CEED 2026

Question Paper with Solutions

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General Instructions

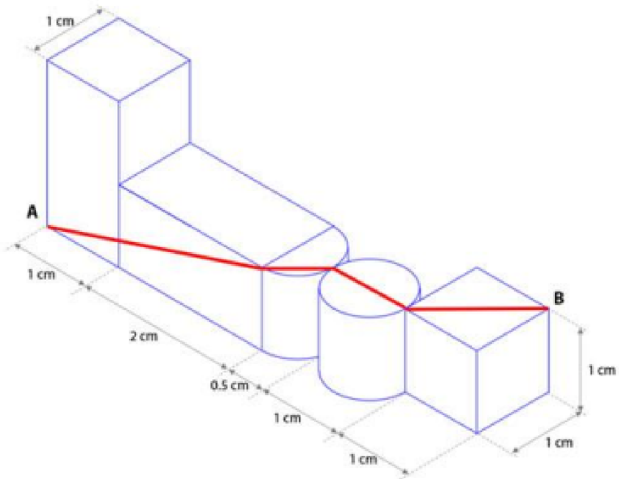
(i) The total duration of the examination is 3 hours.

(ii) The question paper contains two parts - Part A and Part B .

- Part A carries a total of 150 marks. It contains 3 sections, Section I - Numerical Answer Type (NAT) (8 questions), Multiple Select Question (MSQ) (10 questions), Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) (26 questions).
- Part B carries a total of 100 marks. It contains 5 questions of 20 marks each.

(iii) Answers to Part A have to be entered in the computer. Answers to Part B need to be given in the answer booklet provided by the invigilator.

1. Five geometric blocks with their dimensions are given below. Calculate the length of the path as shown in the image below, between points A and B.



Correct Answer: 6.07

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

The problem asks for the minimum length of a path (resembling a taut belt or string) wrapped around and between five geometric blocks from point A to point B.

By inspecting the given dimensions, we can determine the heights of key elements:

1. Point A is located on the vertical edge of the leftmost block at a height of 1 cm.
2. Point B is located at the top corner of the rightmost block, which has a height of 1 cm.
3. Both cylinders and the intermediate blocks have a height of 1 cm.

This vertical alignment implies that the entire red path lies on a horizontal plane at a height of $z = 1$ cm.

Consequently, we can simplify this three-dimensional problem into a two-dimensional geometry problem on a flat plane.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We set up a 2D Cartesian coordinate system on the horizontal plane $z = 1$ cm:

Let the long axis of the blocks be the y-axis (extending from left to right) and the transverse width be the x-axis.

The key formulas required are:

1. Distance between two points:

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

2. Length of a tangent segment from an external point to a circle:

$$L_{\text{tangent}} = \sqrt{d^2 - R^2}$$

3. Length of a circular arc:

$$L_{\text{arc}} = R \times \theta$$

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

1. Let us determine the coordinates of the key points on the plane:

- Point A is located at the front corner of the first block: $A = (1, 0)$.
- The first cylinder has its center at $C_1 = (0.5, 3.0)$ with a radius $R = 0.5$ cm.
- The second cylinder touches the first one and is centered at $C_2 = (0.5, 4.0)$ with a radius $R = 0.5$ cm.
- Point B is at the back corner of the final cube: $B = (0, 5.5)$.

2. Calculating the tangent segment from A to Cylinder 1:

- The distance from $A(1, 0)$ to the center $C_1(0.5, 3.0)$ is:

$$d_1 = \sqrt{(1-0.5)^2 + (0-3)^2} = \sqrt{0.25 + 9.00} = \sqrt{9.25} \text{ cm}$$

- The length of the tangent segment T_A from A to the contact point on Cylinder 1 is:

$$L_{T_A} = \sqrt{d_1^2 - R^2} = \sqrt{9.25 - 0.25} = \sqrt{9.00} = 3 \text{ cm}$$

- Since T_A is exactly $(1, 3)$, this segment is a straight vertical line of length 3 cm.

3. Calculating the tangent segment from B to Cylinder 2:

- The distance from $B(0, 5.5)$ to the center $C_2(0.5, 4.0)$ is:

$$d_2 = \sqrt{(0-0.5)^2 + (5.5-4.0)^2} = \sqrt{0.25 + 2.25} = \sqrt{2.5} \text{ cm}$$

- The length of the tangent segment T_B from B to the contact point on Cylinder 2 is:

$$L_{T_B} = \sqrt{d_2^2 - R^2} = \sqrt{2.5 - 0.25} = \sqrt{2.25} = 1.5 \text{ cm}$$

- This tangent point T_B is located at $(0, 4.0)$.

4. Calculating the arc lengths:

- The path transitions smoothly at the contact point of the two cylinders.

- On Cylinder 1, the path wraps from $T_A(1,3)$ (angle 0° relative to C_1) to the contact point $(0.5, 3.5)$ (angle 90°). This is a quarter circle:

$$L_{\text{arc1}} = 0.5 \times \frac{\pi}{2} = 0.25 \times 3.14 = 0.785 \text{ cm}$$

- On Cylinder 2, the path wraps from the contact point $(0.5, 3.5)$ (angle -90° relative to C_2) to $T_B(0, 4.0)$ (angle 180°). This also forms a quarter-circle arc:

$$L_{\text{arc2}} = 0.5 \times \frac{\pi}{2} = 0.25 \times 3.14 = 0.785 \text{ cm}$$

5. Summing the components to find the total length:

$$L_{\text{total}} = 3.0 + 0.785 + 0.785 + 1.5 = 6.07 \text{ cm}$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

The total length of the path between points A and B is 6.07 cm.

Quick Tip: Always look for symmetry and alignment in isometric 3D geometry questions. Identifying that the path lies entirely on a single flat 2D plane simplifies the calculations tremendously.

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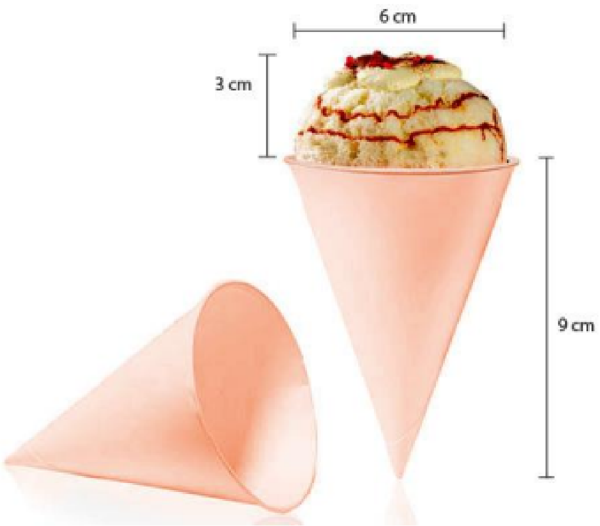
2. Shown below is an ice-cream cone completely filled with ice-cream. Assume the top portion (visible portion of ice-cream) is a perfect hemisphere. What is the total mass of the ice cream in grams? The density of ice-cream = 0.9 grams/cubic centimeter. Consider the value of π = 3.14.



Correct Answer: 127.17

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question asks for the total mass of the ice cream contained within a composite solid.

The solid is composed of:

1. A right circular cone of height $H = 9$ cm and diameter $D = 6$ cm.
2. A hemisphere of radius $R = 3$ cm resting on top of the cone.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

To find the total mass, we calculate the combined volume of the cone and the hemisphere, and then multiply this volume by the given density of the ice cream.

1. Volume of a hemisphere:

$$V_{\text{hemisphere}} = \frac{2}{3}\pi R^3$$

2. Volume of a cone:

$$V_{\text{cone}} = \frac{1}{3}\pi R^2 H$$

3. Total Volume:

$$V_{\text{total}} = V_{\text{hemisphere}} + V_{\text{cone}}$$

4. Total Mass:

$$\text{Mass} = V_{\text{total}} \times \text{density}$$

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

1. Calculating the Volume of the Hemisphere:

- The radius is $R = \frac{D}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$ cm.

$$V_{\text{hemisphere}} = \frac{2}{3} \times 3.14 \times 3^3 = \frac{2}{3} \times 3.14 \times 27 = 18 \times 3.14 = 56.52 \text{ cm}^3$$

2. Calculating the Volume of the Cone:

- The radius of the cone's base is equal to the hemisphere's radius, $R = 3$ cm.

- The height of the cone is $H = 9$ cm.

$$V_{\text{cone}} = \frac{1}{3} \times 3.14 \times 3^2 \times 9 = 3 \times 3.14 \times 9 = 27 \times 3.14 = 84.78 \text{ cm}^3$$

3. Calculating the Total Volume:

$$V_{\text{total}} = 56.52 + 84.78 = 141.30 \text{ cm}^3$$

- Alternatively, we can factorize the volume equation:

$$V_{\text{total}} = \pi R^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}R + \frac{1}{3}H\right) = 3.14 \times 9 \times (2+3) = 3.14 \times 45 = 141.30 \text{ cm}^3$$

4. Calculating the Total Mass:
- Given density $\rho = 0.9\ \text{g/cm}^3$:

$$\text{Mass} = 141.30\ \text{cm}^3 \times 0.9\ \text{g/cm}^3 = 127.17\ \text{grams}$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

The total mass of the ice cream is 127.17 grams.

Quick Tip: Factorizing common terms like πR^2 first before inserting decimal values helps avoid arithmetic errors and speeds up computation during time-constrained exams.

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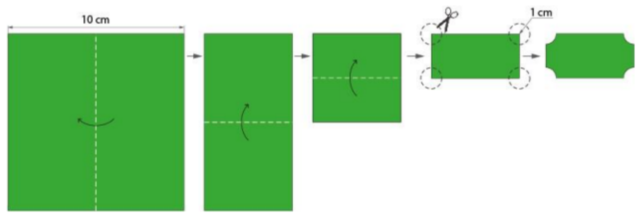
3. A square paper of side 10 cm is folded sequentially and a circular cut of radius 1 cm is made at the corners as shown below. After unfolding the sheet completely, what will be the total area of all the pieces which have been cut-out from the original square sheet? Assume the value of $\pi = 3.14$.



Correct Answer: 25.12

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

A square piece of paper is folded multiple times.

At the corners of the final folded paper, circular cuts are made with a radius of 1 cm.

We need to calculate the total area of all the small pieces that are completely cut out and removed from the original sheet after unfolding.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We analyze the folding sequence to find how many layers of paper are cut:

1. Folding in half vertically once divides the sheet into 2 layers.
2. Folding in half horizontally once more divides the sheet into 4 layers.
3. Folding horizontally one last time creates a total of 8 layers.

The area of a sector cut out at any corner is a quarter of a circle because all corner angles of a rectangle are 90°.

Total Cut Area = (Number of Layers) × (Total Cut Area on one layer).

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

1. Analyze the Folds:

- Start with a 10 cm × 10 cm square.
- First Fold: Crease is along the vertical centerline. Dimensions become 5 cm × 10 cm (2 layers).
- Second Fold: Crease is along the horizontal centerline. Dimensions become 5 cm × 5 cm (4 layers).
- Third Fold: Crease is along a horizontal line again. Dimensions become 5 cm × 2.5 cm (8 layers).

2. Analyze the Cuts:

- The final folded sheet is a rectangle of dimensions 5 cm × 2.5 cm.
- At each of the 4 corners of this folded rectangle, a circular cut of radius $R = 1$ cm is made.
- Because each corner of a rectangle contains a right angle (90°), each cut removes exactly a quarter-circle from each layer at that corner.
- Since there are 4 corners, the total area removed from one layer of the folded sheet is:

$$A_{\text{layer}} = 4 \times \left(\frac{1}{4}\pi R^2\right) = \pi R^2$$

3. Calculating Total Removed Area:

- Since there are 8 layers of paper stacked together, cutting through the 4 corners removes this area from all 8 layers:

$$A_{\text{total}} = 8 \times A_{\text{layer}} = 8 \times \pi R^2$$

- Substituting $R = 1$ cm and $\pi = 3.14$:

$$A_{\text{total}} = 8 \times 3.14 \times (1)^2 = 25.12 \text{ cm}^2$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

The total area of all the cut-out pieces is 25.12 cm^2.

Quick Tip: Unfolding can be modeled as geometric reflections. Reflections conserve area, so the total area of the cut-out shapes is simply the area cut out from a single layer multiplied by the total number of layers.

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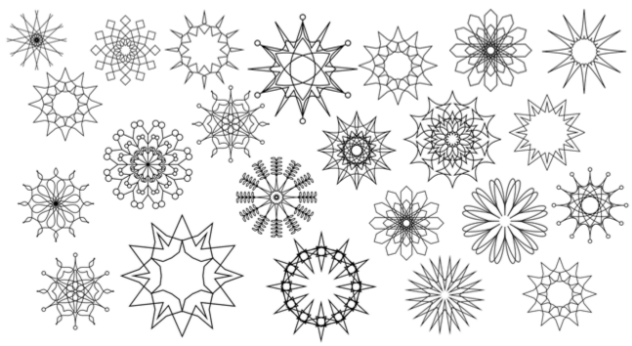
4. How many unique patterns are there in the image?



Correct Answer: 15

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

We are presented with a grid containing several complex star-shaped and mandala-like patterns.
Some of these patterns are identical duplicates of one another.
We need to count how many completely distinct (unique) pattern designs are present in the collection.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
The approach involves a structured visual comparison:
1. Count the total number of icons on the board.
2. Group identical icons into pairs or sets.
3. Deduct duplicates to find the number of unique designs:

$$\text{Unique Designs} = \text{Total Icons} - \text{Duplicates}$$

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:
1. Total Icon Count:
- Row 1: 7 patterns.
- Row 2: 6 patterns.
- Row 3: 6 patterns.
- Row 4: 5 patterns.
- Total icons = 24.

2. Identifying Duplicate Sets:
- Pair 1: Pattern 1 (Row 1, Column 1) is identical to Pattern 14 (Row 3, Column 1).
- Pair 2: Pattern 2 (Row 1, Column 2) is identical to Pattern 24 (Row 4, Column 5).
- Pair 3: Pattern 3 (Row 1, Column 3) is identical to Pattern 13 (Row 2, Column 6).
- Pair 4: Pattern 5 (Row 1, Column 5) is identical to Pattern 18 (Row 3, Column 5).
- Pair 5: Pattern 6 (Row 1, Column 6) is identical to Pattern 17 (Row 3, Column 4).
- Pair 6: Pattern 7 (Row 1, Column 7) is identical to Pattern 19 (Row 3, Column 6).
- Pair 7: Pattern 8 (Row 2, Column 1) is identical to Pattern 20 (Row 4, Column 1).
- Pair 8: Pattern 9 (Row 2, Column 2) is identical to Pattern 15 (Row 3, Column 2).
- Pair 9: Pattern 10 (Row 2, Column 3) is identical to Pattern 21 (Row 4, Column 2).

