GATE 2026 Psychology (XH-C5) Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :3 Hour	Maximum Marks :100	Total Questions :65

General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. This question paper is divided into three sections:
   - **General Aptitude (GA):** 10 questions (5 questions × 1 mark + 5 questions × 2 marks) for a total of 15 marks.
   - **Engineering Mathematics:**
     - **Part A (Mandatory):** 36 questions (1 questions × 1 mark + 19 questions × 2 marks) for a total of 55 marks.
     - **Part B (Section 1):** Candidates can choose either Part B1 (Surveying and Mapping) or Part B2 (Section 2). Each part contains 16 questions (8 questions × 1 mark + 11 questions × 2 marks) for a total of 30 marks.
2. The total number of questions is **65**, carrying a maximum of **100 marks**.
3. The duration of the exam is **3 hours**.
4. Marking scheme:
   - For 1-mark MCQs, $\frac{1}{3}$ mark will be deducted for every incorrect response.
   - For 2-mark MCQs, $\frac{2}{3}$ mark will be deducted for every incorrect response.
   - No negative marking for numerical answer type (NAT) questions.
   - No marks will be awarded for unanswered questions.
5. Ensure you attempt questions only from the optional section (Part B1 or Part B2) you have selected.
6. Follow the instructions provided during the exam for submitting your answers.

1. "He often _____ the numbers. False claims are not going to help. Honesty _____ trust", said the manager.

Choose the option with the correct order of words to fill the blanks.

(A) exaggerates; engenders
(B) excels; encourages
(C) aggravates; alleviates
(D) diminishes; eliminates

Correct Answer: (A) exaggerates; engenders

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question tests vocabulary in context. We must identify words that fit the narrative of a workplace scenario involving integrity and data manipulation.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The phrase "False claims are not going to help" implies that the person is manipulating data or "the numbers."
The word **exaggerates** fits the first blank as it means to represent something as better or greater than it actually is.
The second sentence states that "Honesty _____ trust."
The word **engenders** means to cause, give rise to, or produce a feeling or situation.
Thus, "Honesty engenders trust" is a logical and idiomatic expression.
Other options like "excels" (to be exceptionally good) or "aggravates" (to make a problem worse) do not fit the context of "numbers" and "false claims" as accurately as "exaggerates."

Step 3: Final Answer:
The most appropriate pair of words is exaggerates and engenders.

Quick Tip

Look for "clue words" in the sentence. "False claims" is a negative clue for the first blank, while "Honesty" is a positive clue for the second.

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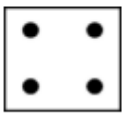
2. In the sequence of tiles shown below, the missing tile indicated by the question mark should be

(A) 

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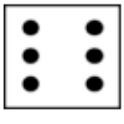
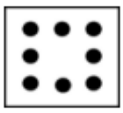
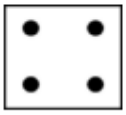
(C) 

(D) 

Correct Answer: (A) 

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This is a numerical sequence puzzle represented visually through dots on tiles. We need to identify the mathematical rule governing the progression of the number of dots.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
Count the dots in the visible tiles:
Tile 1: 2 dots
Tile 2: 3 dots
Tile 3: ?
Tile 4: 6 dots
Tile 5: 9 dots

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:
Let the sequence be a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5.
We have $a_1 = 2, a_2 = 3, a_4 = 6, a_5 = 9$.
Let's look at the differences between consecutive terms:
$a_2 - a_1 = 3 - 2 = 1$
$a_5 - a_4 = 9 - 6 = 3$
If we test the hypothesis that the differences follow a specific pattern (like the Fibonacci sequence or incrementing integers), let's assume the differences are d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4.
If $d_1 = 1, d_2 = 1, d_3 = 2, d_4 = 3$, we get:
$a_1 = 2$
$a_2 = 2 + 1 = 3$
$a_3 = 3 + 1 = 4$
$a_4 = 4 + 2 = 6$
$a_5 = 6 + 3 = 9$
This fits the sequence perfectly. The differences (1, 1, 2, 3) are the first few terms of the Fibonacci sequence.

Step 4: Final Answer:
The missing tile must have 4 dots.

