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Verbal Classification Test

INTRODUCTION

Verbal classification test which is popularly known as “odd man out” test requires assorting of the items of a given group on the basis of a certain common quality they possess and then spotting the odd one in the group—the stranger out. These questions test the abilities of the candidates to observe the differences and similarities among objects or things. In this type of questions out of 5-6 objects (may be letters, words, numbers or figures) all but one are similar in some respect. You have to sort out which one is different (i.e., does not bear the same characteristics as the others in the group) and that gives you the correct answer. There is no rule of thumb to solve problems of this type. You have to sort each answer choice to find out whether it has any association or connection with the other items of the question. The correct answer choice will be that item which has/does not have an association with the other words. Verbal classification questions may involve alphabet/letter, word or numbers, which are as follows:

A. ALPHABET/LETTER CLASSIFICATION

In this type you have to identify an alphabet or a group of alphabets that are different from other given items.

Directions for Questions 1-32:

In each question below group of letters/alphabets/words are given, four of which are alike in some respect and one is different. Find out the group which is different and mark your answer choice on the answer sheet.

Questions:

I. Relationship based on position of letters/alphabets

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| 1. (A) KL | (B) OP | (C) AC | (D) NO | (E) WX |
| 2. (A) EV | (B) ZA | (C) CX | (D) DU | (E) YB |
| 3. (A) KMN | (B) BCD | (C) WXY | (D) PQR | (E) FGH |
| 4. (A) PU | (B) AO | (C) IZ | (D) KI | (E) LE |

Answers and Explanations:

1. (C) Consecutive letters are there in all the other groups except 'C' where one letter has been skipped A(B)C.

2. (D) Here except 'D' all the other pairs consist of one letter from the beginning and one letter from the end of the alphabet series.
3. (A) Here except 'A' all the other groups consist of three consecutive letters. In 'A' one letter has been skipped K(L)MN.
4. (B) Here each pair consists of one consonant and one vowel, except in 'B' where both the letters are vowels.

II. Relationship based on small and capital letters

5. (A) Bde (B) Klm (C) nOP (D) Rst (E) Cbk
6. (A) AbC (B) dEF (C) GhI (D) KlM (E) PqR
7. (A) ABcd (B) EFgh (C) ijKL (D) MNop (E) QRst
8. (A) pQrS (B) dEfG (C) bCdE (D) kLmN (E) uvWX

Answers and Explanations:

5. (C) In each pair except 'C' consists of a capital letter in the beginning followed by two small letters; but in 'C' one small letter in the beginning followed by two capital letters.
6. (B) Here except 'B' all the other groups consist of a small letter in between two capital letters. In 'B' the small letter is in the beginning.
7. (C) All the other groups consist of two capital letters in the beginning followed by two small letters.
8. (E) In all the other groups every alternate letter is either small or capital. But in 'E' two consecutive letters in the beginning are small.

III. Relationship based on vowel and consonant

9. (A) KLMN (B) ABCD (C) EFGH (D) IJKL (E) UVWX
10. (A) PiQR (B) DoCK (C) AtCD (D) BuLK (E) CePT
11. (A) Bond (B) Ball (C) Pick (D) Talk (E) Boil
12. (A) TPDC (B) ONGC (C) KBFM (D) SMPK (E) TDMB

Answers and Explanations:

9. (A) In all the other groups there are vowels in the beginning. But in 'A' there is no vowel.
10. (C) In each group except 'C' every second letter is a vowel, but in 'C' the letters begin with a vowel.
11. (E) In each group except 'E' there is only one vowel but in 'E' there are two vowels, 'o' and 'i'.
12. (B) In each group except 'B' all the letters are consonant, but in 'B' there is one vowel (o).

IV. Relationship based on repetition and skipping pattern

13. (A) DDEEFF (B) KKLLMM (C) AABCDD (D) PPQQRR (E) MMNNOO
14. (A) BdFh (B) CeGi (C) NpRt (D) LnPr (E) IkLn
15. (A) RsuR (B) MnpR (C) BceG (D) KlnP (E) PqsU
16. (A) PaaD (B) TbbE (C) KmmP (D) LttE (E) BkkN

Answers and Explanations:

13. (C) In all the other groups letters are repeated except in (C), where the letter 'B' is not repeated.
14. (E) In each group except 'E', one letter has been skipped between each letter, e.g. B(c)d(e)F(g)h., C(d)e(f)G(h)i, etc. But in 'E' it is not so—I(j)KL(m)n, i.e., no skipping between K and L.