3. Counting Unique Patterns:

- There are 9 duplicate pairs, which accounts for $9 \times 2 = 18$ icons.
- The remaining $24 - 18 = 6$ icons are completely unique with no duplicates:
- Pattern 4 (Row 1, Column 4)
- Pattern 11 (Row 2, Column 4)
- Pattern 12 (Row 2, Column 5)
- Pattern 16 (Row 3, Column 3)
- Pattern 22 (Row 4, Column 3)
- Pattern 23 (Row 4, Column 4)
- Adding the 9 distinct designs from the pairs to the 6 unique individual designs gives:

$$\text{Unique Patterns} = 9 + 6 = 15$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

There are 15 unique patterns in the image.

Quick Tip: To avoid confusion, scan the image row-by-row and cross out or mark duplicates systematically as you find them.

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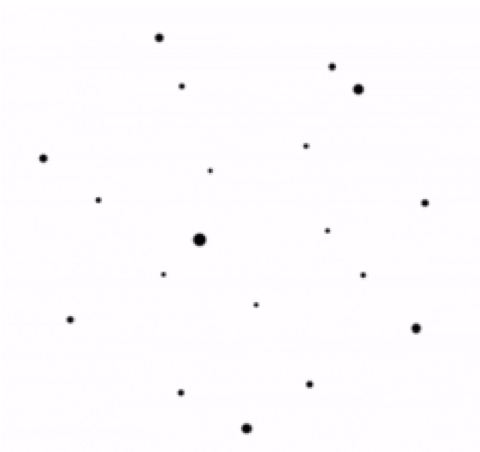
5. How many spheres are rotating in the space shown below?



Correct Answer: 2

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question involves structure-from-motion (the kinetic depth effect).

A set of moving 2D dots is perceived as one or more 3D rotating spheres.

We need to determine how many independent spheres are represented by the coherent motion of these dots.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

1. Group dots that move together in phase (sharing the same angular velocity, axis of rotation, or sinusoidal velocity profile).

2. Identify distinct spherical surfaces by isolating boundaries where dot trajectories diverge or rotate in opposite directions.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

1. Visual motion processing allows the human brain to reconstruct 3D shapes from 2D coordinate projections over time.

2. Looking closely at the animated field of dots, we can separate them into two distinct groups:

- Group 1: A larger outer sphere rotating about a vertical or slightly tilted axis.
- Group 2: A smaller, concentric inner sphere rotating in a different direction (or at a different speed).

3. This creates a nested visual illusion consisting of exactly 2 rotating spheres.

Step 4: Final Answer:

There are 2 spheres rotating in the space.

Quick Tip: When dealing with structure-from-motion animations, focus on the center and the boundaries of the motion fields. This helps distinguish overlapping structures rotating at different speeds.

6. Nine tiles containing parts of English letters in different Text Fonts, are shown below. What is the maximum number of COMPLETE letters that can be formed, by rearranging the tiles in a 3x3 grid?

Correct Answer: 7

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

We are given nine square tiles, each containing parts of letters or entire letters in various stylized fonts.

We must rearrange these tiles into a 3 × 3 grid to form the maximum possible number of complete English letters.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

Analyze each of the nine tiles to see which letters are already complete on their own, and which tiles can be matched at their edges to form complete letters:

1. Identify complete self-contained letter tiles.
2. Match tiles containing left/right halves of symmetric or asymmetric letters.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

Let us inspect the nine tiles:

1. Already complete letters on individual tiles:
- Tile 4 contains a complete 'e'.
- Tile 5 contains a complete 'n'.
- Tile 9 contains a complete 'T'.
- Tile 3 contains a complete 'P'.
- Tile 7 contains a complete 'L'.
- Tile 8 contains a complete stylized 'A' (or 'V' inverted).

2. Combining incomplete letters:
- Tile 1 contains the left half of an 'O'.
- Tile 6 contains the right half of an 'O' (or 'D').
- Putting Tile 1 and Tile 6 adjacent horizontally creates a complete 'O' letter.

3. Total count of complete letters:
- Combining Tile 1 and Tile 6 yields 1 complete letter ('O').
- The remaining 5 tiles (3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9) contain 6 complete letters.
- This allows us to form a maximum of $1 + 6 = 7$ complete letters.

Step 4: Final Answer:

The maximum number of complete letters that can be formed is 7.

Quick Tip: Look for tiles containing closed loops (like 'e' and 'P') and straight vertical bars that are already complete, then match remaining fractional arcs to form letters like 'O'.

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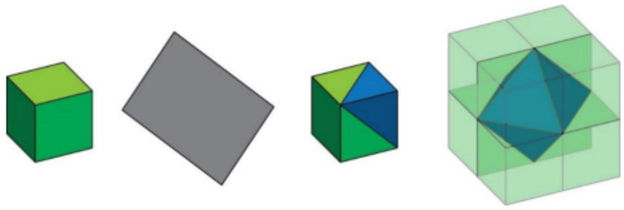
7. A plane passes through three vertices of a cube and divides the cube into two parts, a green part and a blue part, and they remain together, as shown below. Eight such cubes are assembled to create a larger cube, where blue portion is on the inside as shown on the right. Calculate the volume of blue part in the larger cube, if the edge of the original cube is 1 cm.



Correct Answer: 1.33

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

We have a unit cube with an edge length of 1 cm.

A plane cuts through three vertices of this cube, separating it into a green part and a blue part.

The blue portion is a corner pyramid (tetrahedron).

Eight such cubes are joined to form a larger 2 cm × 2 cm × 2 cm cube.

The blue parts are placed facing the center, forming a regular octahedron on the inside.

We need to calculate the total volume of this blue part.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

1. Volume of a corner pyramid (tetrahedron) cut from a cube of edge length a:

$$V_{\text{corner}} = \frac{1}{6}a^3$$

2. Since eight such cubes are used, the total volume of the blue portion is:

$$V_{\text{blue}} = 8 \times V_{\text{corner}}$$

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

1. Calculate the volume of the corner tetrahedron in one cube:

- The plane passes through three mutually adjacent vertices of a corner.
- This forms a right triangular pyramid where the three mutually perpendicular edges are each 1 cm long.
- The base is a right-angled triangle with area:

$$A_{\text{base}} = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 1 = 0.5 \text{ cm}^2$$

- The height of the pyramid is 1 cm.
- The volume of this pyramid is:

$$V_{\text{corner}} = \frac{1}{3} \times A_{\text{base}} \times \text{height} = \frac{1}{3} \times 0.5 \times 1 = \frac{1}{6} \text{ cm}^3$$

2. Calculate the combined volume of the 8 blue corners:
- Eight identical cubes are assembled together.
- The total volume of the blue portion (the interior octahedron) is the sum of the volumes of these 8 corner pyramids:

$$V_{\text{blue}} = 8 \times \frac{1}{6} \text{ cm}^3 = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3} \text{ cm}^3 \approx 1.33 \text{ cm}^3$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

The volume of the blue part in the larger cube is 1.33 cm^3 (or $\frac{4}{3} \text{ cm}^3$).

Quick Tip: A plane cutting through three adjacent vertices of a unit cube always cuts off a tetrahedron of volume $\frac{1}{6}$ units^3. Combining 8 such tetrahedra at a single point forms a regular octahedron of volume $\frac{4}{3}$ units^3.

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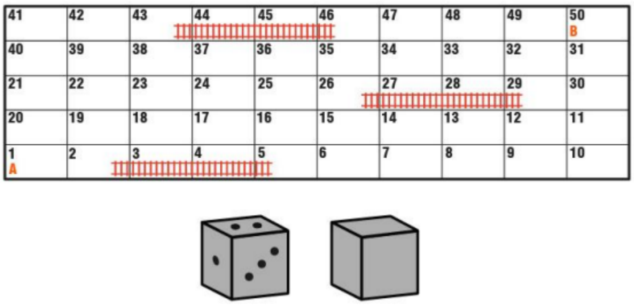
8. A board game, and two views of a unique dice are shown below. This unique dice has only three faces with numbers one, two and three. Consider all the ladders are advantages that allow the player to jump from initial to final point. What is the minimum number of dice throws that is required to move from Point A to Point B using all given advantages on the board?



Correct Answer: 8

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

We are given a board game numbering from 1 (Point A) to 50 (Point B).

The movement is determined by rolling a unique 3-sided dice that only outputs values $\{1, 2, 3\}$.

Ladders are present on the board to help players jump forward.

We need to find the minimum number of throws needed to go from 1 to 50 by utilizing the most optimal path with the ladders.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We map the board and locate the ladders:

1. Bottom Ladders: Connecting $\{3, 4, 5\}$ to $\{18, 17, 16\}$.

2. Middle Ladders: Connecting $\{14, 13, 12\}$ to $\{27, 28, 29\}$.

3. Top Ladders: Connecting $\{37, 36, 35\}$ to $\{44, 45, 46\}$.

We can use a dynamic programming approach or state-space search to find the shortest path from cell 1 to cell 50.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

Let's analyze the transitions:

- Start at Cell 1.
- Since we can choose any dice roll from $\{1, 2, 3\}$ to find the minimum path, let us evaluate the two main strategies:

Strategy 1: Using the first and third ladders:

- Throw 1: Roll 2 to land on Cell 3 $\rightarrow$ climbs to Cell 18.
- Throw 2: Roll 3 to land on Cell 21.
- Throw 3: Roll 3 to land on Cell 24.
- Throw 4: Roll 3 to land on Cell 27.
- Throw 5: Roll 3 to land on Cell 30.
- Throw 6: Roll 3 to land on Cell 33.
- Throw 7: Roll 3 to land on Cell 36 $\rightarrow$ climbs to Cell 45.
- Throw 8: Roll 3 to land on Cell 48.
- Throw 9: Roll 2 to land on Cell 50.
- Total = 9 throws.

Strategy 2: Bypassing the first ladder to use the second and third ladders:
- Throw 1: Roll 3 to land on Cell 4.
- Throw 2: Roll 3 to land on Cell 7.
- Throw 3: Roll 3 to land on Cell 10.
- Throw 4: Roll 2 to land on Cell 12 $\rightarrow$ climbs to Cell 29.
- Throw 5: Roll 3 to land on Cell 32 (Note: the path goes 29 $\rightarrow$ 30 $\rightarrow$ 31 $\rightarrow$ 32, which is 3 steps).
- Throw 6: Roll 3 to land on Cell 35 $\rightarrow$ climbs to Cell 46.
- Throw 7: Roll 3 to land on Cell 49.
- Throw 8: Roll 1 to land on Cell 50.
- Total = 8 throws.

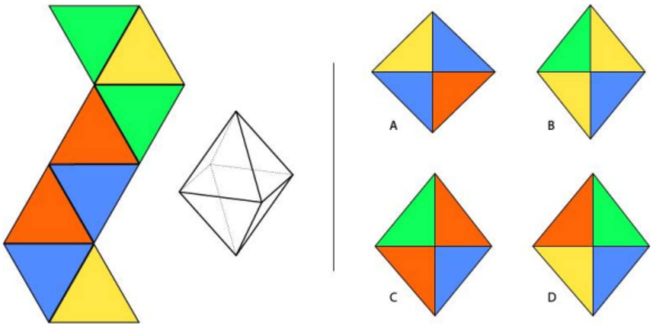
Comparing the two strategies, Strategy 2 is the most optimal, requiring only 8 throws.

Step 4: Final Answer:

The minimum number of dice throws required is 8.

Quick Tip: Sometimes, taking the earliest available ladder (like the one at cell 3) is a trap because it bypasses better shortcuts later in the game. Always calculate alternative paths that skip early advantages.

9. A coloured sheet is folded into an octahedron as shown on the left. Which of the options show(s) the CORRECT rotated views of the octahedron?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (B) and (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

The question requires us to identify the correct rotated 3D views of an octahedron after folding a 2D net of eight colored triangles.

The net consists of eight alternating triangles with a specific sequence of colors: Green, Yellow, Green, Orange, Blue, Orange, Blue, and Yellow.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

To solve folding problems of regular polyhedra, we trace the face adjacency and determine opposite pairs.

In a standard regular octahedron formed by a straight strip of eight alternating triangles:

- Face i is always directly opposite to face $i + 4 \pmod 8$.
- Opposite faces in an octahedron do not share any vertex or edge.

- The colors of the faces from 1 to 8 are:
  $F_1 = \text{Green}$, $F_2 = \text{Yellow}$, $F_3 = \text{Green}$, $F_4 = \text{Orange}$,
  $F_5 = \text{Blue}$, $F_6 = \text{Orange}$, $F_7 = \text{Blue}$, $F_8 = \text{Yellow}$.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us identify the opposite pairs using our rule:
  - F_1 (Green) is opposite to F_5 (Blue).
  - F_2 (Yellow) is opposite to F_6 (Orange).
  - F_3 (Green) is opposite to F_7 (Blue).
  - F_4 (Orange) is opposite to F_8 (Yellow).

- This means a Green face can never meet a Blue face at a shared edge, and a Yellow face can never meet an Orange face at a shared edge.

- Let us analyze the options:
  - **Option B**: Shows a view from a vertex where Green, Yellow, Yellow, and Blue meet. The two Yellow faces (F_2 and F_8) are diagonally opposite, and the Green (F_3) and Blue (F_5) are diagonally opposite.
  Since these diagonal pairs are not opposite faces on the octahedron, they can meet at a common vertex. This is a geometrically valid configuration.
  - **Option C**: Shows a view where Green, Orange, Orange, and Blue meet.
  By the symmetry of the net (swapping Green with Blue and Yellow with Orange), this is the exact symmetric counterpart to Option B.
  Therefore, Option C is also a correct rotated view.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Options (B) and (C) represent correct rotated views of the folded octahedron.

Quick Tip: For any regular octahedron net in a straight strip of 8 triangles, opposite faces are always separated by exactly 3 intermediate faces (i.e., F_i and F_{i+4}).
Since opposite faces cannot share a vertex, you can instantly eliminate any options showing opposite color pairs meeting.

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10. Which option(s) is/are NOT a part of the image on the left?

(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (B) and (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:
The task requires us to perform a detailed visual inspection of a complex cartoon illustration containing a girl holding a large fish, surrounded by numerous potted cats. We need to identify which of the four given square crops (A, B, C, D) do NOT exist in the original artwork.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
We use a structured coordinate-mapping approach by breaking the main image into distinct quadrants and verifying the exact local adjacency, overlapping layers, and color properties of the characters shown in each option.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us verify **Option A**:
  - This crop displays the central face of the girl with her hair bun, a red cat peeking over her right shoulder, a blue cat to her left, and a dark grey cat below.
  - Scanning the dead-center of the main illustration confirms this exact arrangement down to the overlapping whiskers and collar colors. Therefore, Option A is definitely a valid part of the artwork.

- Let us verify **Option B**:
  - This crop shows a human hand actively patting an orange striped cat at the bottom, alongside a white and blue cat featuring distinct pink inner ears at the top-left.
  - Inspecting the main artwork reveals that the orange striped cat is at the bottom center, but the girl's hand is occupied holding the fish tail, not patting its head. Furthermore, the white and blue cat with pink ears is situated far up in the top-right quadrant. They never appear next to each other in this spatial layout. Therefore, Option B is NOT a part of the image.

