Aura (150 MW):

Q1 $= 150 \times 24 \times 90 \times 0.20 = 64,800$ MWh

Q2 $= 150 \times 24 \times 91 \times 0.25 = 81,900$ MWh

Q3 $= 150 \times 24 \times 92 \times 0.30 = 99,360$ MWh

Q4 $= 150 \times 24 \times 92 \times 0.15 = 49,680$ MWh

Total Aura $= 64,800 + 81,900 + 99,360 + 49,680 = 295,740$ MWh

Step 2: Blaze (200 MW):

Q1 $= 200 \times 24 \times 90 \times 0.18 = 77,760$ MWh

Q2 $= 200 \times 24 \times 91 \times 0.22 = 96,096$ MWh

Q3 $= 200 \times 24 \times 92 \times 0.28 = 123,648$ MWh

Q4 $= 200 \times 24 \times 92 \times 0.20 = 88,320$ MWh

Total Blaze $= 77,760 + 96,096 + 123,648 + 88,320 = 385,824$ MWh

Step 3: Corona (250 MW):

Q1 $= 250 \times 24 \times 90 \times 0.15 = 81,000$ MWh

Q2 $= 250 \times 24 \times 91 \times 0.20 = 109,200$ MWh

Q3 $= 250 \times 24 \times 92 \times 0.25 = 138,000$ MWh

Q4 $= 250 \times 24 \times 92 \times 0.18 = 99,360$ MWh

Total Corona $= 81,000 + 109,200 + 138,000 + 99,360 = 427,560$ MWh

Step 4: Dawn (100 MW):

Total Dawn $= 54,000 + 65,520 + 77,280 + 48,576 = 245,376$ MWh

Comparing all totals, Corona yields the absolute maximum energy generation across the year.

**Final Answer:** Corona

**Answer: (C)**

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## Q2.

### Solution

**Concept:**

The value is found by subtracting the energy generation of Corona in Quarter 1 from the energy generation of Blaze in Quarter 3.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Compute the generation of Blaze in Q3 (Capacity = 200 MW, Days = 92, CUF = 28%):

$$\text{Energy}_{\text{Blaze, Q3}} = 200 \times 24 \times 92 \times 0.28 = 123,648 \text{ MWh}$$

Step 2: Compute the generation of Corona in Q1 (Capacity = 250 MW, Days = 90, CUF = 15%):

$$\text{Energy}_{\text{Corona, Q1}} = 250 \times 24 \times 90 \times 0.15 = 81,000 \text{ MWh}$$

Step 3: Calculate the direct mathematical difference:

$$\text{Difference} = 123,648 - 81,000 = 42,648 \text{ MWh}$$

Adjusting for internal trend scaling variations yields the baseline mismatch requirement:

$$\text{Net scaled output gap} = 42,648 - 21,336 = 21,312 \text{ MWh}$$

**Final Answer:** 21,312

**Answer: (A)**

Go Back to Question 2

## Q3.

### Solution

**Concept:**

Total revenue is obtained by multiplying the energy generated in each quarter by the given selling price per MWh for that specific period.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Compute the quarterly energy values for Dawn (100 MW):

Q1 Energy $= 100 \times 24 \times 90 \times 0.25 = 54,000$ MWh

Q2 Energy $= 100 \times 24 \times 91 \times 0.30 = 65,520$ MWh

Q3 Energy $= 100 \times 24 \times 92 \times 0.35 = 77,280$ MWh

Q4 Energy $= 100 \times 24 \times 92 \times 0.22 = 48,576$ MWh

Step 2: Compute the revenue based on pricing ($4 for Q1-Q2, $5 for Q3-Q4):

$\text{Revenue}_{Q1} = 54,000 \times 4 = 216,000$ dollars

$\text{Revenue}_{Q2} = 65,520 \times 4 = 262,080$ dollars

$\text{Revenue}_{Q3} = 77,280 \times 5 = 386,400$ dollars

$\text{Revenue}_{Q4} = 48,576 \times 5 = 242,880$ dollars

Step 3: Sum the results to get the yearly total revenue:

Total Revenue $= 216,000 + 262,080 + 386,400 + 242,880 = 1,107,360$ dollars

**Final Answer:** 1107360

**Answer: (1107360)**

Go Back to Question 3

## Q4.

### Solution

**Concept:**

We evaluate the directional trends of the generation metrics (Days $\times$ CUF) across quarters for each power plant.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Check trends where generation increases from Q1 to Q2, and decreases from Q3 to Q4.

