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Question Paper (Memory-Based) With Solutions PDF

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General Instructions

- (i) The examination will be conducted in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode.
- (ii) Each question carries +5 marks for correct answer and -1 mark for wrong answer.
- (iii) The total number of questions are 50.
- (iv) Duration of the exam is 1 hour (60 minutes).

1. What can be placed at '?' if both sides of '::' have the same relationship between numbers:
 $85 : 42 :: 139 : ?$

- (A) 68
- (B) 69
- (C) 70
- (D) 67

Correct Answer: (B) 69

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This problem belongs to the category of Number Analogy. We must identify the mathematical operation that transforms the first number of the pair into the second and then apply that same operation to the third number.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

The relationship follows the logic: $\text{Second Number} = \frac{(\text{First Number} - 1)}{2}$.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

Let's analyze the first pair:

$$85 \rightarrow (85 - 1) = 84$$

$$84 \div 2 = 42$$

We apply the same logic to the second part of the analogy:

$$139 \rightarrow (139 - 1) = 138$$

$$138 \div 2 = 69$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

The value that replaces the question mark is 69.

Quick Tip: In analogies where the second number is roughly half of the first, always test patterns like $(n \pm 1)/2$ or $n/2 \pm c$ first.

2. Select the option that is related to the third number in the same way as the second number is related to the first number.

13 : 1331 :: 17 : ?

- (A) 2642
- (B) 1453
- (C) 3375
- (D) 1829

Correct Answer: (C) 3375

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This is a number analogy based on cubes. Recognizing common squares and cubes is essential for identifying these patterns quickly.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

The pattern is: Second Number = (First Number – 2)³.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

For the first pair:

$$13 \rightarrow (13 - 2) = 11$$

$$11^3 = 11 \times 11 \times 11 = 1331$$

Applying this to the third number:

$$17 \rightarrow (17 - 2) = 15$$

$$15^3 = 15 \times 15 \times 15 = 3375$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

The number related to 17 in the same way is 3375.

Quick Tip: Memorize the cubes of numbers from 1 to 20. Knowing that $1331 = 11^3$ allows you to immediately see the "subtract 2 then cube" relationship.

3. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the mark (?) in the following series:

7, 16, 41, 94, 249, ?

- (A) 568
- (B) 468
- (C) 586
- (D) 486

Correct Answer: (A) 568

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This is a complex number series where each term is derived using alternating multiplication and a variable adjustment constant.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

The series follows a pattern of $a_{n+1} = (a_n \times \text{multiplier}) \pm c_n$, where the multiplier alternates between 2 and 3.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

Let's breakdown the progression of the series:

- $7 \times 2 + 2 = 16$
- $16 \times 3 - 7 = 41$
- $41 \times 2 + 12 = 94$
- $94 \times 3 - 33 = 249$

The adjustments (2, 7, 12, 33) follow a sub-pattern:

- $7 = (2 \times 3) + 1$
- $12 = (7 \times 2) - 2$
- $33 = (12 \times 3) - 3$
- Next constant $c_5 = (33 \times 2) + 4 = 70$

Now, calculate the final term using the next multiplier (2) and the new constant (70):

$$? = (249 \times 2) + 70$$

$$? = 498 + 70 = 568$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

The number that replaces the question mark is 568.

Quick Tip: In many standard exams, this series is presented with the 5th term as 251. In that case, the differences simply follow an alternating rule: $D_n = (D_{n-1} \times 3) - 2$ then $D_n = (D_{n-1} \times 2) + 3$, which also leads to 568.

4. Which two signs should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?

$$16 - 18 \times 216 \div 432 + 40 = 20$$

- (A) + and -
- (B) $\times$ and $\div$
- (C) $\times$ and +
- (D) $\div$ and -

Correct Answer: (B) $\times$ and $\div$

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

In mathematical operation puzzles, we must test the options to see which swap results in the correct equality, always following the BODMAS (Brackets, Orders, Division, Multiplication, Addition, Subtraction) rule.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

Test Option (B): Interchange $\times$ and $\div$. The equation becomes: $16 - 18 \div 216 \times 432 + 40 = 20$.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

Applying BODMAS to the modified equation: 1. Division: $18 \div 216 = \frac{18}{216} = \frac{1}{12}$ 2. Multiplication: $\frac{1}{12} \times 432 = 36$ 3. Substitute back: $16 - 36 + 40$ 4. Addition and Subtraction: $16 + 40 - 36 = 56 - 36 = 20$ Since $20 = 20$, the interchange is correct.

Step 4: Final Answer:

The signs that should be interchanged are $\times$ and $\div$.

Quick Tip: Look for the division sign first. In the original equation, $216 \div 432$ results in 0.5. Since the final answer is a whole number (20), we likely need to move the division sign to a place where it divides perfectly.

5. If A denotes 'Addition', B denotes 'Multiplication', C denotes 'Subtraction' and D denotes 'division', then what will be the value of the following expression?

$(45 \text{ D } 9) \text{ B } 5 \text{ A } 8 \text{ B } (7 \text{ A } 3 \text{ C } 6) \text{ C } (28 \text{ D } (4 \text{ D } 4))$

- (A) 82
- (B) 32
- (C) 29
- (D) 38

Correct Answer: (C) 29

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This problem requires substituting letters with their respective mathematical operators and then simplifying using the BODMAS rule.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

Replace: $A \rightarrow +$, $B \rightarrow \times$, $C \rightarrow -$, $D \rightarrow \div$. The expression: $(45 \div 9) \times 5 + 8 \times (7 + 3 - 6) - (28 \div (4 \div 4))$

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

1. Solve innermost brackets: $(4 \div 4) = 1$ and $(7 + 3 - 6) = 4$. 2. Solve other brackets: $(45 \div 9) = 5$ and $(28 \div 1) = 28$. 3. Substitute values: $5 \times 5 + 8 \times 4 - 28$ 4. Multiplication: $25 + 32 - 28$ 5. Addition/Subtraction: $57 - 28 = 29$. (Note: Re-calculating carefully: $25 + 32 = 57$; $57 - 28 = 29$. If option D is marked 38, check if there's a typo in the provided options vs. calculation. Based on standard BODMAS, the result is 29).