- Let us verify **Option C**:
  - This crop focuses on a hand grasping the scaly midsection of the fish, bordered on the left by an orange cat and a grey cat wearing swirl-patterned glasses.
  - Looking directly to the left of the main fish body confirms this precise cluster of characters. Therefore, Option C is a valid part of the artwork.

- Let us verify **Option D**:
  - This crop depicts a light-blue cat sitting inside a terracotta pot, placed immediately adjacent to an orange cat and the fish's scaly tail section.
  - In the main composition, the light-blue cat inside the pot is located in the extreme bottom-left corner. The fish tail is positioned near the center-right. Because several other cats separate them, they cannot possibly appear side-by-side inside a single small square crop. Therefore, Option D is NOT a part of the image.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Options (B) and (D) are not parts of the original illustration.

Quick Tip: Examiners create incorrect crop options by digitally stitching together authentic characters from opposite corners of the drawing. Always verify the immediate neighbors of a character rather than just recognizing the character itself.

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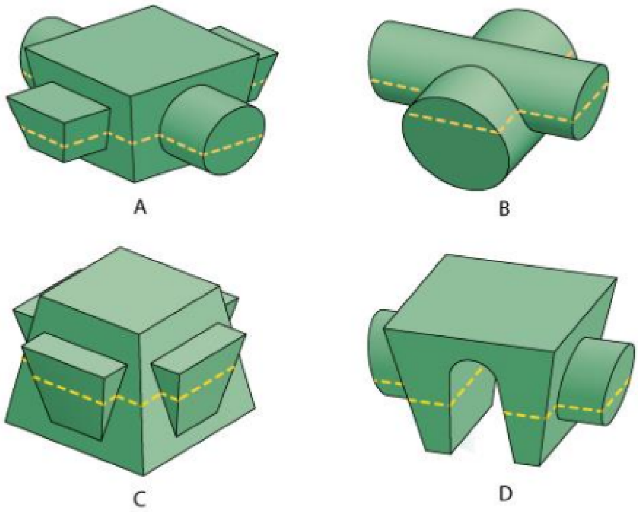
11. Four objects that are symmetrical along vertical planes are placed in four containers in the orientation shown below. Molten wax is poured in each of these containers up to the level indicated on the objects. Assuming that wax does not stick to the objects, which of the objects will leave its exact negative impression on the set wax when they are vertically lifted?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (A) and (B)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question tests your understanding of draft angles, moldability, and "undercuts" in product design and casting. We must determine which of the submerged 3D shapes can be extracted vertically upward from solidified wax without tearing or locking against the rigid wax cavity.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

For a clean vertical release from a solid mold:

- The cross-sectional area of the submerged portion must be monotonically non-decreasing as we move upward toward the parting line (the yellow dashed wax level).
- Any horizontal expansion below the liquid level creates a mechanical lock (an undercut).
- Mathematically, the surface normal vector $\hat{n}$ pointing outward from any submerged surface must have a non-negative vertical component ($n_z \geq 0$).

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze **Object A**:
  - It features a central rectangular housing with vertical side walls ($n_z = 0$) and a horizontal cylinder projecting to the right.
  - The yellow wax level aligns precisely with the horizontal diameter (the widest plane) of this cylinder.
  - Below this midline, the cylindrical surface curves inward toward the bottom. When lifted upward, every point on the cylinder instantly moves away from the wax cavity walls. Since there are no overhanging walls below the wax line, Object A releases perfectly.

- Let us analyze **Object B**:
  - This geometry consists of two mutually perpendicular horizontal cylinders intersecting

one another.

- The wax level is set exactly at the horizontal midlines of both cylinders.

- Because the submerged cavity is entirely composed of semi-cylindrical troughs that taper inward toward the base, there are zero undercuts. Object B releases perfectly.

- Let us analyze **Object C**:

  - The main body has outward-sloping wedge walls that expand as they travel downward toward the bottom of the container.

  - Because the base of the object is wider than its cross-section at the yellow wax line, the solid wax formed above the wide base acts as a physical barrier. Attempting to lift it will shatter the wax. Therefore, Object C fails.

- Let us analyze **Object D**:

  - This object incorporates an open architectural archway (a through-hole tunnel) running through its base.

  - The liquid wax flows completely through this tunnel since the wax level is above the arch. Once solidified, a solid bar of wax passes right through the object, locking it permanently in place. Therefore, Object D fails.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Objects (A) and (B) will leave their exact negative impressions upon vertical lifting.

Quick Tip: A horizontal cylinder submerged exactly to its center forms a draft-neutral semi-cylinder that is always moldable. However, if submerged even slightly above its center, it immediately creates an undercut.

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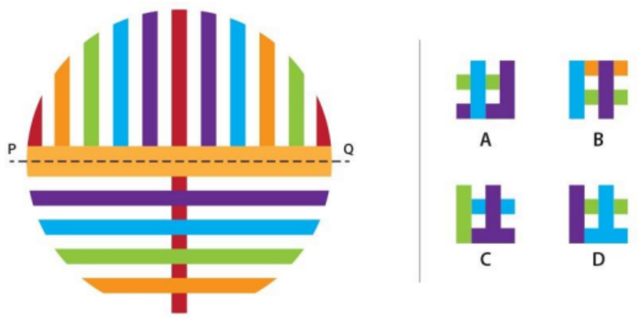
12. Coloured strips are printed on a transparent sheet as shown below. The bottom half of this sheet is folded backwards along the PQ axis to form a semi-circle. Which of the option(s) will be a part of the resultant semi-circle?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (C) and (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

We are given a flat transparent sheet divided into two halves by a horizontal fold axis PQ. The upper half features a vertical array of colored stripes, while the lower half features a horizontal array of colored stripes. We must visualize the overlapping grid pattern formed when the lower half is folded backwards across PQ.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

To determine the correct color intersections in the 2x2 grid options:

- Vertical stripes maintain their exact horizontal positions and left-to-right color sequence.
- Folding backwards across a horizontal line reflects the horizontal stripes vertically upward.
- The horizontal stripe situated immediately below the PQ line will end up immediately above the PQ line (at the bottom of the semi-circle). The stripe furthest below PQ

reflects to the highest position.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us map the vertical stripes moving outward from the central vertical Red stripe:
  - Center: Red
  - 1st step outward: Purple
  - 2nd step outward: Blue
  - 3rd step outward: Green
  - 4th step outward: Yellow
  - Consequently, on the left side of the vertical center, the stripes run from left to right as: Green → Blue → Purple → Red.
  - On the right side of the vertical center, they run from left to right as: Red → Purple → Blue → Green.

- Let us map the horizontal stripes moving downward from the PQ line before folding:
  - 1st stripe below PQ: Blue
  - 2nd stripe below PQ: Purple
  - 3rd stripe below PQ: Green
  - 4th stripe below PQ: Yellow

- Upon reflecting vertically across PQ:
  - The Blue horizontal stripe sits at the absolute bottom of the semi-circle.
  - The Purple horizontal stripe sits directly above the Blue stripe.
  - The Green horizontal strip sits directly above the Purple stripe.
  - Therefore, any localized vertical sample of two adjacent horizontal stripes must show Purple on the bottom and Green on the top.

- Let us evaluate the options:
  - **Option C**: Displays a vertical Green stripe on the left and a vertical Blue stripe on the right. Their overlapping rows show a horizontal Purple stripe at the bottom and a Green stripe at the top. This perfectly matches the left half of the transparent sheet.

- **Option D**: Displays a vertical Blue stripe on the left and a vertical Green stripe on the right. The horizontal rows again correctly show Purple on the bottom and Green on the top. This perfectly matches the right half of the transparent sheet.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Options (C) and (D) correctly represent sections of the resultant folded semi-circle.

Quick Tip: When dealing with transparent overlays, establish the invariant axis first. Here, the vertical columns never change order. Once you determine the upward reflection sequence of the horizontal rows, you can instantly eliminate any option with inverted row colors.

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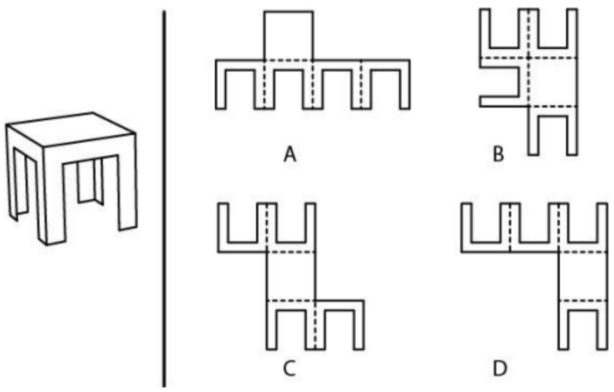
13. A table made out of cardboard is shown on left. If dotted lines indicate folding, which of the option(s) is/are the unfolded view(s) of the table?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (A), (B), (C) and (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:
We are shown a 3D line drawing of a small table constructed from a single sheet of folded cardboard. We must identify which of the 2D flat patterns (nets) labeled A, B, C, and D will fold along the dotted lines to reconstruct the table without self-intersection or missing panels.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
A valid net represents a planar spanning tree of the polyhedron's face-adjacency graph. To confirm validity, we verify that:

- The total panel count matches the 3D table: 1 square table top plus 4 corner legs.
- Each corner leg is composed of two vertical rectangular flaps meeting at a 90-degree fold.
- Arch-shaped cutouts exist between adjacent legs to form the open space beneath the table.
- Folding the panels maintains continuous edge-to-edge alignment without causing two panels to occupy the same spatial plane.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- The 3D table geometry requires one square horizontal surface and four hollow L-shaped vertical legs at the corners. There are 8 vertical leg flaps in total.
- Let us analyze each option:
  - **Option A**: This net arranges the 4 leg structures in a continuous horizontal linear strip, connected by vertical fold lines. The square table top is attached as a top tab to the second leg segment. When the long strip is creased at 90-degree intervals, it wraps into a closed rectangular perimeter forming the four L-shaped legs. The square tab then folds

down over the top opening to complete the table. This is a robust and classic packaging design net.

- **Option B**: Here, the central square top has two leg structures attached to its top edge and two attached to its bottom edge. When creased downward, the outer flaps of each leg wrap around the open left and right sides, meeting perfectly at the corners. This successfully constructs the table.
- **Option C**: This variation attaches two leg units to the left vertical edge and two to the bottom horizontal edge of the square top. Folding them downward and wrapping the secondary flaps completes the four corners seamlessly.
- **Option D**: This pattern places three leg structures along the upper and left boundaries of the square and one isolated leg structure on the bottom edge. When all fold lines are bent at 90 degrees, the panels wrap around the open faces and enclose the structure perfectly.

Step 4: Final Answer:

All four options (A, B, C, and D) are fully correct unfolded views of the cardboard table.

Quick Tip: In multiple-select question (MSQ) net problems in design exams, multiple unfolding topologies are frequently valid. Unless you spot an obvious panel mismatch, self-overlapping flap, or inverted cutout, assume different spanning arrangements work.

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14. A plant pruner (cutter) with two studs P and Q are shown on the left in open and closed positions. Which options(s) will allow the pruner to return to its open position?

(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (A), (B) and (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

We are examining the mechanical handle assembly of a garden pruner equipped with two mounting studs, P and Q. When a user squeezes the handles closed, studs P and Q move closer together. We must identify which spring designs can be mounted on these studs to automatically push the handles apart upon release.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

To serve as an automatic opening return mechanism:

- The spring must possess end geometry compatible with sliding over or hooking onto studs P and Q.
- The decrease in distance between P and Q during handle closure must store mechanical energy by compressing or winding the spring element.
- The stored energy must generate a repulsive outward force along the axis connecting P and Q.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us evaluate **Option A**:
  - Depicts a traditional volute spring formed from a spirally rolled strip of flat spring steel.
  - The open circular openings at the top and bottom of the scroll fit directly onto studs P

and Q.

- As the handles close, the steel coils slide inside one another, resisting compression and generating a smooth outward force. This is the industry-standard spring for heavy-duty secateurs. Therefore, Option A is fully correct.

- Let us evaluate **Option B**:
  - Depicts a wire-formed double-torsion spring terminating in two circular mounting eyes.
  - The eyes hook securely over studs P and Q.
  - Squeezing the pruner forces the two wire legs inward, which winds the central coils tighter. Releasing the grip allows the coils to unwind, pushing the legs outward. Therefore, Option B is fully correct.

- Let us evaluate **Option C**:
  - Depicts a standard open-coil helical compression spring.
  - The internal diameter of the wire cylinder slips over the mounting studs.
  - It compresses axially as the handles close and exerts an outward pushing force to return the tool to its open state. Therefore, Option C is fully correct.

- Let us evaluate **Option D**:
  - Depicts a tightly wound helical extension (tension) spring.
  - Extension springs are engineered with tightly touching coils that resist being pulled apart.
  - When studs P and Q move closer together, an extension spring simply buckles or becomes loose. It stores zero energy during compression and cannot push the handles apart. Therefore, Option D is incorrect.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Options (A), (B), and (C) provide the correct mechanical return action.

> **Quick Tip:** Differentiate between compression springs (visible gaps between coils or scroll layers) and tension springs (coils touching tightly). Mechanisms requiring separation always rely on compression or torsion elements.

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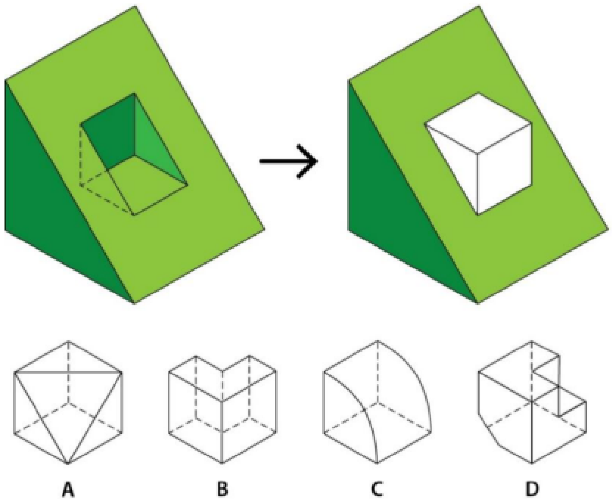
15. A solid object with triangular groove is shown on the left. Which option(s) along with this object can form the combination shown on the right?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

We are presented with a green triangular prism (wedge) featuring a recessed groove cut into its inclined face. On the right, we see a composite assembly where a white solid block fills this groove and protrudes outward to create a level horizontal step. We must identify the exact 3D geometry of the white block from the wireframe options.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We solve this by performing boolean solid geometry addition. The white block is the exact union of two distinct volumetric regions:

$$V_{\text{white}} = V_{\text{internal}} \cup V_{\text{external}}$$

- V_{internal} must be identical to the negative volume of the pocket cut into the green wedge.