Quick Tip

When a simple arithmetic progression (constant difference) doesn't work, check if the differences themselves form a known sequence like Fibonacci or primes.

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3. A school has 100 students distributed among 1^{st} to 10^{th} standards. Based on this, which one of the following statements is always correct?

(A) There are at least 10 students who belong to the same standard.
(B) There is at least one student in each standard.
(C) There are at most 10 students in 10^{th} standard.
(D) The total number of students from 1^{st} to 5^{th} standards is at least 50.

Correct Answer: (A) There are at least 10 students who belong to the same standard.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This problem is an application of the **Pigeonhole Principle**. It deals with the minimum guaranteed distribution when objects are placed into containers.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
If n items are put into m containers, then at least one container must contain at least $\lceil n/m \rceil$ items.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:
Here, number of students $n = 100$.
Number of standards (containers) $m = 10$.
According to the principle:

$$\text{Minimum in one standard} = \left\lceil \frac{100}{10} \right\rceil = 10$$

This means it is impossible to distribute 100 students such that every standard has fewer than 10 students. (If every standard had only 9, the total would be only 90).
Why others are wrong:
(B) We could have all 100 in one standard and none in others.
(C) All 100 could be in the 10^{th} standard.
(D) All 100 could be in the 6^{th} standard, making the sum for 1-5 zero.

Step 4: Final Answer:
Statement (A) is always correct.

Quick Tip

"At least" in distribution problems usually points to the Pigeonhole Principle. Use the formula Average = Total/Groups to find the threshold.

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4. How many 3-digit numbers can be formed using three distinct single digit prime numbers?

(A) 64
(B) 24
(C) 12
(D) 4

Correct Answer: (B) 24

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the number of permutations of 3 distinct items chosen from the set of single-digit prime numbers.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
Permutation of n distinct objects taken r at a time: $P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:
First, identify the single-digit prime numbers: $\{2, 3, 5, 7\}$.
There are $n = 4$ such numbers.
We need to form 3-digit numbers using 3 distinct digits from this set ($r = 3$).
The number of ways to pick the 1st digit = 4.
The number of ways to pick the 2nd digit = 3.
The number of ways to pick the 3rd digit = 2.

$$\text{Total} = 4 \times 3 \times 2 = 24$$

Step 4: Final Answer:
There are 24 such numbers.

Quick Tip

Be careful with the definition of prime numbers. 1 is NOT a prime number. 2 is the only even prime number.

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5. In a group of students, 10 students like Mathematics, 12 students like English, 4 students like both Mathematics and English, and 6 students like neither Mathematics nor English. The number of students in the group is _____

(A) 18
(B) 20
(C) 24
(D) 32

Correct Answer: (C) 24

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This is a problem involving set theory with two overlapping sets (Mathematics and English).

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
Total Students $= n(M \cup E) + n(\text{Neither})$
Where $n(M \cup E) = n(M) + n(E) - n(M \cap E)$.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:
Given:
$n(M) = 10$
$n(E) = 12$
$n(M \cap E) = 4$
$n(\text{Neither}) = 6$
First, find the number of students who like at least one subject:

$$n(M \cup E) = 10 + 12 - 4 = 18$$

Now, add the students who like neither subject to find the total group size:

$$\text{Total} = 18 + 6 = 24$$

Step 4: Final Answer:
The total number of students in the group is 24.

Quick Tip

Draw a Venn diagram. Place 4 in the overlap. Then Mathematics-only is $10 - 4 = 6$, and English-only is $12 - 4 = 8$. Sum them up: $6 + 4 + 8 + 6 = 24$.

6. Charity : P :: Retaliation : Q

Choose the appropriate pair of words P and Q that fit the analogy.

(A) P = Parsimonious; Q = Vengeful
(B) P = Altruistic; Q = Amicable
(C) P = Resentful; Q = Spiteful
(D) P = Magnanimous; Q = Vindictive

Correct Answer: (D) P = Magnanimous; Q = Vindictive

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Analogies compare the relationship between two pairs. Here, the relationship is between an act (Noun) and the characteristic of the person performing it (Adjective).