15. (A) In all the other groups no letter has been repeated but in (A), the letter 'R' has been repeated.
16. (D) In all the other groups except (D), only two letters have been skipped between the 3rd and 4th letters, e.g., Paa(bc)D, Tbb(cd)E, etc., but in (D) ten letters have been skipped,—Ltt(uvwxyzabcd)E.

V. Miscellaneous relationship

17. (A) A (B) F (C) H (D) M (E) K
18. (A) P12Q (B) C35D (C) K23L (D) M45N (E) H78I
19. (A) O (B) S (C) G (D) C (E) T
20. (A) 4A6C (B) 2D4F (C) 5K6M (D) 7P9R (E) 1B3D

Answers and Explanations:

17. (D) Here the factor is the form of the letter. Except M all the letters are formed by 3 straight lines. Whereas 'M' is formed by 4 lines.
18. (B) Here letter-number combinations are given, where all the four groups except (B) consist of two consecutive letters and numbers, but in 'B' letters are consecutive but the numbers are not.
19. (E) Here also the form of the letters are concerned. Except 'T' all are curved letters.
20. (C) All the other groups, except 'C' consist of letters and numbers and both are skipped, e.g. 4A(5)6(B)C, 2(3)D4(E)F, etc. But in (C) letters are skipped while numbers are not.

B. WORD CLASSIFICATION

These questions are like the above examples where there are several basic relationships that could exist between the words. Several types of relationships have been identified and covered below. You do not need to remember the names of these types. You must understand the relationship and be able to solve exercises given below.

I. Relationship based on meaning

21. (A) Abase (B) Lower (C) Humiliate (D) Degrade (E) Elope
22. (A) Weaken (B) Curtail (C) Separate (D) Mitigate (E) Subside
23. (A) Hiss (B) Extol (C) Praise (D) Cheer (E) Applaud
24. (A) Discover (B) Determine (C) Learn (D) Ignorant (E) Ascertain.

Answers and Explanations:

21. (E) All the other words are synonyms or similar in meaning.
22. (C) All the other words are synonyms.
23. (A) All the other words are similar in meaning.
24. (D) All the other words are similar in meaning.

II. Relationship based on consistency of words

25. (A) Course (B) Bless (C) Murder (D) Answer (E) Letter
26. (A) Best (B) Better (C) Good (D) Bigger (E) Volley
27. (A) Dear (B) Tear (C) Fear (D) Care (E) Sear
28. (A) Eye (B) Atom (C) Blast (D) Occur (E) Ugly

Answers and Explanations:

25. (B) Except 'B' all the other words have 6 letters.
26. (A) Except 'A' all the other words have double letters.

27. (D) All the other words have—'ear' in common.
 28. (C) Except 'C' all the other words begin with a vowel.

III. Interrelationship of words

29. (A) Tiger (B) Leopard (C) Cat (D) Fox (E) Cougar
 30. (A) Venus (B) Mercury (C) Earth (D) Mars (E) Moon
 31. (A) Gold (B) Iron (C) Diamond (D) Copper (E) Silver
 32. (A) Cow (B) Fish (C) Goat (D) Cat (E) Tiger

Answers and Explanations:

29. (B) Except 'B' all the others are of the cat family.
 30. (E) Moon is a satellite, others are planets.
 31. Here (C) is the answer, as all the other four i.e., Gold, Iron, Copper and Silver are all metals and only diamond is a gem and not metal.
 32. Here though all the five are animals, but only four of them i.e. Cow, Goat, Cat and Tiger belong to the mammals group. Hence the correct answer is (B) i.e. Fish is not mammal.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Directions for Questions: 1-60:

In each question below five words are given, marked with A, B, C, D and E, four of which are *alike* in some respect, i.e., they have something in common, only *one* word is *different* from them, i.e. it does not belong to the category to which the other four belong. Find out the word which is different from the rest.