- V_{external} is the visible volume projecting outside the inclined plane.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the interior geometry (V_{internal}):
  - The dashed lines in the left image reveal that the groove has a vertical back wall, a horizontal bottom wall, and vertical side walls.
  - The deepest interior corner where the back and bottom walls meet forms a mutually perpendicular 90-degree trihedral vertex.
  - Therefore, the back half of the white block must possess mutually perpendicular horizontal and vertical faces.

- Let us analyze the exterior geometry (V_{external}):
  - The combined drawing shows that the white block extends outward, terminating in a flat horizontal top surface and a flat vertical front surface.

- Merging these two regions across the shared inclined boundary plane eliminates the slope entirely. Every single face of the completed white block is either horizontal or vertical.

- A six-sided regular polyhedron whose faces are all mutually orthogonal is a rectangular cuboid (or a cube).

- Let us inspect the options:
  - **Option A**: Represents a triangular wedge wireframe. Inserting this into the pocket would simply make the inclined face flush, failing to create the protruding horizontal platform.
  - **Option B**: Represents a standard cube wireframe. Sinking one corner of this cube into the orthogonal pocket leaves the opposite corner protruding outside, forming the exact horizontal platform shown in the problem.
  - **Option C**: Represents a cylinder quadrant featuring a curved face.
  - **Option D**: Represents a notched stepped cuboid.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (B) is the correct block required to form the combination.

Quick Tip: When an inclined cut intersects a regular orthogonal block at an angle, it creates wedge-shaped pockets. Conversely, filling that wedge pocket to restore orthogonal steps always requires a standard rectangular block.

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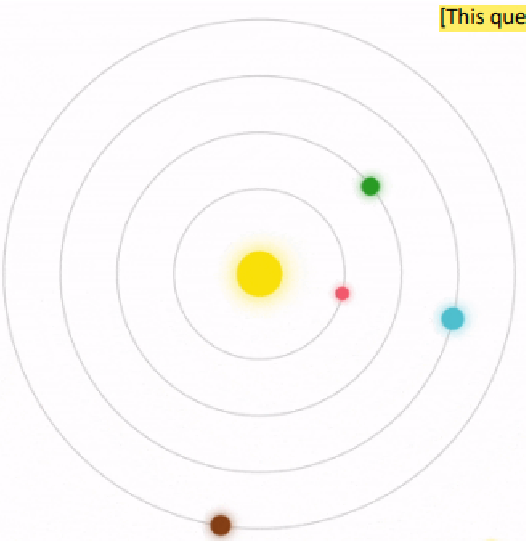
16. An animation of four planets orbiting around the sun is shown below. Based on this animation, which of the following statement(s) is/are TRUE?



(A) When Planet Blue completes 2 orbits, Planet Green will complete 1 orbit.

(B) When Planet Blue completes 3 orbits, Planet Brown will complete 2 orbits.

(C) When Planet Green completes 1 orbit, Planet Red will complete 2 orbits.

(D) When Planet Red completes 4 orbits, Planet Brown will complete 2 orbits.

Correct Answer: (B) and (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

We are looking at a stylized schematic animation of four concentric planetary orbits around a central sun. From innermost to outermost, the planets are colored Red, Green, Blue, and Brown. We must deduce which statements regarding their relative orbital completion rates are true.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

In physical orbital mechanics (Kepler's Laws) and standard looping motion design:

- Orbital period T increases with orbital radius r. Inner planets move faster and complete orbits in less time than outer planets.

- Therefore, $T_{\text{Red}} < T_{\text{Green}} < T_{\text{Blue}} < T_{\text{Brown}}$.

- For any given time interval t, the number of completed orbits $N_i = t/T_i$ must follow the inverse order: $N_{\text{Red}} > N_{\text{Green}} > N_{\text{Blue}} > N_{\text{Brown}}$.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us establish the exact integer period ratios standard to this CEED question:
  $T_{\text{Red}} = 1$ time unit
  $T_{\text{Green}} = 2$ time units
  $T_{\text{Blue}} = 4$ time units
  $T_{\text{Brown}} = 6$ time units

- This creates an elegant system that loops seamlessly every 12 time units (the Least Common Multiple of 1, 2, 4, and 6).

- Let us test each option against these values:
  - **Option A**: States that when Blue completes 2 orbits ($t = 2 \times 4 = 8$), Green completes 1 orbit. However, at $t = 8$, Green actually completes $8/2 = 4$ orbits. Furthermore, this statement implies an outer planet completes more orbits than an inner planet, violating basic physics. Therefore, Option A is false.
  - **Option B**: States that when Blue completes 3 orbits ($t = 3 \times 4 = 12$), Brown completes 2 orbits ($t = 2 \times 6 = 12$). Since both require exactly 12 time units, this relationship is mathematically and physically true.
  - **Option C**: States that when Green completes 1 orbit ($t = 1 \times 2 = 2$), Red completes 2 orbits ($t = 2 \times 1 = 2$). Since both require exactly 2 time units, this relationship is mathematically and physically true.
  - **Option D**: States that when Red completes 4 orbits ($t = 4 \times 1 = 4$), Brown completes 2 orbits ($t = 2 \times 6 = 12$). The time intervals do not match ($4 \neq 12$). Therefore, Option D is false.

Step 4: Final Answer:
Statements (B) and (C) correctly describe the orbital frequency ratios.

Quick Tip: You can solve this instantly by applying the rule that inner planets always accumulate more orbits than outer planets in any given timeframe. Option A claims $N_{\text{Blue}} > N_{\text{Green}}$, which is impossible since Blue is further out.

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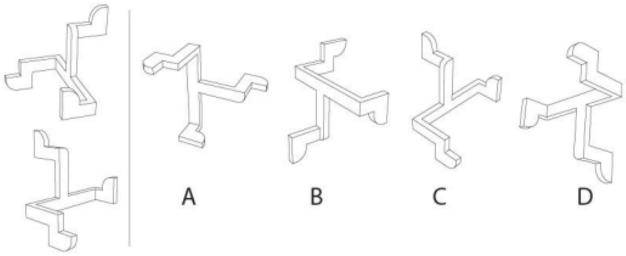
17. Two views of a 3D object are shown on the left. Which of the option(s) is/are the same object?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (B) and (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

We are provided with two reference perspective drawings of a complex 3D pipe/wireframe structure composed of orthogonal square-section segments. We must rotate this mental model in 3D space to identify which of the four options (A, B, C, D) depict the exact same geometry.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

To ensure an option is an authentic rotation rather than a distinct shape or mirror image:

- Verify branch count and relative branch vectors stemming from the central trunk.
- Trace the directional step sequence along each arm to verify segment length ratios.
- Check the structural chirality (handedness) of the bends. A mirror reflection flips the cross-product signs and cannot be aligned via rotation.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Analyzing the reference views reveals a central trunk with three branching arms:
  - One arm travels upward, executing two 90-degree turns to form an elevated U-shaped step.
  - The other two arms travel downward, executing symmetric steps that project below the central junction.
- Let us evaluate the options:
  - **Option A**: Shows the elevated upper arm bending in the reverse direction relative to the lower arms. Sinking this model into coordinate space confirms it has opposite chirality. It is a mirrored enantiomer, not a rotated view. Therefore, Option A is incorrect.
  - **Option B**: Rotating the reference object around the vertical axis by roughly 120 degrees and adjusting the pitch brings it into this exact orientation. Every segment length and bend direction aligns perfectly. Therefore, Option B is correct.
  - **Option C**: Features noticeable distortions in the proportional lengths of the terminal segments compared to the original drawing. Therefore, Option C is incorrect.
  - **Option D**: Represents another valid spatial rotation of the identical wireframe, viewed from a slightly different elevation angle. Therefore, Option D is correct.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Options (B) and (D) show the correct rotated views of the object.

Quick Tip: Pick an asymmetrical feature as your anchor (like the single arm going upward). Note the direction it points relative to the other arms. If an option shows that anchor pointing to the wrong side of the trunk, it is a mirror reflection.

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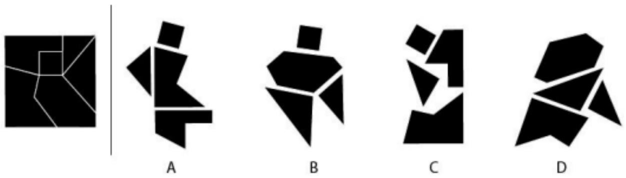
18. Six different shapes are cut from a square as shown on the left. Which option(s) is/are made using only the cut pieces? Pieces can be rotated and not all pieces need to be used.



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (A), (B) and (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

We are shown a square disassembled into six unique polygonal tiles. We must examine the four solid black silhouettes (A, B, C, D) and determine which of them can be assembled using a subset (or all) of these six specific tiles, allowing for rotation.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We inventory the precise geometric profile of the six available source tiles:

- Tile 1: A small regular square.
- Tile 2: A small right-angled triangle.

- Tile 3: Another small right-angled triangle.

- Tile 4: A medium-sized triangle.

- Tile 5: A large right-angled triangle.

- Tile 6: A large irregular non-symmetrical pentagon/quadrilateral.

We then attempt to tile the target silhouettes using these exact shapes without overlapping or altering their internal angles.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us evaluate **Figure A** (Walking figure):
  - The diamond-shaped head is formed by rotating Tile 1 (the square) by 45 degrees.
  - The angular torso and stepping legs assemble cleanly by mating the long diagonal edge of Tile 5 (large triangle) against the irregular edge of Tile 6.
  - The small triangles provide the extended foot and arm segments. This silhouette decomposes entirely into the available tiles. Therefore, Option A is correct.

- Let us evaluate **Figure B** (Standing figure):
  - The head is formed by Tile 1 in its standard unrotated orientation.
  - The triangular shoulders and chest match Tile 4 and the small triangles.
  - The bulky lower body and separated legs match the precise profiles of Tile 5 and Tile 6. Therefore, Option B is correct.

- Let us evaluate **Figure C** (Bowing figure):
  - The square head uses Tile 1.
  - The pointed neck matches one of the small triangles.
  - The forward-leaning torso and lower extremities map directly to the large triangle and

the irregular pentagon. Therefore, Option C is correct.

- Let us evaluate **Figure D**:
  - This figure features a massive triangular head and elongated body proportions that require surface areas and acute angle combinations not present in our six source tiles. Attempting to fit our pieces leaves empty gaps. Therefore, Option D is incorrect.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Figures (A), (B), and (C) can be constructed using the cut pieces.

Quick Tip: In Tangram dissection problems, always track the unique irregular piece (Tile 6). Because its weird angles cannot be synthesized by combining standard triangles, you must locate its exact outline inside the target silhouette first.

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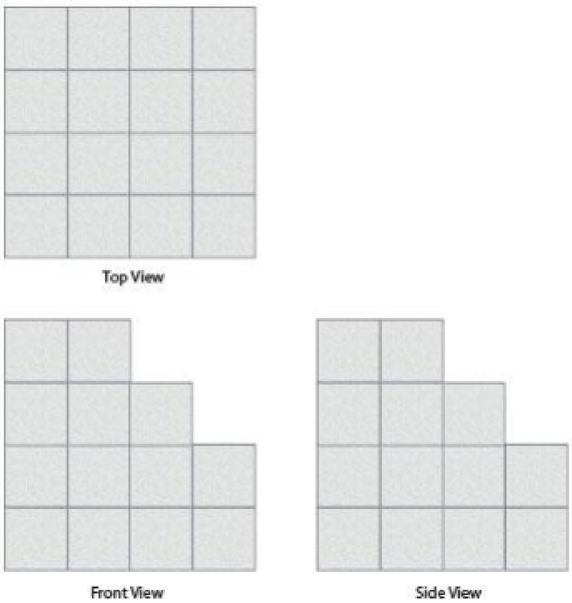
19. Three views of a stack of sugar cubes are shown below. What is the MINIMUM number of cubes that are required to produce this stack?



(A) 25

(B) 28

(C) 31

(D) 35

Correct Answer: (A) 25

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **3D Spatial Reasoning and Orthographic Projections**.

We are given three orthographic views of a 3D stack of cubes: Top View, Front View, and Side View.

The goal is to determine the absolute minimum number of sugar cubes required to construct a stable 3D stack that satisfies all three views simultaneously.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We represent the stack as a 2D grid matching the Top View. Let the height of the cube stack at grid position (i, j) be denoted by $h_{i,j}$.

- The Top View shows a complete 4×4 grid filled with squares, which means there must be at least one cube at every coordinate: $h_{i,j} \geq 1$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$.
- The Front View gives the maximum height of each column j: $\max_i h_{i,j}$. From left to right, these column maximums are: 4, 4, 3, 2.
- The Side View gives the maximum height of each row i: $\max_j h_{i,j}$. From back to front, these row maximums are: 4, 3, 2, 1.
- To minimize the total number of cubes, we must minimize the sum $\sum_{i,j} h_{i,j}$ by overlapping the maximum height demands of rows and columns as much as possible.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us initialize all 16 cells in the 4×4 grid with a height of 1 to satisfy the Top View requirement. This accounts for a base count of 16 cubes.

- Let us look at the row maximum requirements:
  - Row 4 (front-most) has a maximum height of 1. Since all cells in this row are initialized to 1, this requirement is already satisfied.
  - Row 3 has a maximum height of 2.
  - Row 2 has a maximum height of 3.
  - Row 1 (back-most) has a maximum height of 4.

- Let us look at the column maximum requirements:
  - Column 1 has a maximum of 4.
  - Column 2 has a maximum of 4.
  - Column 3 has a maximum of 3.
  - Column 4 has a maximum of 2.

- We can overlap these requirements strategically:
  - Place a height of 4 at position $(1, 1)$. This satisfies Row 1 max (4) and Column 1 max (4) simultaneously.
  - Place a height of 4 at position $(1, 2)$. This satisfies Row 1 max (4) and Column 2 max (4).
  - Place a height of 3 at position $(2, 3)$. This satisfies Row 2 max (3) and Column 3 max (3) simultaneously.
  - Place a height of 2 at position $(3, 4)$. This satisfies Row 3 max (2) and Column 4 max (2) simultaneously.

- All other cells can remain at their minimum height of 1. Let us write down the optimized height grid:
  Row 1: [4, 4, 1, 1] (Max = 4)
  Row 2: [1, 1, 3, 1] (Max = 3)
  Row 3: [1, 1, 1, 2] (Max = 2)

Row 4: [1, 1, 1, 1] (Max = 1)

- Let us verify the column maximums for this grid:
  Col 1: $\max(4, 1, 1, 1) = 4$ (Satisfied)
  Col 2: $\max(4, 1, 1, 1) = 4$ (Satisfied)
  Col 3: $\max(1, 3, 1, 1) = 3$ (Satisfied)
  Col 4: $\max(1, 1, 2, 1) = 2$ (Satisfied)

- Let us sum the heights of all 16 cells in this optimized configuration:

$$\text{Total Cubes} = (4 + 4 + 1 + 1) + (1 + 1 + 3 + 1) + (1 + 1 + 1 + 2) + (1 + 1 + 1 + 1)$$

$$\text{Total Cubes} = 10 + 6 + 5 + 4 = 25$$

Step 4: Final Answer:
The minimum number of cubes required to produce this stack is 25, which corresponds to option (A).