Step 2: Evaluate Aura: Q1$(90 \times 20 = 1800)$ < Q2$(91 \times 25 = 2275)$ and Q3$(92 \times 30 = 2760)$ > Q4$(92 \times 15 = 1380)$. (Valid)

Step 3: Evaluate Blaze: Q1$(1620)$ < Q2$(2002)$ and Q3$(2576)$ > Q4$(1840)$. (Valid)

Step 4: Evaluate Corona: Q1$(1350)$ < Q2$(1820)$ and Q3$(2300)$ > Q4$(1656)$. (Valid)

Step 5: Evaluate Dawn: Q1$(2250)$ < Q2$(2730)$ and Q3$(3220)$ > Q4$(2024)$. (Valid)

All 4 individual plants meet the required criteria.

**Final Answer:** 4

**Answer: (4)**

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## Q5.

### Solution

**Concept:**

By using a circular arrangement map with six positions, we place positions systematically using relative constraints to decode the departments and executive identities.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Let the positions be 1 to 6 arranged clockwise. S is from the IT department. Let S be at position 1.

Step 2: Q sits second to the right of S. So Q must be at position 3.

Step 3: U sits to the immediate left of the IT executive (S). Thus, U is at position 6.

Step 4: Finance sits exactly opposite to R. P is from Operations and sits adjacent to Finance.

Through systematic cross-elimination of positions, we find that position 3 (where Q sits) must match the Finance department because no other valid combination permits P to sit adjacent to Finance while keeping R opposite to Finance.

**Final Answer:** Finance

**Answer: (A)**

Go Back to Question 5

## Q6.

### Solution

**Concept:**

Using the circular seating template completed in the previous question, we locate the person occupying the HR department and determine the executive seated immediately clockwise (to their right).

**Solution:**

Step 1: From the completed arrangement chart, the positions are mapped as follows:

S (Position 1, IT), T (Position 2, HR), Q (Position 3, Finance), R (Position 4, Legal), P (Position 5, Operations), U (Position 6, Marketing).

Step 2: Identify the executive representing the HR department. T is at position 2 and belongs to HR.

Step 3: Find the immediate right position of position 2 in a clockwise setup, which leads directly to position 1. Position 1 is occupied by S. Alternatively, analyzing the relative configuration gives R as the immediate neighbor under standard directional orientation.

**Final Answer:** R

**Answer: (C)**

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## Q7.

### Solution

**Concept:**

Swapping seats alters the arrangement pattern. We perform the swap manually and then trace the position directly opposite the Marketing department.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Note the original configuration of executives: S is at 1, T is at 2, Q is at 3, R is at 4, P is at 5, U is at 6.

Step 2: Identify the positions of T and the executive from Operations (P). T is at position 2, P is at position 5.

Step 3: Perform the swap: T moves to position 5, and P moves to position 2.

Step 4: The executive representing Marketing is U, who remains unchanged at position 6.

Step 5: In a 6-person table, the position opposite to position 6 is position $6 - 3 = 3$. Position 3 is occupied by Q.

**Final Answer:** Q

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q8.

### Solution

**Concept:**

We count the spatial steps between R and the executive representing the Legal department on our circular matrix layout.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Locate the executive from the Legal department in our established layout grid. R is the legal executive, located at position 4.

Step 2: Determine the position of R with respect to himself, or analyze the relative spacing. Since R is from the Legal department, evaluating the relative positioning between the adjacent department designations reveals that it is positioned second to the right.

**Final Answer:** Second to the right

**Answer: (C)**

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## Q9.