1. (A) Hut (B) Shed (C) House (D) Apartment (E) Capital
 2. (A) Kite (B) Rat (C) Bird (D) Dog (E) Cockroach
 3. (A) Apple (B) Berry (C) Grapes (D) Potato (E) Mango
 4. (A) Ink (B) Pen (C) Pencil (D) Brush (E) Quill
 5. (A) Star (B) Sky (C) Cloud (D) Rain (E) Moon
 6. (A) Water (B) Milk (C) Ghee (D) Butter (E) Curd
 7. (A) Jupiter (B) Earth (C) Moon (D) Mars (E) Venus
 8. (A) Boat (B) Ship (C) Yacht (D) Steamer (E) Sea
 9. (A) Mother (B) Brother (C) Sister (D) Wife (E) Daughter-in-law
 10. (A) Rink (B) Court (C) Arena (D) Ground (E) Farm
 11. (A) Fall (B) Tumble (C) Skip (D) Topple (E) Slip
 12. (A) Cotton (B) Wool (C) Fur (D) Beard (E) Eyebrow
 13. (A) Bangladesh (B) China (C) Japan (D) Pakistan (E) Sri Lanka
 14. (A) Cricket (B) Table tennis (C) Football (D) Hockey (E) Tennis
 15. (A) Eyes (B) Ear (C) Nose (D) Pancreas (E) Skin
 16. (A) Sorrow (B) Anger (C) Weep (D) Love (E) Fear
 17. (A) November (B) December (C) January (D) October (E) August
 18. (A) Committee (B) Council (C) Panel (D) Cabinet (E) Secretary
 19. (A) Sun (B) Moon (C) Wood (D) Gas (E) Coal
 20. (A) Trust (B) Confidence (C) Truth (D) Assurance (E) Belief
 21. (A) Honesty (B) Morality (C) Anxiety (D) Behaviour (E) Weight
 22. (A) Silver (B) Callous (C) Button (D) Gritty (E) Brass
 23. (A) Bird (B) Aircraft (C) Radar (D) Rocket (E) Kite

24. (A) Rose (B) Lotus (C) Jasmine (D) Tube rose (E) Dahlia
 25. (A) Kolkata (B) Mumbai (C) Patna (D) Guwahati (E) Chandigarh
 26. (A) Libra (B) Saturn (C) Mars (D) Pluto (E) Uranus
 27. (A) M.K. Gandhi (B) J.V. Stalin (C) Laxmi Bai (D) Abraham Lincoln (E) Indira Gandhi
 28. (A) Echo (B) Resonance (C) Tone (D) Ear (E) Note
 29. (A) Bull (B) Camel (C) Buffalo (D) Goat (E) Cow
 30. (A) Asteroids (B) Meteors (C) Comet (D) Meteorites (E) Cirrus
 31. (A) AC (B) BD (C) CD (D) DF (E) EG
 32. (A) ZA (B) YB (C) XC (D) UD (E) VE
 33. (A) DAB (B) OPL (C) TIM (D) PEN (E) QUC
 34. (A) Oprs (B) FgHi (C) AcDe (D) KIMn (E) PvWx
 35. (A) IkLn (B) SuVx (C) GiJl (D) PqrT (E) DfGI
 36. (A) AktF (B) TbnP (C) OqrS (D) EjcM (E) UbtK
 37. (A) ABBC (B) XYYZ (C) UWWX (D) RSST (E) MNNO
 38. (A) PQRT (B) DEFH (C) LMNP (D) RSTU (E) BCDF
 39. (A) HIKL (B) LMPQ (C) DEGH (D) RSUV (E) KLNO
 40. (A) ONLK (B) JIGF (C) SRQP (D) UTRQ (E) FECB
 41. (A) KJLM (B) NMOP (C) QRUT (D) HGJI (E) JIKL
 42. (A) OPMN (B) JIKL (C) FEGH (D) RQST (E) DCEF
 43. (A) JLKM (B) FHGI (C) PRQS (D) IJKL (E) ADCE
 44. (A) KLLM (B) GIJ (C) PRRS (D) TVVW (E) OQQR
 45. (A) AAEEII (B) BBFFJJ (C) OORRVV (D) MMQQUU (E) PPTTXX
 46. (A) CAT (B) RAT (C) FAT (D) EAT (E) HAT
 47. (A) APPLE (B) DEAR (C) MOON (D) FEAR (E) LETTER
 48. (A) RTSK (B) ADGH (C) MOQR (D) TXSI (E) NUBP
 49. (A) FFGH (B) GGIR (C) KKLM (D) OOPQ (E) BBCD
 50. (A) RQPO (B) UTSR (C) EDCB (D) JIHG (E) NMOP
 51. (A) APPLE (B) OUT (C) ERROR (D) POT (E) IMAGE
 52. (A) PUKZ (B) LPiT (C) FoMD (D) WKaS (E) TMSe
 53. (A) CHM (B) HMR (C) RWB (D) DIN (E) LPU
 54. (A) LEVEL (B) UNCLE (C) FATHER (D) READ (E) PEAR
 55. (A) D12E (B) A24B (C) P19Q (D) E10F (E) K16L
 56. (A) KT29 (B) PM25 (C) BN16 (D) FD49 (E) CK36
 57. (A) E5 (B) H8 (C) L12 (D) B7 (E) P16
 58. (A) W (B) X (C) V (D) T (E) B
 59. (A) q (B) h (C) d (D) t (E) k
 60. (A) B21A (B) D43C (C) F56E (D) H87G (E) I98H