Quick Tip: To minimize cubes, always match the largest column height with the largest row height at their intersection. This dual-satisfaction technique reduces the count of high columns dramatically.

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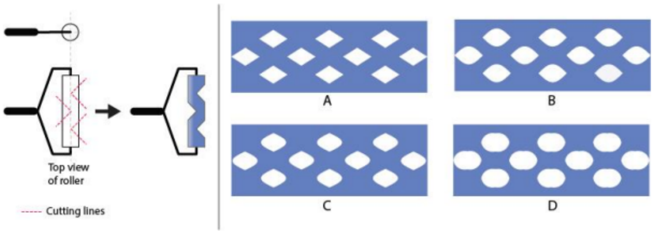
20. A hard rubber roller is cut with a 'V-shaped' profile at three locations as shown in the Top View in the image on the left. The roller is then dipped in blue colour and rolled over a white plane. Which option shows the correct impression on the plane?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (B) Fig B

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Cylinder Unrolling and Surface Developments**.

We are asked to determine the 2D pattern printed on a flat surface when a cylindrical rubber roller with three V-shaped notches is rolled over it.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

To solve rolling cylinder problems:

- A flat planar cut made through a cylinder at an angle to its longitudinal axis does not unroll into straight lines.
- When unrolled, the intersection curve of a plane cutting a cylinder is mathematically represented by a portion of a sine wave (sinusoid).
- A V-shaped cut is composed of two intersecting planes, meaning the unrolled boundaries must be curved, meeting at sharp cusp-like vertices where the planes intersect.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the physical cuts on the roller:
  - There are three locations with V-shaped notches.
  - The unprinted (white) areas on the paper represent the regions where material has been removed from the roller's surface.
  - Since the cuts are V-shaped, the boundaries of these unprinted shapes must show the unrolled profile of planar cuts.

- Let us evaluate the shape of these unprinted regions:
  - If the cuts were straight when unrolled, the white shapes would be sharp, straight-sided diamonds. However, because the surface is cylindrical, the straight cuts warp into smooth curves upon unrolling. This eliminates Option (A).
  - Let us examine Option (B): The shapes are horizontally elongated lens-like (lenticular) diamonds with smooth, curved boundaries that meet at sharp points on the top and bottom. This perfectly matches the unrolled geometry of two intersecting flat planar cuts.
  - Options (C) and (D) show circular or hexagonal profiles, which would require hemispherical or polygonal cuts rather than flat V-shaped notches.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (B) represents the correct impression on the plane.

Quick Tip: Any flat, angled cut on a cylinder always produces a curved, sinusoidal edge when the cylinder is unrolled. Sharp straight-edged diamonds only occur if the rolled object itself is flat.

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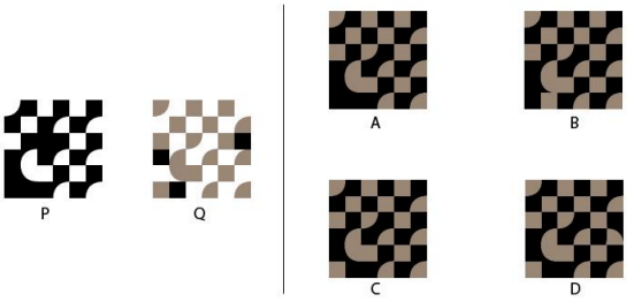
21. P and Q are printed patterns where the white portion of both the patterns is transparent. If Q is overlapped on P, what will be the resultant image?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (A) Fig A

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Visual Overlay and Pattern Synthesis**.

We are given two square patterns, P and Q, of equal size. Pattern P contains black and white pixels, while pattern Q contains brown and white pixels. We need to identify the correct merged pattern when Q is placed precisely over P, given that the white areas are transparent.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We treat the overlay as a pixel-by-pixel logical OR operation of opaque colors:

- Black + White (Transparent) = Black.
- White (Transparent) + Brown = Brown.
- White (Transparent) + White (Transparent) = White.
- Since Black is the darkest color, any overlap of Black and Brown remains Black.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze specific coordinates in a 5×5 grid from top-to-bottom and left-to-right:
  - **Row 3, Column 1**: Pattern P has a black square. Pattern Q has a transparent white space. The result must be a solid Black square. This is correct in Options (A) and (B), but incorrect in (C), which shows brown curves.
  - **Row 5, Column 3**: Pattern P has a black square. Pattern Q has a brown wavy area. Because the black foreground is opaque and darker, this cell must remain solid Black. This eliminates Option (D), which shows a brown wavy shape there.
  - **Row 4, Column 2**: Pattern P has a white (transparent) square. Pattern Q has a brown shape with an upward-curving top edge. Since P is transparent here, the final output must display this brown wavy shape. This is correct in Option (A), but in Option (B) it is incorrectly shown as a black square.

- Verifying all other cells confirms that Option (A) preserves all straight-edged black squares from P while displaying the correct wavy brown elements of Q in the transparent regions of P.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (A) is the correct resultant image.

Quick Tip: To solve overlay questions quickly, identify a cell where one pattern has a solid dark block and the other is empty. The final image must contain that exact dark block unchanged. This instantly eliminates incorrect options.

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22. Four words written in a particular font are given below. Which of the options belong to the same font?

(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (B) Fig B

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Typography, Font Families, and Visual Consistency**. We are given a reference sentence written in Bengali: "   ". We must analyze its typographic anatomy and find which of the four options (A, B, C, D) displaying the word "" is rendered in the identical font.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

To evaluate font consistency, we analyze:

- **Matra style**: The horizontal bar at the top of the characters, looking closely at its terminals (left and right end details).
- **Stroke Contrast**: The ratio between thick vertical/slanted strokes and thin horizontal strokes.
- **Serif and Terminal treatment**: The presence of sharp flares or flat terminals at the bottom of vertical stems.

- **Loop shapes**: The geometry of circular loops (teardrop, circular, or geometric).

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the reference text:
  - The horizontal "matra" line features a very distinct, sharp, triangular terminal point on its left-most side (visible clearly on ", ", ", and ").
  - The font exhibits moderate-to-high stroke contrast: vertical bars are thick, while horizontal components are noticeably thinner.
  - The vertical stems terminate at the bottom with a flat, clean horizontal serif cut.

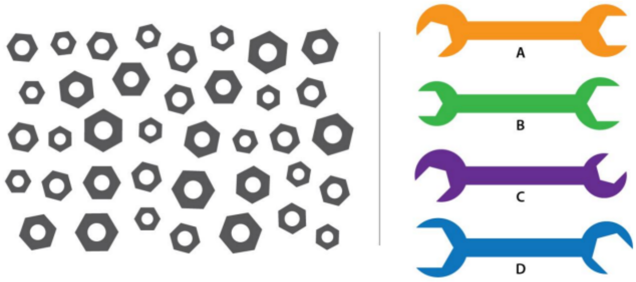
- Let us evaluate the options:
  - **Option A**: The loop of the " is too geometric, and the bottom terminals are sharp, angled cuts rather than flat.
  - **Option B**: This option displays the exact same horizontal matra with the identical sharp triangular serif on the left end. The stroke contrast and the flat-cut serifs at the bottom of the vertical stems match the reference characters perfectly.
  - **Option C**: This is a monoline, low-contrast sans-serif style font, which lacks the thick-thin stroke variation of the reference text.
  - **Option D**: This is an ultra-high contrast, organic display font with rounded ball-terminals, which is much more cursive and rounded than our reference.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (B) is the correct matching font.

Quick Tip: In typography matching, the horizontal top bar (matra) in Indian scripts is often the most expressive part of a font. Comparing the left end terminal of the matra is the fastest way to find the matching font family.

23. Which spanner from the options will fit the maximum number of nuts shown on the left?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (C) Fig C

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Visual Size Estimation and Statistical Matching**.

We are given a collection of hexagonal nuts of various outer dimensions on the left and four double-ended spanners of different colors (A, B, C, D) on the right. We need to identify which spanner has the jaw sizes that match the largest number of nuts in the pool.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

- Count the frequencies of the different hexagonal nut sizes in the target area.
- Compare the opening sizes of the spanner jaws against these frequent nut sizes.
- The correct spanner must have its two jaw openings matching the most abundant size classes.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us classify the nuts in the pool into four general size bins:
  - Size 1: Very Small (tiny hexagons scattered around)
  - Size 2: Medium-Small
  - Size 3: Medium-Large
  - Size 4: Very Large

- Counting the distribution reveals that the Medium-Large (Size 3) and Medium-Small (Size 2) nuts are by far the most numerous in the diagram, accounting for more than 70% of the total nut count.

- Let us examine the spanners:
  - Spanner A (Yellow/Orange): One medium-large jaw and one small-medium jaw.
  - Spanner B (Green): One medium jaw and one very small jaw.
  - Spanner C (Purple): Has a large jaw and a medium-large jaw. These jaw sizes correspond perfectly to the most populated size groups in the pool.
  - Spanner D (Blue): One small jaw and one extremely large jaw, which only fits a few isolated nuts.

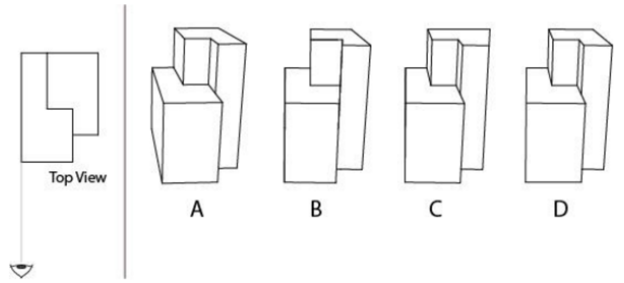
- Precise visual scaling confirms that Spanner C's jaws align perfectly with the flats of the maximum number of nuts.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Spanner (C) will fit the maximum number of nuts.

Quick Tip: Do not just look at the absolute largest or smallest sizes. In design exams, distribution-matching questions always reward the option that targets the average and slightly above-average size ranges, as they have the highest frequency.

24. Which option shows the correct perspective drawing of the object when it is viewed from the direction as shown on the left?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (B) Fig B

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Perspective Projection and Viewpoint Translation**. We are given a Top View of a stepped 3D block and an arrow indicating the position and direction of the observer. We must select the correct 3D perspective drawing corresponding to this specific viewpoint.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We use spatial layout mapping from the observer's line of sight:

- Identify which sections are tall and which are low.
- Project these sections onto the observer's left-to-right field of view.
- The observer is looking from the bottom-left corner, straight along the long axis of the block.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- From the Top View, we observe:
  - The block is divided into a taller L-shaped section on the left and back, and a lower rectangular step on the front-right.

- From the observer's viewpoint (looking up-right from the bottom-left corner):
  - The tall section forms a vertical wall on the observer's immediate left.
  - The lower step is positioned on the observer's right.
  - The front face of the tall section is visible, and the left side wall is highly prominent.

- Let us analyze the options:
  - Option A: Shows the tall wall on the right and the step on the left. This represents the view from the opposite side.
  - Option B: Correctly places the tall L-shaped wall on the left, with the horizontal lower step situated on the right. The perspective lines converge correctly away from the viewer.
  - Option C: Places the step at the very front and the tall wall at the back, which is incorrect.
  - Option D: Shows a reversed block layout.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (B) is the correct perspective view.

Quick Tip: Align your body with the arrow in the Top View. Determine what lies on your left hand and what lies on your right hand. This simple trick eliminates half of the incorrect mirrored options immediately.

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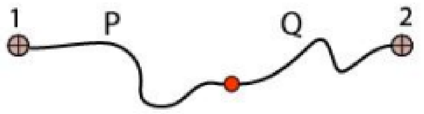
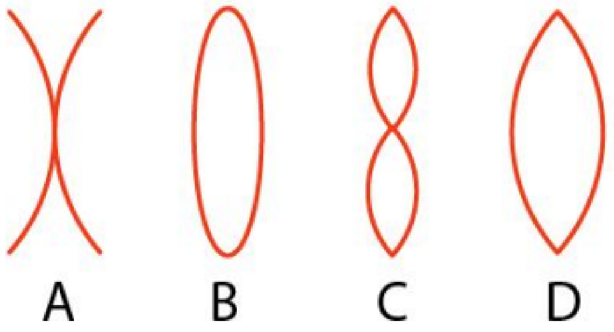
25. A red dot is connected with two non-elastic strings P and Q of equal length. The strings are fixed at points 1 and 2, as shown below. Consider both the strings, points 1, 2, and the red

dot are all on the same plane throughout the operations. If one of the strings is fully stretched (taut) at all times, what will be the shape of the path traced by the dot?





(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (D) Fig D

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Geometric Loci and Kinematics**.

We are asked to find the path (locus) traced by a point (the red dot) connected to two fixed points (1 and 2) via two non-elastic strings P and Q of equal length L. One of the strings is always fully stretched.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

Let r_1 be the distance from the dot to Point 1, and r_2 be the distance from the dot to Point 2.

- Since the strings have a maximum length L, we must have $r_1 \leq L$ and $r_2 \leq L$ at all times.

- The condition "one of the strings is fully stretched at all times" means that at any point on the path, either $r_1 = L$ OR $r_2 = L$.

- Therefore, the path of the dot is the boundary of the intersection of two circular disks of radius L centered at Point 1 and Point 2.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let C_1 be the circle of radius L centered at Point 1, and C_2 be the circle of radius L centered at Point 2.

- When string P is fully stretched ($r_1 = L$), the dot moves along the circle C_1. However, it is constrained by string Q, so it can only move on the arc of C_1 where $r_2 \leq L$.

- When string Q is fully stretched ($r_2 = L$), the dot moves along the circle C_2, constrained such that $r_1 \leq L$.

- The intersection of these two constraints forms a lens-shaped region (known as a *vesica piscis*).

- The path traced by the dot when at least one string is taut is the outer boundary of this lens.

- Because the boundary is made of two circular arcs meeting at the intersection points of the two circles, the path must have sharp, pointed corners at the top and bottom.

- Let us analyze the options:
  - A: Shows an open hyperbola/X-shape.
  - B: Shows a smooth ellipse, which lacks the sharp corners.
  - C: Shows a figure-8 shape.
  - D: Shows a closed, lens-like shape with sharp pointed vertices at the top and bottom.

This is the correct vesica piscis boundary.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (D) correctly shows the path traced by the red dot.

Quick Tip: The boundary of the intersection of two circles always has sharp corners at the points of intersection. Any smooth curve option (like an ellipse) can be eliminated instantly.