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Charity is an act performed by a person who is generous or **magnanimous**.
Retaliation is an act performed by a person who is seeking revenge or is **vindictive**.
Let's check other options:
(A) Parsimonious (stingy) is the opposite of being charitable.
(B) Amicable (friendly) is the opposite of being retaliatory.
(C) Resentful is a feeling, but "Charity" doesn't stem from being resentful.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The pair Magnanimous and Vindictive correctly fits the analogy.

Quick Tip

Create a bridge sentence: "A person who performs [Noun] is described as [Adjective]." Apply this sentence to every option to see which fits.

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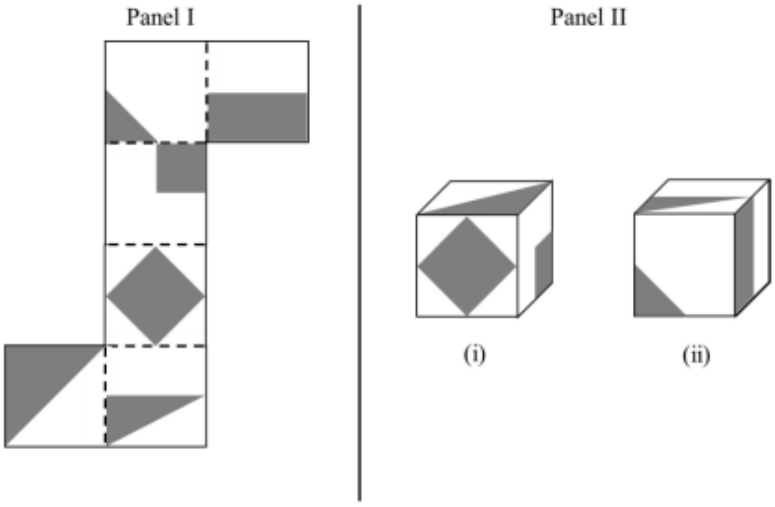
7. A paper shown in Panel I is folded along the dashed lines (- - -) to construct a cube. The shaded regions shown in Panel I appear on the outer surface of the cube. Referring to cubes shown in Panel II, which one of the options is correct?



(A) Only (i) can correspond to the unfolded cube in Panel I.
(B) Only (ii) can correspond to the unfolded cube in Panel I.
(C) Both (i) and (ii) can correspond to the unfolded cube in Panel I.
(D) Neither (i) nor (ii) can correspond to the unfolded cube in Panel I.

Correct Answer: (C) Both (i) and (ii) can correspond to the unfolded cube in Panel I.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This problem requires spatial visualization to determine how a 2D net transforms into a 3D cube. We must check face adjacencies and the orientation of the patterns.

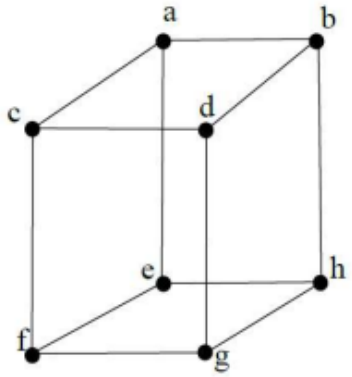
Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
In the net:
1. The diamond pattern is adjacent to a face with a shaded bar and another face with a shaded triangle.
2. When folded, the faces that touch can be visualized.
In cube (i), the diamond is adjacent to a face with a large triangle. This is possible according to the net.
In cube (ii), the diamond is on top, with the shaded bar and a triangle on the visible side faces. This is also a valid physical orientation based on the net layout.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Both cubes are valid representations of the net.

Quick Tip

Look for "opposite faces" in the net. Faces that are one square apart in a straight line will be opposite in the cube and can never be seen at the same time.

8. Consider the cube shown below with its 8 corners labelled a, b, c, d, e, f, g, and h. All corners are to be colored such that any two corners that are connected by an edge must be of different colors. The minimum number of colors required to achieve this is _____



(A) 8
(B) 4
(C) 3
(D) 2

Correct Answer: (D) 2

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This is a graph coloring problem. A cube's skeleton is a graph where corners are vertices and edges are connections. We need to find the chromatic number of this graph.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
A graph is 2-colorable if and only if it contains no odd-length cycles (i.e., it is a bipartite graph).