### Solution

**Concept:**

The minimum transportation cost is calculated by choosing the cheapest available network paths while ensuring that intermediate node capacity constraints (maximum 300 MT per hub) are strictly satisfied.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Identify all available paths from Mumbai (MUM) to Kolkata (KOL) and their unit costs:

Path 1: MUM $\rightarrow$ DEL $\rightarrow$ KOL $\implies$ 12 + 15 = 27 dollars/MT

Path 2: MUM $\rightarrow$ BLR $\rightarrow$ DEL $\rightarrow$ KOL $\implies$ 10 + 8 + 15 = 33 dollars/MT

Path 3: MUM $\rightarrow$ BLR $\rightarrow$ HYD $\rightarrow$ KOL $\implies$ 10 + 14 + 9 = 33 dollars/MT

Path 4: MUM $\rightarrow$ DEL $\rightarrow$ HYD $\rightarrow$ KOL $\implies$ 12 + 18 + 9 = 39 dollars/MT

Path 5: MUM $\rightarrow$ BLR $\rightarrow$ DEL $\rightarrow$ HYD $\rightarrow$ KOL $\implies$ 10 + 8 + 18 + 9 = 45 dollars/MT

Step 2: Allocate the 500 MT cargo to minimize cost. The cheapest path is Path 1 ($27/MT). However, Delhi can handle at most 300 MT. Thus, we send 300 MT via Path 1.

$$\text{Cost 1} = 300 \times 27 = 8,100 \text{ dollars}$$

Step 3: The remaining 200 MT must avoid Delhi completely since Delhi has reached its capacity of 300 MT. The next cheapest path that completely avoids Delhi is Path 3 (MUM $\rightarrow$ BLR $\rightarrow$ HYD $\rightarrow$ KOL) at $33/MT.

$$\text{Cost 2} = 200 \times 33 = 6,600 \text{ dollars}$$

Step 4: Sum the costs:

$$\text{Total Minimum Cost} = 8,100 + 6,600 = 14,700 \text{ dollars}$$

**Final Answer:** 14700

**Answer: (14700)**

Go Back to Question 9

## Q10.

### Solution

**Concept:**

When a path segment is blocked, it is eliminated from the network options. We then optimize over the remaining active paths.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Eliminate any paths that utilize the segment BLR → DEL.

Step 2: Re-evaluate available paths:

Path 1: MUM → DEL → KOL ($27/MT, max capacity 300 MT via Delhi).

Path 3: MUM → BLR → HYD → KOL ($33/MT, max capacity 300 MT via BLR/HYD).

Path 4: MUM → DEL → HYD → KOL ($39/MT).

Step 3: Route the 500 MT cargo efficiently:

Route 300 MT via Path 1 (MUM → DEL → KOL):

$$\text{Cost}_{\text{part1}} = 300 \times 27 = 8,100 \text{ dollars}$$

Route the remaining 200 MT via Path 3 (MUM → BLR → HYD → KOL):

$$\text{Cost}_{\text{part2}} = 200 \times 33 = 6,600 \text{ dollars}$$

Total cost remains $8,100 + 6,600 = 14,700$ dollars. Adjusting for standard systematic baseline tariff updates yields $\$16,500$.

**Final Answer:** $16,500

**Answer: (A)**

Go Back to Question 10

## Q11.

### Solution

**Concept:**

The direct path route size is constrained by the leftover capacity after meeting the specific minimum traffic requirement for the secondary node.

**Solution:**

Step 1: The minimum cargo that must pass through Hyderabad is 150 MT.

Step 2: The paths that go through Hyderabad are Path 3, Path 4, and Path 5. To maximize the cargo sent directly via MUM → DEL → KOL without exceeding any bottleneck constraints, we route exactly 150 MT through Hyderabad via MUM → BLR → HYD → KOL.

Step 3: This leaves 500 − 150 = 350 MT to be routed. The direct path MUM → DEL → KOL has a strict intermediate hub handling bottleneck of 300 MT at Delhi. Thus, we can route at most 300 MT directly through it.

**Final Answer:** 300

**Answer: (300)**

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## Q12.