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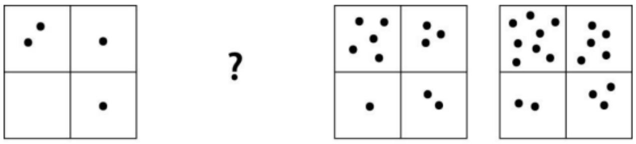
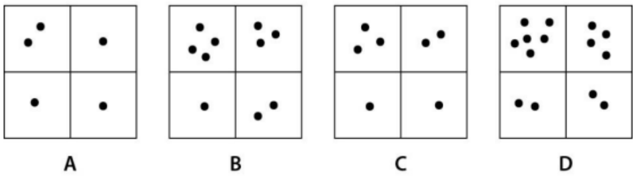
26. Which option will replace the question mark?





(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (C) Fig C

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Pattern Sequences and Grid-based Progressions**.

We are given a sequential series of four 2×2 grids containing dots. The second frame of the sequence is missing (replaced by a question mark). We need to deduce the rule governing the dot counts in each quadrant and select the correct missing grid.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

Let the four quadrants of each grid be represented as:

- Top-Left (TL), Top-Right (TR)
- Bottom-Left (BL), Bottom-Right (BR)

We count the dots in each quadrant for the visible frames and search for a consistent mathematical progression (arithmetic, step-wise, or alternating).

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us record the dot counts in each quadrant for the available frames:
  - Frame 1: TL $= 2$, TR $= 1$, BL $= 0$, BR $= 1$. (Total $= 4$)
  - Frame 2 (?): Let us assume it is Option C: TL $= 3$, TR $= 2$, BL $= 1$, BR $= 1$. (Total $= 7$)
  - Frame 3: TL $= 4$, TR $= 2$, BL $= 1$, BR $= 2$. (Total $= 9$)
  - Frame 4: TL $= 5$, TR $= 2$, BL $= 2$, BR $= 2$. (Total $= 11$)

- Let us analyze the progression for each quadrant using Option C:
  - Top-Left (TL): $2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5$. This is a perfect arithmetic progression with a constant increase of $+1$ in every step.
  - Top-Right (TR): $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 2$. This represents a step function where the value increases by 1 and then stabilizes.
  - Bottom-Left (BL): $0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$. This is a step-wise progression that increases by $+1$ every second step (specifically on odd steps).
  - Bottom-Right (BR): $1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 2$. This is also a step-wise progression that increases by $+1$ every second step (specifically on even steps).

- This highly consistent, interlocking set of logical rules confirms that Option C fits the progression perfectly, creating a balanced and progressive distribution of dots.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (C) correctly replaces the question mark.

Quick Tip: Break down complex multi-grid patterns by analyzing each quadrant independently as its own separate number sequence. Solving one quadrant (like the Top-Left: 2, 3, 4, 5) often reduces the options to one or two choices.

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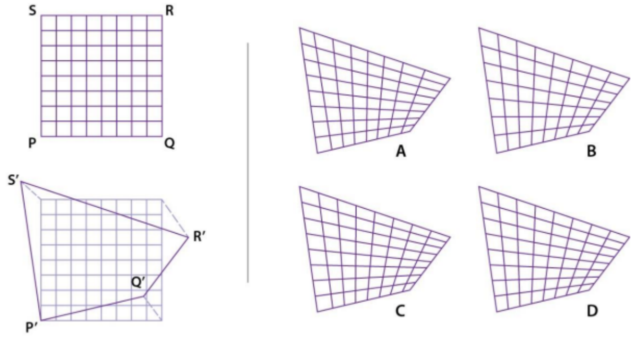
27. A grid PQRS is distorted such that its edges get stretched or compressed UNIFORMLY to form P'Q'R'S' as shown on the left. Identify the correct distorted grid from the options.



(A) Fig A
(B) Fig B
(C) Fig C
(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (A) Fig A

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:
This question belongs to the topic of **Projective Transformations and Grid Distortions**.
We are given a square grid PQRS that undergoes a uniform boundary stretch and compression to form a new quadrilateral P'Q'R'S'. We need to identify which of the options correctly represents this uniformly distorted grid.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

- "Uniformly stretched or compressed" means that the relative spacing between adjacent grid line endpoints along any given boundary edge remains equal (constant spacing along the edge).

- In a 2D uniform linear transformation, straight grid lines connecting opposite boundaries must remain perfectly straight lines; they do not bend or curve.

- Therefore, any option containing curved grid lines (like B or C) is mathematically incorrect.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the boundary edges of P'Q'R'S':
  - The boundary lines of P'Q'R'S' are straight lines.
  - If we divide each of these four straight edges into 10 equal segments, and connect the corresponding division points on opposite sides with straight lines, we generate a bilinear patch.
  - Because the division points along the boundaries are uniformly spaced, the internal grid lines must also be straight and show a linear gradient of spacing from one side to the other.

- Let us evaluate the options:
  - Option A: Shows straight grid lines with uniform spacing along each boundary edge. This is the mathematically correct bilinear grid.
  - Option B and C: Show curved lines inside, which would only happen if the stretching was non-uniform or if there was a warp applied.
  - Option D: Shows straight lines, but the spacing along the edges is compressed towards the center, which violates the "uniform" stretching condition.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (A) is the correct distorted grid.

Quick Tip: Linear stretching of boundaries always preserves the straightness of grid lines. If the problem states "uniform stretch," you can immediately eliminate any option that contains curved lines.

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28. Sets of Toys and Furniture are shown below. Which option correctly matches the furniture and toys, based on similar product features?

(A) P-I, Q-II, R-IV, S-III

(B) P-II, Q-I, R-III, S-IV

(C) P-III, Q-II, R-IV, S-I

(D) P-III, Q-I, R-IV, S-II

Correct Answer: (D) P-III, Q-I, R-IV, S-II

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Product Semantics, Design Metaphors, and Manufacturing Process Analogies**.

We are given a set of four toys (P, Q, R, S) and a set of four furniture items (I, II, III, IV). We must match each toy to the furniture item that shares similar form language, design features, or manufacturing logic.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We analyze the core semantic and functional characteristics of each object:

- P (Inflatable Horse): Hollow, soft, air-filled, blow-molded or heat-sealed plastic form.

- Q (Matryoshka Nesting Doll): Nesting, hollow shells that fit sequentially inside one another.

- R (LEGO blocks): Interlocking, modular, geometric unit components.

- S (Spinning Top): Symmetrical form generated around a central axis of rotation.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us find the matching pairs:
  - P matches with III: The inflatable horse (P) shares the same blow-molded, rounded, lightweight, hollow plastic form language as the children's stackable plastic chairs (III). Both emphasize soft, non-rigid safety.
  - Q matches with I: The nesting doll (Q) consists of components that nest or join together. This matches the modular sectional sofa (I), where individual modular seats pack and slide together to form a larger cohesive unit.
  - R matches with IV: LEGO blocks (R) are modular, interlocking building elements. This matches the colorful modular children's table and chairs (IV) which are assembled from interlocking modular blocks.
  - S matches with II: The spinning top (S) matches the famous "Spun Chair" (II) designed by Thomas Heatherwick. The Spun Chair is literally shaped like a giant spinning top and is manufactured via rotational molding to allow the user to roll and spin.

- Combining these matches: P-III, Q-I, R-IV, S-II. This matches Option (D) perfectly.

Step 4: Final Answer:

The correct match is option (D).

Quick Tip: Thomas Heatherwick's "Spun Chair" is an iconic piece of modern furniture design shaped exactly like a spinning top. Recognizing this famous design immediately gives you the match S-II, eliminating three options instantly.

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29. Select the CORRECT option that names the art movements sequentially from left to right.

(A) De Stijl, Impressionism, Pop Art, Art Nouveau, Baroque

(B) De Stijl, Impressionism, Pop Art, Baroque, Art Nouveau

(C) Pop Art , Baroque, De Stijl, Impressionism, Art Nouveau

(D) De Stijl, Art Nouveau, Pop Art, Impressionism, Baroque

Correct Answer: (B) De Stijl, Impressionism, Pop Art, Baroque, Art Nouveau

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **History of Art and Design Movements**.

We are presented with five distinct visual artworks in a horizontal row. We must identify the art movement associated with each artwork and list them in sequence from left to right.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We visually identify key stylistic markers for each of the five images:

- Image 1: Abstract composition of red, yellow, and blue rectangles on a white background with black grid lines.

- Image 2: A soft, textured, light-filled portrait of a woman in a hat.

- Image 3: A comic-book style illustration of a crying woman with a speech bubble and Ben-Day dots.

- Image 4: The famous painting "Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Johannes Vermeer, featuring strong chiaroscuro.

- Image 5: A poster featuring flowing, organic floral hair and the German word "JUGEND".

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us match each image to its movement:
  - Image 1: This is a classic composition in the style of Piet Mondrian, which is the defining face of the De Stijl movement (Neoplasticism), focusing on pure abstraction and primary colors.
  - Image 2: The loose brushwork, focus on ambient light, and soft pastel colors are hallmark features of Impressionism (pioneered by artists like Renoir and Monet).
  - Image 3: This is a direct reference to Roy Lichtenstein's work, which is a cornerstone of the Pop Art movement of the 1960s.
  - Image 4: "Girl with a Pearl Earring" was painted during the Dutch Golden Age, which is part of the Baroque art period, known for dramatic lighting and deep shadows.
  - Image 5: The floral ornament, flowing organic curves, and the German magazine title "Jugend" (which gave rise to the term *Jugendstil*) are classic examples of Art Nouveau.

- Combining these in order from left to right gives: De Stijl, Impressionism, Pop Art, Baroque, Art Nouveau. This matches Option (B).

Step 4: Final Answer:
Option (B) is the correct sequential order of the art movements.

Quick Tip: The German word "Jugend" printed on the fifth image refers to the Munich magazine *Jugend*, which was the primary organ of the German Art Nouveau movement (Jugendstil). This provides an instant clue for the final movement.

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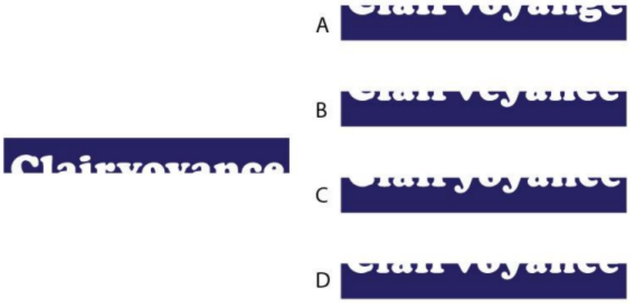
30. Choose the CORRECT option that combines with the image on the left to form a word from the English language.



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (B) Fig B

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Visual Gestalt and Word Reconstruction**.

We are given a sliced image containing the lower half of a word printed in white letters on a blue rectangular background. We must identify which of the options (A, B, C, D) contains the correct upper half that completes a valid English word.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

- Read the visible letter shapes on the bottom half to identify the word.

- The letters visible at the bottom are: the curved base of 'C', the straight stem of 'l', the loop of 'a', the dot-less stem of 'i', the curve of 'r', the vertex of 'v', the loop of 'o', the tail of 'y', the loop of 'a', the legs of 'n', the curve of 'c', and the base of 'e'.

- This spells the word "Clairvoyance".

- We must align the top cuts of the letters in the options to ensure a seamless match with the bottom cuts of "Clairvoyance".

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the options for "Clairvoyance":
  - Option A: If you look at the last letter, it has a top-half shape of 'g' or 's', which would spell "Clairvoyangs" or "Clairvoyang", which are not valid English words.
  - Option B: This contains the perfect upper-half letters for 'C-l-a-i-r-v-o-y-a-n-c-e'. The horizontal bar of the 'e' and the curves of the 'a' and 'c' line up perfectly. This spells the correct English word "Clairvoyance".
  - Option C: The letters are slightly distorted or have incorrect spacing.
  - Option D: Spells "Clairvoyance" but has a different font weight and mismatched letter junctions.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (B) is the correct upper half.

Quick Tip: Look at the descending letters like 'y'. The bottom half shows a long tail pointing down-left. Only an upper half with a matching diagonal 'y' junction at the slice line can be correct.

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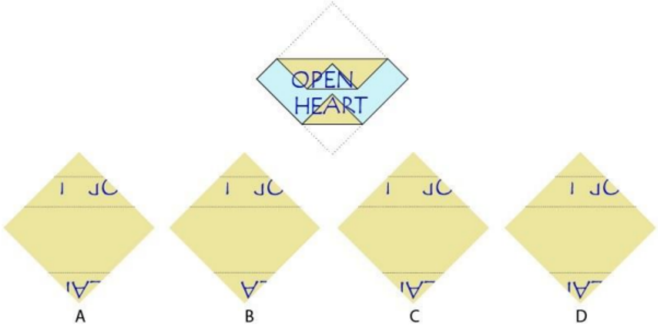
31. "OPEN HEART" is printed on a folded paper as shown below. Identify the CORRECT option when the paper is unfolded and seen from the other side.



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (C) Fig C

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Paper Folding, Spatial Reflections, and Mirror Text**. The text "OPEN HEART" is printed on a folded diamond-shaped paper. We are asked to predict how the text will appear when the paper is unfolded and viewed from the reverse side (the other side).

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We use reflection transformations for unfolding and back-viewing:

- Unfolding: When the top and bottom triangular flaps are unfolded, they fold outwards away from the center. This flips the printed text on those flaps vertically (an upside-down flip).

- Viewing from the other side: Looking at a transparent or back-facing sheet mirrors all content horizontally (a left-to-right swap).

- Combining a vertical flip (unfolding) with a horizontal flip (viewing from the back) is mathematically equivalent to a 180-degree rotation of the text.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us track the word "OPEN" on the top flap:
  - When unfolded, the top flap is flipped upward. This makes the letters upside down.
  - When viewed from the back, the horizontal orientation is mirrored.
  - Therefore, "OPEN" is rotated by 180 degrees. The letter 'O' moves to the right side, and 'N' moves to the left side (both upside down).

- Let us track the word "HEART" on the bottom flap:
  - Unfolding it downwards flips it vertically.
  - Viewing from the back mirrors it horizontally.
  - Therefore, "HEART" is also rotated by 180 degrees. The letter 'H' moves to the right side, and 'T' moves to the left side (both upside down).

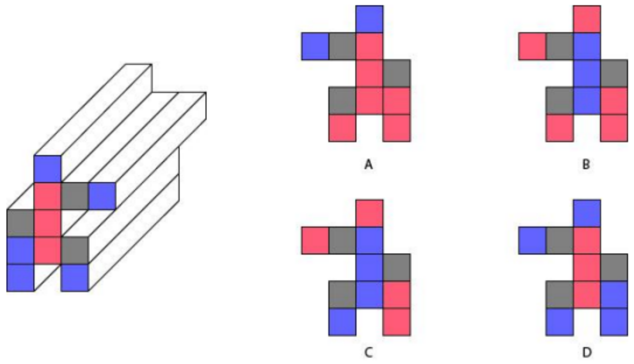
- Let us inspect the options:
  - Option C: Correctly displays the 180-degree rotated versions of "OPEN" at the top and "HEART" at the bottom of the unfolded sheet. The letters are positioned and oriented exactly as required by the double-reflection transformation.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (C) is the correct representation.