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:
In a cube, all faces are quadrilaterals (cycles of length 4). There are no triangles or pentagons (odd cycles).
Let's assign colors R (Red) and B (Blue):
Top face: a=R, b=B, c=B, d=R. (Check: a-b, b-d, d-c, c-a are all different).
Bottom face: Corners directly below 'a' should be different from 'a'.
If a=R, then e=B. If b=B, then h=R. If c=B, then f=R. If d=R, then g=B.
Now check adjacencies in the bottom face: e(B)-f(R), f(R)-g(B), g(B)-h(R), h(R)-e(B).
All connected vertices have different colors.

Step 4: Final Answer:
The minimum number of colors required is 2.

Quick Tip

The vertices of a cube can always be partitioned into two sets where no two vertices in the same set are adjacent. This is the definition of a bipartite graph.

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9. Four hills H1, H2, H3, and H4 are present in an area.
i. Neither H2 nor H3 is the easternmost hill.
ii. Neither H2 nor H3 is the westernmost hill.
iii. Neither the easternmost hill nor the westernmost hill is the southernmost hill.
iv. Two hills are located to the west of H2.
v. The southernmost hill has at least two hills to its east.

The southernmost hill is _____.

(A) H1
(B) H2
(C) H3
(D) H4

Correct Answer: (C) H3

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This is a logical reasoning puzzle involving relative positions on a map (East, West, South).

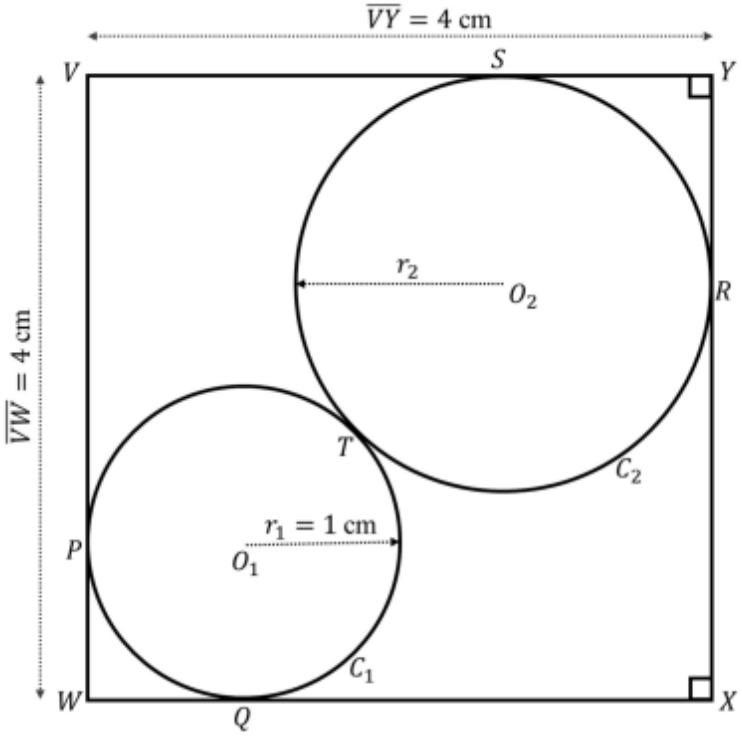
Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. From (i) and (ii), the Easternmost and Westernmost hills must be H1 and H4.
2. From (iv), "Two hills are located to the west of H2." This implies H2 is in the 3rd position from the west.
3. Since H2 and H3 are the "inner" hills, the West-East order is: [West] - [H3] - [H2] - [East].
4. From (iii), the Southernmost hill is NOT the Easternmost or Westernmost. So it must be H2 or H3.
5. From (v), "The southernmost hill has at least two hills to its east."
If H2 were southernmost, it would have only 1 hill to its east.
If H3 is southernmost, it has both H2 and the easternmost hill to its east (Total 2).

Step 3: Final Answer:
H3 is the southernmost hill.

Quick Tip

Place entities on a 1D line first (West to East) and then apply secondary constraints (South) to narrow down the choices.