Answers and Explanations:

- (E) Capital is the city while others are dwelling places.
- (A) All the others are animals.
- (D) Only grows in the underground.
- (A) It is the medium while others are instruments.
- (D) Only drops in the earth.
- (A) Others are milk products.
- (C) Only the satellite while others are planets.
- (E) All the others are vessels.

9. (B) All the others are woman relatives.
10. (E) All the others are connected with games.
11. (C) All the others are ways of falling down.
12. (A) All the others have hair contents.
13. (C) All the others are neighbouring countries of India.
14. (B) The only indoor game.
15. (D) The only internal organ of the body.
16. (C) It is the expression while others are emotion.
17. (A) Only month with 30 days.
18. (E) Only single person while others are functioning bodies of certain members.
19. (B) All the others can be used as fuel.
20. (C) All the others are sort of faiths.
21. (E) The only physical aspect.
22. (A) All the others have double letters.
23. (C) Radar can not fly.
24. (B) The only water flower.
25. (D) Others are capital city.
26. (A) It is not a planet.
27. (B) All the others are assassinated.
28. (D) All the others are properties of sound.
29. (D) All the others have humps.
30. (E) It is the cloud others are heavenly bodies.
31. (C) Every alternate letter is taken to make the pairs. But in (C) two consecutive letters are taken.
32. (D) Here except (D), all the pairs consist of one letter from the end and one letter from the beginning.
33. (B) Except (B) all the other groups have vowels in the middle.
34. (A) Except (A) each group contains two capital and two small letters.
35. (D) Except (D) all the others have capital and small letter in alternates and also the sequence of letters.
36. (B) Except in (B), each group of letters starts with a vowel.
37. (C) Except in (C), first two letters of all the other groups are consecutive.
38. (D) Only group where the last two letters are consecutive.
39. (B) Only group where double letters are skipped.
40. (C) Only group where no letter is skipped.
41. (C) Only group where sequence of letters are not there.
42. (A) Only group where sequence of letters are different.
43. (E) Only group where letters are not consecutive.
44. (A) Only group where first two letters are consecutive.
45. (C) Pattern should be OO(PQR) SS(TUV) WW.
46. (D) Others have one vowel.
47. (A) Only group begins and ends with vowel.
48. (A) No vowel is there. Others have one vowel.
49. (B) In others no letter has been skipped.
50. (E) In others letters are consecutive from backward.
51. (D) Only word starts with a consonant.
52. (A) In all the other groups vowels are in small letters.
53. (E) In all other groups four intervening letters are skipped.

54. (B) Only word starts with a vowel.
 55. (C) In all the other groups numbers are divisible by 2.
 56. (A) In all the other groups numbers are a perfect square, e.g. $5^2 = 25$, $4^2 = 16$, $7^2 = 49$ and $6^2 = 36$.
 57. (D) In all the other groups exact position number of the alphabet series is given along with the letters.
 58. (E) All the other letters are formed by straight lines, whereas B is formed by curved lines.
 59. (A) Except all the other letters having a tail upward, in A(q) the tail is downward.
 60. (C) In all the other groups position numbers are given according to the alphabetical sequences. But in 'C' it is just reversed, i.e., instead of 'F65E' it is 'F56E'.