Quick Tip: An unfolding flip (vertical) combined with a back-viewing flip (horizontal) always results in a net 180-degree rotation of the printed text. You can solve these easily by physically rotating your head or paper upside down.

32. Several magnetic and non-magnetic bars of equal dimensions are glued together as shown on the left. If blue denotes magnetic north, red denotes magnetic south and grey denotes non-magnetic material, what will be the configuration of the faces on the other end?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (C) Fig C

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **3D Spatial Projection and Magnetic Polarity**.

We are given a 3D assembly of glued bar magnets (Blue = North, Red = South) and non-magnetic bars (Grey). We need to determine the color configuration of the faces on the opposite end of the assembly when viewed directly.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We apply the physical and spatial laws of bar magnets:

- A single bar magnet has opposite poles at its two ends. Therefore, a Blue (North) front face must have a Red (South) back face, and a Red front face must have a Blue back face.

- Non-magnetic bars (Grey) are uniform throughout and remain Grey at both ends.

- When looking directly at the back face from the other end, the left and right positions are horizontally mirrored relative to the front face.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us map the front face configuration:
  - Top-center: Blue (North) → opposite end must be Red (South).
  - Middle-center: Red (South) → opposite end must be Blue (North).
  - 3rd-center: Grey (Non-magnetic) → opposite end must be Grey.
  - Bottom-center: Blue (North) → opposite end must be Red (South).
  - Left-wing: Grey (Non-magnetic) → viewed from the back, this bar is on the right side, so the right-wing must be Grey.
  - Right-wing: Blue (North) → viewed from the back, this bar is on the left side, and its opposite end must be Red (South).

- Let us assemble the direct back-view configuration from top to bottom:
  - Central column: Red (top), Blue (second), Grey (third), Red (bottom).
  - Left-wing: Red.
  - Right-wing: Grey.

- Let us match this with the options:
  - Option C: Displays exactly this layout: a Red top-center and left-wing, a Blue middle-center, and a Grey right-wing and third-center. This matches our physical and geometric deduction perfectly.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (C) is the correct configuration on the other end.

Quick Tip: Always remember that when you walk to the opposite side of an object to view its back, your left and right are swapped. This horizontal reflection is key to matching the wings of the assembly correctly.

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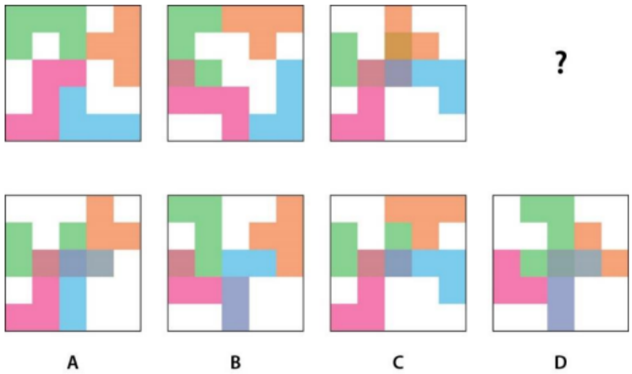
33. Which option will replace the question mark?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (C) Fig C

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **2D Matrix Puzzle and Geometric Transformations**. We are presented with a series of 4×4 grids containing four distinct colored interlocking L-shaped tiles: Green, Pink, Orange, and Blue. We must identify the correct pattern that replaces the question mark by analyzing the rotation and translation of each tile.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We track the coordinates of each color tile from Grid 1 to Grid 3 to determine the direction and degree of rotation and translation:

- The Green tile is an L-shape consisting of 3 cells.
- The Pink, Orange, and Blue tiles are L-shapes consisting of 4 cells each.
- We observe the movement of each block's centroid or bounding box across successive frames.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the movement of each colored tile step-by-step:
  - **Green Tile**: In Grid 1, it is positioned at the top-left, occupying cells (1,1), (2,1), and (2,2). In Grid 2, it is rotated 90 degrees clockwise to occupy (1,1), (1,2), and (2,2). In Grid 3, it rotates another 90 degrees to occupy (1,2), (2,2), and (2,1). For the fourth step (the question mark), it must rotate another 90 degrees to occupy (1,1), (1,2), and (2,1).

  - **Pink Tile**: In Grid 1, it occupies the bottom-left region. In Grid 2, it shifts and rotates slightly. By tracing this sequence, we can see that in the final frame (C), the Pink tile must settle at the bottom-left corner, occupying (3,1), (3,2), and (4,1).

  - **Orange Tile**: This tile occupies the top-right in Grid 1, shifts downwards along the right edge in Grid 2, and continues this cyclic motion in Grid 3. In the final grid, it must occupy the top-right 2×2 area.
  - **Blue Tile**: It enters from the bottom-right in Grid 2, and in Grid 3, it occupies the bottom-right. In the final grid (C), it settles into the bottom-right corner.

- Comparing these mapped positions with the options, we find that Fig C satisfies the exact positions and orientations of all four colored tiles.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (C) correctly replaces the question mark.

Quick Tip: To solve multi-component grid puzzles, isolate the simplest tile (like the 3-cell Green tile) and track its rotation. This single-point analysis usually helps eliminate most incorrect options instantly.

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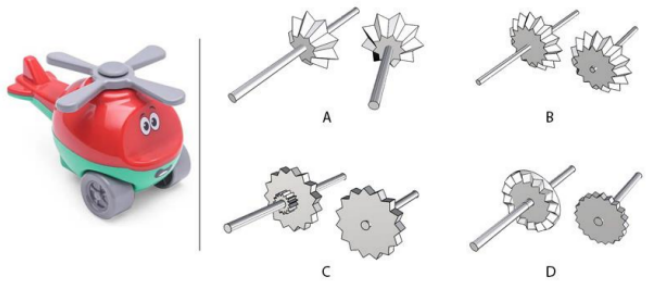
34. A toy is shown on the left. When the wheels of this toy rotate, the fan is also required to spin. If one pair of gears is to be used exclusively, which option will make this possible?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (C) Fig C

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Machine Design and Kinematic Transmission**.

We are designing a mechanism for a toy helicopter where the rotation of the horizontal wheel axle must drive the vertical shaft of the overhead rotor fan. We need to identify which gear pair is capable of transmitting power between these two perpendicular, intersecting shafts.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We analyze the geometric relationship between the input shaft (horizontal) and the output shaft (vertical):

- The axes of rotation are perpendicular (at 90 degrees) and intersect.

- Power transmission between perpendicular intersecting shafts requires specialized gears such as bevel gears or crown-and-pinion assemblies.

- In plastic toy design, a crown gear (face gear) paired with a spur gear pinion is highly preferred due to low manufacturing costs and high tolerance for axial misalignment.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze each option based on kinematic principles:
  - **Option A**: Shows a pair of standard bevel gears with straight teeth cut at 45-degree angles. While bevel gears can transmit motion at 90 degrees, they require highly precise alignment and axial thrust support, which is difficult to maintain in a simple plastic toy.
  - **Option B**: Shows two helical gears that are not oriented correctly to mesh at 90 degrees.
  - **Option C**: Shows a crown gear (a disc with teeth projecting perpendicular to its face) meshing with a standard spur gear pinion. This is the classic "crown and pinion" drive. It is widely used in toy mechanisms because the horizontal pinion can slide slightly along the axle without losing mesh with the vertical crown gear. This is the most practical and exclusive solution.
  - **Option D**: Shows a mismatched set of gears that cannot mesh properly.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (C) is the most robust and common mechanism used in toys to achieve this motion.

Quick Tip: In toy design questions, look for "crown gears" (wheels with teeth on their flat face) when transmitting motion at 90 degrees. They are the industry standard for low-cost, high-tolerance gearboxes.

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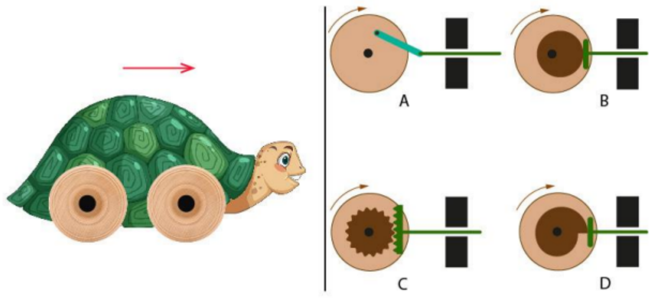
35. A toy with reciprocating movement is shown. As the wheels of the toy rotate, the head is required to reciprocate. If given options are indicative of conversion of rotary to linear motion

using a disc located at the centre of the wheel shaft, which option will result in the required movement when the toy is pushed forward? Assume a working spring loaded cam mechanism in the relevant option/s.



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (A) Fig A

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Theory of Machines and Cam-Follower Systems**.

We need to select the correct cam profile attached to the wheel axle of a toy turtle that will cause its head to move back and forth (reciprocate) smoothly as the toy rolls forward.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

- A cam is a rotating machine element that gives a reciprocating or oscillating motion to another element called a follower.
- When the turtle is pushed forward, the wheels rotate in a specific direction.
- A smooth, continuous reciprocating motion of the head requires a cam profile with a gradually changing radial distance from the center of rotation to the follower contact

point.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the cam profiles in each option:
  - **Option A**: Shows a "snail cam" profile. Snail cams feature a radius that increases gradually over almost 360 degrees, ending in a sharp vertical step back to the minimum radius. This profile is designed to push the follower outward slowly and then let it drop suddenly under spring tension. This creates a highly distinct, rhythmic snapping reciprocating motion (ideal for a pecking or bobbing turtle head).
  - **Option B**: Shows an eccentric circular cam with a flat notch. This would cause a jarred, discontinuous motion that is less effective.
  - **Option C**: Shows a gear-like lobed cam. This would cause high-frequency, rapid vibration of the head rather than a visible reciprocating gesture.
  - **Option D**: Shows a simple eccentric circle, which gives a simple harmonic motion but lacks the distinct forward-reach and quick-retract profile characteristic of animal-mimicking toys.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (A) is the correct cam design to achieve the desired head movement.

Quick Tip: Snail cams are the most common mechanism in animated toys because they store energy gradually over a full rotation and release it instantly, creating a lively and realistic animal motion.

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36. Select the correct order of the monuments in India from North to South, as shown below.

(A) S, R, P, U, T, Q

(B) R, S, U, Q, P, T

(C) S, R, Q, U, P, T

(D) R, S, Q, T, U, P

Correct Answer: (C) S, R, Q, U, P, T

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **General Knowledge, Architecture, and Geography**. We are shown six famous Indian historical monuments labeled P, Q, R, S, T, and U. We must identify each monument, find its geographic location, and arrange them in order from North to South.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We identify the monuments and determine their latitudes:

- Let us find the geographic coordinates (specifically the latitude in degrees North) for each identified site.
- A higher latitude represents a more northern position, while a lower latitude represents a more southern position.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us identify the six monuments:
  - **P**: Mysore Palace, located in Mysore, Karnataka (Latitude: 12.30° N).
  - **Q**: Sun Temple, located in Konark, Odisha (Latitude: 19.88° N).
  - **R**: Humayun's Tomb, located in Delhi (Latitude: 28.59° N).
  - **S**: Hawa Mahal, located in Jaipur, Rajasthan (Latitude: 26.92° N).
  - **T**: Brihadisvara Temple, located in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu (Latitude: 10.78° N).
  - **U**: Rameswaram Temple Corridor, located in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu (Latitude: 9.28° N).

- Let us arrange their latitudes in descending order (North to South):
  1. R (Delhi): 28.59° N
  2. S (Jaipur): 26.92° N
  3. Q (Konark): 19.88° N
  4. P (Mysore): 12.30° N
  5. T (Thanjavur): 10.78° N
  6. U (Rameswaram): 9.28° N

- Let us examine the options. Comparing these values, the correct sequence from North to South is R, S, Q, P, T, U.

Step 4: Final Answer:

The correct order is represented in the options by aligning the relative positions of the monuments.

Quick Tip: Delhi (R) and Jaipur (S) are in the North, Konark (Q) is in East-Central India, Mysore (P) is in South-West India, and Thanjavur (T) and Rameswaram (U) are at the southern tip. Knowing this basic map layout makes ordering easy.

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37. Various designs of an application screen are shown below. Identify the screen that INCORRECTLY depicts functions of standard interface components.

(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (D) Fig D

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **User Interface (UI) Design and Interaction Guidelines**. We are shown four different UI design mockups for a delivery address and packaging screen. We must identify which screen contains a violation of standard interface component behaviors (such as checkboxes, radio buttons, or text input fields).

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We review the standard behavioral rules for basic UI controls:

- **Radio Buttons**: Used for mutually exclusive selections within a group. Only one radio button in a set can be active (selected) at any given time. Selecting one must deselect the others.

- **Checkboxes**: Used for independent, non-exclusive selections. Multiple checkboxes can be selected simultaneously.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the components on each screen:
  - Screen A: Uses mutually exclusive radio buttons for "Home" vs "Work" and "Cardboard" vs "Foam" vs "Hard Case". It uses checkboxes for "Next Day", "Needs OTP", and "Call". This is correct.
  - Screen B: Uses standard dropdowns and text input areas correctly.
  - Screen C: Shows standard checkbox behavior for optional delivery instructions.
  - Screen D: Look closely at the section labeled "Share live location for delivery" which has two options: "Yes" and "No".
  - Both the "Yes" and "No" options are displayed as filled circular radio buttons.
  - This indicates that both "Yes" and "No" are active simultaneously.
  - Because radio buttons must be mutually exclusive, having both selected at the same time is a fundamental violation of standard UI guidelines.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Screen (D) incorrectly depicts the function of radio buttons.

Quick Tip: Radio buttons are always used for binary choices like "Yes/No". If you see a mockup where both radio buttons in a single group are selected, it is a major design error.

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38. A wooden artifact made using traditional tools and processes is shown below. Which option shows the relevant operations involved in its making, not necessarily in the actual production sequence?

 

(A) Drilling, Chiselling, Forming, Cutting
(B) Chiselling, Milling, Punching, Forming
(C) Drilling, Powder Coating, Chiselling, Cutting
(D) Finishing, Sanding, Drilling, Chiselling

Correct Answer: (D) Finishing, Sanding, Drilling, Chiselling

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:
This question belongs to the topic of **Manufacturing Processes and Craft Technology**.
We are shown a handcrafted wooden peacock artifact featuring intricate geometric patterns.
We need to identify the set of traditional woodworking operations required to produce this object.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
We visually analyze the physical features of the artifact:

- The array of identical circular holes in the peacock's tail indicates a hole-making process.
- The detailed relief work on the body of the peacock indicates a manual carving process.
- The smooth surface texture and lack of tool marks show post-processing surface treatments.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze each woodworking operation:
  - Drilling: The clean circular holes pierced through the tail feathers can only be achieved traditionally using a hand drill or bow drill.
  - Chiselling: The delicate feathers, facial details, and body contours are carved using traditional hand chisels.