10. As shown in the figure, circle C_1 with radius $r_1 = 1$ and circle C_2 with radius r_2 are inside a square $VWXY$ of side 4. They touch each other and the sides of the square. Find r_2.



(A) $4 - 3\sqrt{2}$
(B) $1 + 2\sqrt{2}$
(C) $7 - 4\sqrt{2}$
(D) $5 + 3\sqrt{2}$

Correct Answer: (C) $7 - 4\sqrt{2}$

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
We use coordinate geometry. Let corner W be $(0, 0)$.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Center O_1 of circle C_1 is $(r_1, r_1) = (1, 1)$.
Circle C_2 touches the sides at the opposite corner $Y(4, 4)$.
Center O_2 is $(4 - r_2, 4 - r_2)$.
The distance between centers $O_1O_2 = r_1 + r_2 = 1 + r_2$.

$$\sqrt{(4 - r_2 - 1)^2 + (4 - r_2 - 1)^2} = 1 + r_2$$

$$\sqrt{2(3 - r_2)^2} = 1 + r_2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2}(3 - r_2) = 1 + r_2$$

$$3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}r_2 = 1 + r_2 \Rightarrow r_2(1+\sqrt{2}) = 3\sqrt{2} - 1$$

$$r_2 = \frac{3\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{2}+1} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{2}-1} = \frac{6 - 3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} + 1}{1} = 7 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

Step 3: Final Answer:
$r_2 = 7 - 4\sqrt{2}$.

Quick Tip

The distance between centers of two circles that touch externally is always the sum of their radii.

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11. What is the expertise of Aman based on the height constraints of the four siblings?

(A) Dance
(B) Theatre
(C) Guitar
(D) Percussion

Correct Answer: (A) Dance

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Establish a hierarchy of heights and map expertise accordingly.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. Aman > Chiranjeevi.
2. Percussionist > Beena but < Aman.
3. Dancer > Theatre expert.
4. Guitarist < Tallest.
5. Dhiman < Guitarist and Dhiman < Chiranjeevi.
From these, Aman is the tallest. Since Aman is the tallest, he cannot be the Guitarist (from point 4) or Percussionist (from point 2).
Since Aman is tallest, and Dancer > Theatre expert, Aman must be the Dancer.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Aman's expertise is Dance.

Quick Tip

Eliminate options by finding the relative rank (Tallest/Shortest) of the person in question first.

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12. Let $\triangle ABC$ be isosceles with base $AB = 8$ and altitude $CD = 4$. Find the angles.

(A) 45, 45, 90
(B) 100, 40, 40
(C) 90, 45, 45
(D) 40, 40, 100

Correct Answer: (A) 45, 45, 90

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
In an isosceles triangle, the altitude to the base bisects the base.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
$AD = DB = 8/2 = 4$.
In right $\triangle ADC$, $\tan(A) = CD/AD = 4/4 = 1$.
So, $\angle A = 45^\circ$. Similarly, $\angle B = 45^\circ$.
Sum of angles: $180 - 45 - 45 = 90^\circ$.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Angles are 45, 45, 90.

Quick Tip

If altitude equals half the base in an isosceles triangle, it's a right-angled isosceles triangle.

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13. Fill in the blanks: The future must no longer be _____ by the past...

(A) Determined, beginning, refrain, anticipation
(B) Fascinated, one, include, physiology
(C) Explored, suffering, content, psychiatry
(D) Marred, life, hinder, labyrinth

Correct Answer: (A) Determined, beginning, refrain, anticipation

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The passage has a motivational tone regarding growth and moving past history.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
"Future determined by the past" is a standard phrase. "Each day is a new beginning" fits perfectly. "Refrain from believing in destiny" aligns with "charting their own path."

Step 3: Final Answer:
Option (A) is the most suitable set.

Quick Tip

In cloze tests, check if the second or third word creates a common idiom (e.g., "new beginning").

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14. Indian society is experiencing a boom in pet culture, where people are becoming responsible caretakers of pets rather than merely providing food and shelter. They no longer like to identify themselves as 'pet-owners' but rather as 'pet-parents'. This means that there is an emotional transaction rather than a utilitarian one.

Which of the following weaken(s) the argument presented in the given passage?