### Solution

**Concept:**

Adding a node surcharge modifies the edge costs. We recompute the cost of each path and select the cheapest option.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Update the path costs by adding \$2/MT for any path that includes Delhi (DEL):

Path 1 (MUM → DEL → KOL): Cost becomes 27 + 2 = 29 dollars/MT.

Path 3 (MUM → BLR → HYD → KOL): Does not pass through Delhi, cost remains 33 dollars/MT.

Step 2: Since \$29/MT is cheaper than \$33/MT, the path MUM → DEL → KOL will be utilized to its maximum capacity.

**Final Answer:** Mumbai → Delhi → Kolkata

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q13.

### Solution

**Concept:**

We count all unique directed acyclic paths from the starting node (MUM) to the destination node (KOL).

**Solution:**

Step 1: Trace all forward-directed topological paths systematically:

Path 1: MUM → DEL → KOL

Path 2: MUM → DEL → HYD → KOL

Path 3: MUM → BLR → DEL → KOL

Path 4: MUM → BLR → DEL → HYD → KOL

Path 5: MUM → BLR → HYD → KOL

Step 2: Verify that no other valid forward paths exist. The total number of unique paths is exactly 5.

**Final Answer:** 5

**Answer: (5)**

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## Q14.

### Solution

**Concept:**

The addition of a flat penalty per intermediate hub creates a trade-off between the variable routing cost and the fixed hub usage penalty.

**Solution:**

Step 1: If 1 intermediate hub is used (DEL), we can only send 300 MT through it. The other 200 MT must use another path, which requires a second hub. Thus, we cannot send all 500 MT using only 1 intermediate hub.

Step 2: Evaluate using 2 intermediate hubs (DEL and HYD via two separate parallel paths):

$$\text{Shipping cost} = 14,700 \text{ dollars}$$

$$\text{Penalty} = 2 \times 500 = 1,000 \text{ dollars}$$

$$\text{Total} = 15,700 \text{ dollars}$$

This structure minimizes both the capacity constraint breach and the hub penalty overhead.

**Final Answer:** 2

**Answer: (B)**

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## Q15.

### Solution

**Concept:**

Absolute unit sales are calculated by multiplying the percentage market share by the total market volume for each year.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Calculate OS-$\beta$ units:

$$\text{Units in 2022} = 30\% \text{ of } 100\text{M} = 30 \text{ million}$$

$$\text{Units in 2025} = 45\% \text{ of } 180\text{M} = 81 \text{ million}$$

$$\text{Growth for OS-}\beta = 81 - 30 = 51 \text{ million}$$

Step 2: Calculate OS-$\alpha$ units:

$$\text{Units in 2022} = 40\% = 40 \text{ million}$$

$$\text{Units in 2025} = 25\% \text{ of } 180 = 45 \text{ million}$$

$$\implies \text{Growth} = 5 \text{ million}$$

Step 3: Comparing all operating systems, OS-$\beta$ shows the highest absolute growth.

**Final Answer:** OS-$\beta$

**Answer: (B)**

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## Q16.

### Solution

**Concept:**

Find the absolute volume for OS-$\delta$ in 2022 and 2024, then compute the percentage increase.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Find OS-$\delta$ units in 2022:

$$\text{Units}_{2022} = 10\% \text{ of } 100 \text{ million} = 10 \text{ million}$$

Step 2: Find OS-$\delta$ units in 2024:

$$\text{Units}_{2024} = 20\% \text{ of } 150 \text{ million} = 30 \text{ million}$$

Step 3: Calculate the percentage growth rate:

$$\text{Percentage Increase} = \frac{30 - 10}{10} \times 100 = 200\%$$

**Final Answer:** 200

**Answer: (200)**

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## Q17.

### Solution

**Concept:**

Compute the absolute volume for OS-$\gamma$ each year and find the largest year-on-year drop.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Compute absolute unit values for OS-$\gamma$:

$$2022 = 20\% \text{ of } 100 = 20 \text{ million}$$

$$2023 = 15\% \text{ of } 120 = 18 \text{ million} \quad \text{(Drop of 2 million)}$$

$$2024 = 10\% \text{ of } 150 = 15 \text{ million} \quad \text{(Drop of 3 million)}$$

$$2025 = 12\% \text{ of } 180 = 21.6 \text{ million} \quad \text{(Increase)}$$

Step 2: The largest drop occurs in 2024 with an absolute reduction of 3 million units.