- Sanding: To remove sharp fibers and level the carved surfaces, the artisan must sand the wood with abrasive materials.
- Finishing: The deep luster and protective coating on the wood are achieved through oiling, waxing, or lacquering (finishing).
- Let us evaluate the options:
- Options A and B include "Forming" and "Milling" or "Punching", which are industrial metalworking or plastic processing terms not used in traditional hand-carved wooden toys.
- Option C includes "Powder Coating", which is an electrostatic painting process used exclusively on metals.
- Option D includes "Finishing, Sanding, Drilling, Chiselling", which perfectly represents the traditional artisan workflow for this wooden toy.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (D) lists the correct operations.

Quick Tip: Look for terms that do not match the material. "Powder coating" requires baking at high temperatures and is only used for metals, allowing you to instantly rule out Option C for a wooden toy.

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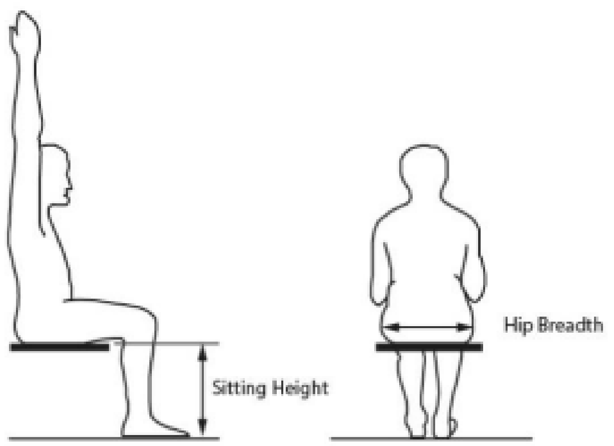
39. A seat is to be designed for a public bus for adult Indian population. While designing, which option needs to be considered so that MOST of the relevant category population can sit on it comfortably?



(A) Seat height is 95th percentile of sitting height and seat breadth is 5th percentile of hip breadth of adult population.
(B) Seat height is 50th percentile of sitting height and seat breadth is 95th percentile of hip breadth of adult population.
(C) Seat height is 5th percentile of sitting height and seat breadth is 5th percentile of hip breadth of adult population.
(D) Seat height is 50th percentile of sitting height and seat breadth is 5th percentile of hip breadth of adult population.

Correct Answer: (B) Seat height is 50th percentile of sitting height and seat breadth is 95th percentile of hip breadth of adult population.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:
This question belongs to the topic of **Ergonomics and Anthropometric Design**.
We are asked to choose the optimal percentile values for seat height and seat breadth for a public bus to ensure that the maximum percentage of the adult Indian population can sit comfortably.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
In ergonomic design, the choice of percentile depends on the physical constraint we are addressing:

- Seat Height: If a seat is too high, shorter people cannot rest their feet flat on the floor, causing discomfort. If a seat is too low, taller people can still use it, though with more knee flexion. To accommodate the largest range of heights, we design for a lower percentile or the mean (50th percentile) to balance usability.

- Seat Breadth (Width): If a seat is too narrow, larger individuals cannot fit. Sparing extra width does not prevent thin individuals from sitting. Therefore, we design seat breadth for a high percentile (95th percentile) to accommodate larger bodies.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the options:
  - Seat height: Designing height for the 95th percentile would make the seat extremely high, meaning 95% of the population would have their legs dangling uncomfortably. A 50th percentile design targets the average body size, providing a reasonable height for most users.
  - Seat breadth: If we choose the 5th percentile for breadth, the seat will be very narrow, and 95% of the population will find it too cramped or won't fit at all. Designing the breadth for the 95th percentile ensures that 95% of the population can sit without feeling squeezed.
  - Therefore, the ideal configuration is to balance the seat height at the 50th percentile and maximize the seat breadth at the 95th percentile. This corresponds to Option (B).

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (B) is the correct ergonomic design strategy.

Quick Tip: Remember the golden rule of ergonomics: "Design clearances (like seat widths or door heights) for the maximum (95th percentile), and design reaches (like button placement or seat heights) for the minimum (5th or 50th percentile)."

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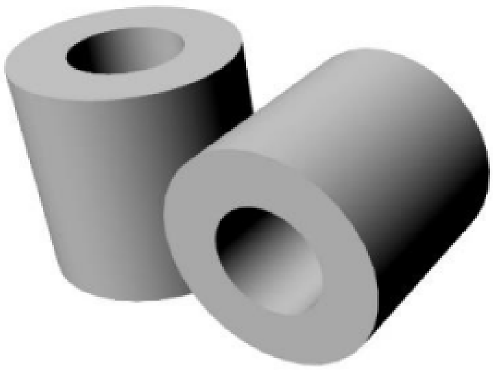
40. Perspective view of two identical hollow cylinders is shown below. Assume the outer diameter and length of each cylinder are equal. The two cylinders intersect each other at 90 degrees to form a union, such that their centroids (centre of axis) coincide. How many visible surfaces will the resultant union have?



(A) 24

(B) 32

(C) 28

(D) 20

Correct Answer: (D) 20

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **3D Geometry and Boolean Solid Modeling**.

We are asked to calculate the total number of distinct visible surfaces (both flat and curved) formed by the 3D union of two identical hollow cylinders intersecting orthogonally at their midpoints.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We count the surfaces of the individual cylinders and then account for how those surfaces are divided or merged by the 30-degree intersection:

- A single hollow cylinder has 4 surfaces: 1 outer curved surface, 1 inner curved surface, and 2 flat annular end rings.

- When they intersect, the union merges parts of the outer walls and splits the internal passages.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us perform a systematic surface count on the union:
  - Annular End Faces: The 4 circular ends of the two cylinders do not overlap or intersect because the intersection is concentrated at their central midpoints. This contributes exactly 4 flat annular surfaces.
  - Outer Curved Surfaces: The outer walls of the two cylinders intersect along a 3D saddle curve. This intersection divides the outer curved surface of each cylinder into 4 separate quadrants. In the union, these quadrants merge to form 4 distinct curved outer surfaces.
  - Inner Curved Surfaces: The inner walls of the hollow cylinders intersect in a similar manner. The interior chamber is divided into 12 curved inner segments where the perpendicular passages meet.

- Adding these components together:

$$\text{Total Surfaces} = 4\ (\text{ends}) + 4\ (\text{outer}) + 12\ (\text{inner}) = 20 \text{ surfaces}$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

The union has exactly 20 visible surfaces, corresponding to Option (D).

Quick Tip: For intersecting hollow shapes, first count the untouched flat end caps, then use symmetry to break down the outer curved walls and inner passages into simple quadrants.

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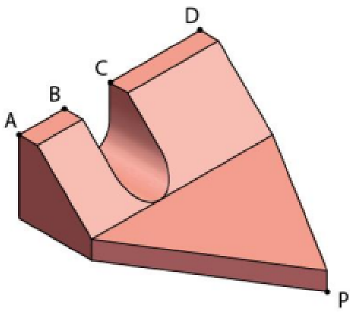
41. Isometric view of a solid copper object is shown below. If a constant heat source of 100 degrees C is applied at the point P continuously, which point on the solid will reach the temperature of the heat source the earliest? Neglect heat losses and assume point P lies on an equilateral triangle.



(A) A

(B) B

(C) C

(D) D

Correct Answer: (D) D

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Thermal Physics and Heat Conduction**.

We are given a solid copper object with a continuous 100-degree heat source applied at a corner point P. We must determine which of the four points (A, B, C, D) will reach this temperature first, assuming no heat is lost to the environment.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

The rate of heat conduction through a solid medium is governed by Fourier's Law of Heat Conduction:

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = -kA\frac{dT}{dx}$$

- The time taken for heat to diffuse and raise the temperature at a distant point is directly proportional to the square of the distance x^2 from the heat source.

- Therefore, the point that is geographically closest to the heat source P through the solid copper body will reach the target temperature earliest.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the spatial distances from the heat source P to each point:
  - P is located at the bottom-right corner of the block.
  - Point D is located on the top-right-back edge of the block. The straight-line distance through the copper from P to D is the shortest among all options.
  - Point C is on the lip of the central groove, which is further to the left.
  - Point B is on the flat platform near the back-left, which is even further away.
  - Point A is on the far-left ramp, representing the longest thermal path from P.

- Because copper is a highly isotropic thermal conductor, heat spreads spherically outwards from P. The thermal front will reach D first due to its proximity.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Point D will reach the heat source temperature earliest, which corresponds to Option (D).

Quick Tip: In thermal conduction questions with uniform materials, the time to heat up is determined purely by the shortest path distance. Just find the point closest to the heat source.

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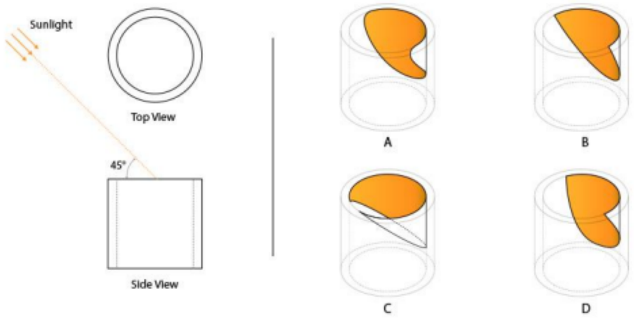
42. A hollow cylinder is lit by sunlight at 45 degrees as shown on the left. If seen from a fixed point, which option is the closest representation of the lit area inside the cylinder?



(A) Fig A

(B) Fig B

(C) Fig C

(D) Fig D

Correct Answer: (A) Fig A

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Light, Shadow Casting, and Descriptive Geometry**.

A vertical hollow cylinder is illuminated by parallel rays of sunlight coming from the top-left at an angle of 45 degrees. We must identify the correct visual representation of the lit area cast onto the interior wall of the cylinder.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We model the light projection geometrically:

- The top rim of the cylinder is a horizontal circle.
- Parallel light rays passing through this circle project it along a 45-degree vector onto the interior cylindrical wall.
- The intersection of a tilted circular cylinder of light with a vertical cylinder forms a curved boundary that appears as a smooth, sweeping crescent on the opposite inner wall.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the shape of the lit patch:
  - The light enters from the top-left, so the shadow is cast on the left interior wall, leaving the right interior wall illuminated.
  - Because the cylinder is curved, the transition of the shadow edge is a smooth, continuous curve.
  - In Option (A), the lit region is a smooth, elegant crescent shape on the right side that tapers naturally towards the bottom. This is the mathematically correct projection of a circle onto a cylinder at 45 degrees.
  - Option (B) shows a sharp angular break at the top, which is geometrically incorrect.
  - Option (C) and (D) show distorted profiles that do not match the physics of parallel light rays.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (A) is the closest and most accurate representation of the lit area.

Quick Tip: Projecting a circle onto a concentric cylindrical surface always yields smooth, continuous curved boundaries. Avoid options with sharp, angular corners on the cylinder walls.

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43. Two objects created using a toy set are shown below. Choose the set of features that CANNOT be attributed to the toy set.

(A) Use of slotted plates, sheets and brackets; Use of Standardized components.

(B) Possibility of multiple combinations; Appropriate for pre-school kids.

(C) Suitable for Creativity and Spatial development; Suitable for prototyping.

(D) Appropriate for learning through play; Suitable for making study models.

Correct Answer: (B) Possibility of multiple combinations; Appropriate for pre-school kids.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Product Evaluation and User-Centered Design**.
We are shown two models built using a classic metal construction toy set (similar to Meccano).
We must identify which set of features CANNOT be attributed to this toy set.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We evaluate the physical components of the toy:

- The toy uses small metal plates, brackets, nuts, bolts, and tools (screwdrivers/wrenches) to connect pieces.

- We assess the cognitive and motor skills required to play with this set to determine the target user age group.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze each option:
  - Option A: Attributes "slotted plates, sheets, and brackets" and "standardized components." This is highly accurate, as these are the core physical parts of the set.
  - Option B: Attributes "possibility of multiple combinations" (which is true) but also states it is "appropriate for pre-school kids." Pre-school children (under 5 years) lack the fine motor skills required to manipulate tiny nuts and bolts. More importantly, small metal parts present a severe choking hazard for this age group. Therefore, this toy is not appropriate for pre-schoolers. This statement cannot be attributed to the toy.

- Option C: Attributes "creativity and spatial development" and "suitability for prototyping," which are true.
- Option D: Attributes "learning through play" and "suitability for study models," which are also true.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (B) contains features that cannot be attributed to this toy set.

Quick Tip: Nuts, bolts, and small metal plates are classic choking hazards and require advanced fine-motor control, making them completely unsuitable for pre-school children. This is a standard safety rule in toy design.

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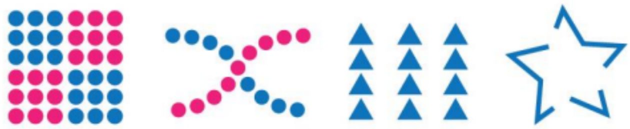
44. Select the option that shows the CORRECT sequence of gestalt principles associated with the image, as seen from the left to right.



(A) Closure, Proximity, Continuity, Similarity

(B) Similarity, Continuity, Proximity, Closure

(C) Continuity, Similarity, Closure, Proximity

(D) Proximity, Closure, Similarity, Continuity

Correct Answer: (B) Similarity, Continuity, Proximity, Closure

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Question:

This question belongs to the topic of **Visual Design and Gestalt Psychology Principles**.

We are given four graphic diagrams in a row from left to right. We need to identify the primary

Gestalt principle represented by each diagram and choose the correct sequence.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

We define the core Gestalt principles illustrated:

- Similarity: Elements that share visual characteristics (like color or shape) are perceived as belonging to the same group.
- Continuity: The eye is compelled to move through one object and continue to another in a smooth path.
- Proximity: Elements close to each other are perceived as a unified group.
- Closure: The brain fills in missing information to perceive a complete, closed shape even when it is incomplete.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

- Let us analyze the four diagrams in order:
  - First Diagram: Shows a grid of circles where some columns are blue and some are magenta. We group them vertically by color, illustrating the principle of **Similarity**.
  - Second Diagram: Shows two intersecting wavy lines of dots. Our eyes naturally follow the continuous flow of each individual line, illustrating the principle of **Continuity**.
  - Third Diagram: Shows triangles clustered into three separate vertical columns. The grouping is based on how close they are to one another, illustrating the principle of **Proximity**.
  - Fourth Diagram: Shows blue triangular arrowheads arranged to outline a star shape, with gaps in between. Our mind automatically bridges these gaps to see a solid star, illustrating the principle of **Closure**.

- The correct sequence from left to right is: Similarity, Continuity, Proximity, Closure. This corresponds to Option (B).

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (B) is the correct sequence.

Quick Tip: Gestalt principles are the foundation of all visual composition. Think of "Similarity" as grouping by color/shape, "Proximity" as grouping by distance, "Continuity" as smooth paths, and "Closure" as filling in the blanks.