Step 4: Final Answer:

The value of the expression is 29. (Matches Option C).

Quick Tip: Always rewrite the expression with symbols clearly before calculating to avoid confusing the letters (like B for multiplication and D for division).

6. A bag contains 5 red, 4 blue and 3 green balls. One ball is drawn at random. What is the

probability that the ball drawn is blue?

- (A) $1/4$
- (B) $1/3$
- (C) $4/12$
- (D) $5/12$

Correct Answer: (B) $1/3$

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

Probability is the ratio of the number of favorable outcomes to the total number of possible outcomes in an experiment.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{Number of favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total number of outcomes}}$$

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

1. Find Total Outcomes: $5(\text{red}) + 4(\text{blue}) + 3(\text{green}) = 12$ balls. 2. Find Favorable Outcomes (Blue balls): 4. 3. Calculate Probability:

$$P(\text{blue}) = \frac{4}{12}$$

4. Simplify the fraction:

$$\frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

The probability of drawing a blue ball is $1/3$. (Note: Both B and C represent the same value, but B is the simplified form).

Quick Tip: Always check if your final fraction can be simplified. In probability questions, options are frequently given in the simplest form.

7. Find the missing term: 2, 6, 12, 20, 30, ?

- (A) 36
- (B) 40
- (C) 42
- (D) 44

Correct Answer: (C) 42

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This is a number series problem where we look for a consistent pattern in the differences between consecutive terms.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

The pattern follows an increasing difference: $d_n = d_{n-1} + 2$.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

Let's find the difference between each term:

- $6 - 2 = 4$
- $12 - 6 = 6$
- $20 - 12 = 8$
- $30 - 20 = 10$

The differences are 4, 6, 8, 10. This is an arithmetic progression where each difference increases by 2. The next difference should be $10 + 2 = 12$. Adding this to the last term:

$$30 + 12 = 42$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

The missing term in the series is 42.

Quick Tip: This specific series also follows the pattern $n^2 + n$.

$1^2 + 1 = 2$, $2^2 + 2 = 6$, $3^2 + 3 = 12$, $4^2 + 4 = 20$, $5^2 + 5 = 30$.

The next is $6^2 + 6 = 42$.

8. Which Indian city hosted the G20 Summit 2023?

- (A) Mumbai
- (B) Bengaluru
- (C) New Delhi
- (D) Hyderabad

Correct Answer: (C) New Delhi

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This is a general knowledge question regarding international summits and diplomatic history.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:

The 18th G20 Summit was held at the Bharat Mandapam International Exhibition-Convention Centre in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. It took place on September 9–10, 2023, under India's presidency with the theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (One Earth · One Family · One Future).

Step 3: Final Answer:

The G20 Summit 2023 was hosted by New Delhi.

Quick Tip: The G20 logo for 2023 featured a lotus flower, which is India's national flower, symbolizing hope and harmony.

9. Find the compound interest on 5000 at 10% per annum for 2 years.

- (A) 1000
- (B) 1025

(C) 1050

(D) 1100

Correct Answer: (C) 1050

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

Compound Interest (CI) is calculated on the principal amount plus any accumulated interest from previous periods. The total amount (A) is calculated first, then the principal is subtracted to find the interest.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

1. $A = P \left(1 + \frac{R}{100}\right)^n$

2. $CI = A - P$

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

Given: $P = 5000$, $R = 10\%$, $n = 2$ years.

$$A = 5000 \left(1 + \frac{10}{100}\right)^2$$

$$A = 5000 \left(\frac{11}{10}\right)^2$$

$$A = 5000 \times \frac{121}{100}$$

$$A = 50 \times 121 = 6050$$

Now, find CI:

$$CI = A - P = 6050 - 5000 = 1050$$

Step 4: Final Answer:

The compound interest is 1050.

Quick Tip: For 2 years at 10%, the effective interest rate is always 21% ($10 + 10 + \frac{10 \times 10}{100}$).

21% of 5000 = 1050. This is much faster for multiple-choice questions!

10. Ravi walks 10 m towards North, then turns right and walks 6 m. He again turns right and walks 10 m. In which direction is he from the starting point?

- (A) North
- (B) East
- (C) West
- (D) South

Correct Answer: (B) East

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

Direction sense problems are solved by tracking movement relative to the four cardinal directions: North (Up), South (Down), East (Right), and West (Left). A "right turn" depends on the direction the person is currently facing.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:

The best approach is to map the path step-by-step:

- Facing North: Right turn leads to East.
- Facing East: Right turn leads to South.
- Facing South: Right turn leads to West.
- Facing West: Right turn leads to North.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

1. Initial Position: Let the starting point be $O(0,0)$. 2. Move 1: Ravi walks 10 m North. He is now at point A , 10 m above the start. 3. Move 2: He turns right (now facing East) and walks 6 m. He is now at point B . 4. Move 3: He turns right again (now facing South) and walks 10 m. 5. Since he walked 10 m North and then 10 m South, he is back on the same horizontal level (latitude) as the starting point. 6. However, he is still 6 m to the right of the starting line.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Ravi is 6 m to the right of the starting point, which is the East direction.

Quick Tip: If the vertical distances (North/South) are equal, the person ends up directly East or West of the start. If the horizontal distances (East/West) are equal, they end up North or South.