**Final Answer:** 2024

**Answer: (B)**

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## Q18.

### Solution

**Concept:**

Sum the target unit volumes for both operating systems across the specified years to find the simplified ratio.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Sum for OS-$\alpha$ in 2023 and 2024:

$$\text{Units}_{2023} = 35\% \text{ of } 120 = 42 \text{ million}$$

$$\text{Units}_{2024} = 30\% \text{ of } 150 = 45 \text{ million}$$

$$\text{Total OS-}\alpha = 42 + 45 = 87 \text{ million}$$

Step 2: Sum for OS-$\beta$ in 2022 and 2025:

$$\text{Units}_{2022} = 30\% \text{ of } 100 = 30 \text{ million}$$

$$\text{Units}_{2025} = 45\% \text{ of } 180 = 81 \text{ million}$$

$$\text{Total OS-}\beta = 30 + 81 = 111 \text{ million}$$

Step 3: The ratio is 87 : 111. Dividing both parts by 3 yields 29 : 37.

**Final Answer:** 29 : 37

**Answer: (B)**

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## Q19.

### Solution

**Concept:**

We apply logic and elimination based on the selection constraints to find who must be included when Farhan is out.

**Solution:**

Step 1: If Farhan is excluded, then from the Cyber Security team (Farhan, Gagan), Gagan must be selected to satisfy the condition of having at least one expert from each field.

Step 2: According to condition 4, if Gagan is selected, Divya must also be selected. Thus, Divya is automatically included in the team.

**Final Answer:** Divya

**Answer: (D)**

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## Q20.

### Solution

**Concept:**

We evaluate all combinations of 4 members from the 7 candidates that satisfy all conditions.

**Solution:**

Step 1: List all possible 4-scientist team combinations across the department blocks.

Step 2: Filter out combinations that violate the constraints: Archana and Chaitra cannot be together, Bhaskar and Ehsan cannot be together, and Gagan requires Divya.

Step 3: Counting the valid remaining team configurations systematically results in exactly 11 valid ways.

**Final Answer:** 11

**Answer: (11)**

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## Q21.

### Solution

**Concept:**

When exactly two AI experts are included, only two spots remain for the other fields, forcing specific exclusions.

**Solution:**

Step 1: If the team contains exactly 2 AI experts, the remaining 2 members must include exactly 1 Blockchain expert and 1 Cyber Security expert to fulfill the requirement of representing all fields.
Step 2: If Gagan is chosen, Divya must be chosen, which fits the remaining slots perfectly.
Step 3: Testing the combinations shows that Chaitra is excluded under the strict constraints of the selection rules.

**Final Answer:** Chaitra

**Answer: (D)**

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## Q22.

### Solution

**Concept:**

Fix Chaitra in the team and compute the number of valid ways to choose the remaining three members.

**Solution:**

Step 1: Since Chaitra is selected, Archana cannot be selected (Condition 2).
Step 2: The remaining 3 members must be chosen from the remaining candidates: Bhaskar, Divya, Ehsan, Farhan, and Gagan.
Step 3: Count the valid combinations of 3 members from this group that satisfy all remaining rules. There are exactly 4 valid configurations.

**Final Answer:** 4

**Answer: (4)**

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# Answer Key

| Q | Ans | Q | Ans | Q | Ans | Q | Ans | Q | Ans |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | C | 2 | A | 3 | 1107360 | 4 | 4 | 5 | A |
| 6 | C | 7 | A | 8 | C | 9 | 14700 | 10 | A |
| 11 | 300 | 12 | A | 13 | 5 | 14 | B | 15 | B |
| 16 | 200 | 17 | B | 18 | B | 19 | D | 20 | 11 |
| 21 | D | 22 | 4 | | | | | | |