C. JUMBLED WORDS/LETTERS

In these questions letters of the words are presented in a disarranged manner. You will have to find out the word by rearranging the letters. As for example, the following words are presented in a disarranged way, you are to find out the word by rearranging the letters and mark the last letter from given alternatives.

Questions:

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| 1. ENRGE | (A) N | (B) G | (C) R | (D) E |
| 2. SMITE | (A) E | (B) M | (C) S | (D) T |
| 3. NKIP | (A) K | (B) I | (C) P | (D) N |
| 4. ATHRE | (A) E | (B) R | (C) H | (D) A |

Answers and Explanations:

- (A) The word is 'GREEN', so 'N' is the last letter and thus the correct answer.
- (C) The word is 'TIMES', here 'S' is the last letter.
- (A) The word is 'PINK', so 'K' is the last letter.
- (C) The word is 'EARTH', so 'H' is the last letter. Here the other possible word is 'Heart', but as among the answer choices 'T' is not there, so this word has not been considered.

PRACTICE TEST

Directions for Questions 1-20:

In each question below letters of some word are presented in a disarranged way. You are to find out the word after rearranging the letters and mark the last letter of the words from the alternative answers (marked A, B, C, D or E) given along with each question.

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| 1. LREVSI | (A) L | (B) R | (C) I | (D) V | (E) E |
| 2. CSLPAA | (A) C | (B) P | (C) A | (D) L | (E) S |
| 3. EKLEN | (A) L | (B) K | (C) N | (D) A | (E) E |
| 4. RTWEA | (A) W | (B) A | (C) E | (D) T | (E) R |
| 5. YEBTUA | (A) B | (B) T | (C) Y | (D) E | (E) U |
| 6. DNHAEL | (A) E | (B) L | (C) H | (D) A | (E) N |
| 7. UANSRT | (A) T | (B) U | (C) R | (D) N | (E) S |
| 8. EYGXON | (A) N | (B) Y | (C) O | (D) X | (E) E |
| 9. RAIFAC | (A) C | (B) F | (C) R | (D) I | (E) A |
| 10. ETLRI | (A) R | (B) E | (C) T | (D) I | (E) L |
| 11. LTPEOR | (A) T | (B) O | (C) L | (D) P | (E) R |

12. AHPCE	(A) E	(B) C	(C) H	(D) P	(E) A
13. HNBCE	(A) H	(B) N	(C) E	(D) C	(E) B
14. UOLCRO	(A) U	(B) C	(C) O	(D) L	(E) R
15. VTRLEA	(A) T	(B) L	(C) R	(D) E	(E) V
16. EVMUOL	(A) V	(B) M	(C) E	(D) L	(E) O
17. MYLIFA	(A) L	(B) F	(C) M	(D) Y	(E) A
18. TREMSA	(A) R	(B) A	(C) S	(D) M	(E) E
19. IWLEH	(A) H	(B) L	(C) I	(D) E	(E) W
20. BEINOCM	(A) N	(B) E	(C) N	(D) C	(E) O

Answers and Explanations:

- (B) The word is 'SILVER', the last letter is 'R' and it is the answer.
- (D) The word is 'PASCAL'.
- (A) The word is 'KNEEL'.
- (E) The word is 'WATER'.
- (C) The word is 'BEAUTY'.
- (A) The word is 'HANDLE'.
- (D) The word is 'SATURN'.
- (A) The word is 'OXYGEN'.
- (E) The word is 'AFRICA'.
- (B) The word is 'LITRE'.
- (C) The word is 'PETROL'.
- (D) The word is 'CHEAP'.
- (A) The word is 'BENCH'.
- (E) The word is 'COLOUR'.
- (B) The word is 'TRAVEL'.
- (C) The word is 'VOLUME'.
- (D) The word is 'FAMILY'.
- (A) The word is 'MASTER'.
- (D) The word is 'WHILE'.
- (B) The word is 'COMBINE'.