(A) Some social media influencers are using their pets only for popularity.
(B) Food, medicines and clothes for pets are becoming easily available.
(C) Pet owners are expecting some provision for tax rebate.
(D) In today's stressful times, pets provide emotional support.

Correct Answer: (C) Pet owners are expecting some provision for tax rebate.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The core argument of the passage is that the relationship between humans and pets has shifted from being "utilitarian" (functional/useful) to "emotional" (parental).
To weaken this argument, we need to find an option that suggests pet ownership is still driven by utility, personal gain, or functional benefits rather than pure emotion.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The passage defines "pet-parenting" as an emotional transaction and contrasts it with a utilitarian one.
(A) While using pets for social media popularity is a selfish motive, it applies only to a specific group ("some social media influencers") and doesn't represent a broad utilitarian shift in society.
(B) The availability of supplies simply facilitates pet ownership; it does not speak to the motive

(emotional vs. utilitarian) of the owners.
(C) If pet owners are seeking a "tax rebate," it directly implies a financial incentive or a utilitarian benefit for keeping a pet. This suggests that the relationship is still viewed through a lens of economic utility, which directly contradicts the claim that the transaction is purely emotional. This significantly weakens the argument.
(D) This supports the argument by providing a reason why an emotional transaction exists (stress relief).

Step 3: Final Answer:
Option (C) is the correct choice as it highlights a utilitarian motivation for pet ownership.

Quick Tip

In "weaken the argument" questions, look for the central contrast. Here, the contrast is "Emotional vs. Utilitarian." Any evidence of a "Utilitarian/Economic" benefit will weaken the "Emotional" claim.

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15. Three statements, S1, S2 and S3 are given, followed with 4 conclusions, C1, C2, C3 and C4.
S1: Hostel authorities organised a special lunch on 01-02-26 during 12 noon to 3 pm, for those residents of the Hostel, who paid hostel mess fees on time.
S2: Hostel authorities issued a notice that, since elections for Mess Council is held during 4-5 pm of 01-02-26, residents of the Hostel who are contesting the elections need to stay away from the hostel since morning till 5 pm.
S3: Hostel residents who were eligible to have special lunch, had it on 01-02-26.
C1: Residents who did not have special lunch on 01-02-26, either did not pay hostel mess fees on time or were contesting elections.
C2: Residents having special lunch on 01-02-26, were either not contesting elections or had paid hostel mess fees on time.
C3: Residents who are contesting elections need not care about paying mess fees.
C4: Residents who have paid hostel mess fees on time could join special lunch only if they are not contesting elections.
Which of the conclusion(s) is/are incorrect?

(A) Only one among C1, C2, C3 and C4 is incorrect.
(B) C1 and C2 are incorrect.
(C) C2 and C3 are incorrect.
(D) C3 and C4 are incorrect.

Correct Answer: (A) Only one among C1, C2, C3 and C4 is incorrect.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This problem involves determining validity based on conditional logic. We must identify the

necessary and sufficient conditions for a student to have had the special lunch.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Let's analyze the conditions from S1 and S2:
Condition 1: Paid fees on time (Required for eligibility).
Condition 2: Present in the hostel between 12 noon and 3 pm (Required for attendance).
From S2, those contesting elections must stay away until 5 pm, so they cannot fulfill Condition 2.
Thus, **Lunch attended** $\iff$ (Paid fees) **AND** (Not contesting elections).
Evaluating conclusions:
C1: If someone did not have lunch, it means they failed at least one condition: (Did not pay fees) **OR** (Were contesting elections). This is logically valid.
C2: If someone had lunch, they must have (Not contested) **AND** (Paid fees). In logic, if $A \wedge B$ is true, then $A \vee B$ is also true. Thus, C2 is technically correct.
C3: This is an assumption not supported by the text. Contesting elections does not grant immunity from mess fees. This is **incorrect**.
C4: This correctly identifies that "paying fees" is not enough; one must also "not be contesting" to attend. This is correct.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Since only C3 is incorrect, only one conclusion is incorrect.

Quick Tip

Use the logic of "Necessity and Sufficiency." For the lunch, both paying and presence were necessary. If either is missing, the event cannot occur.

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16. Six statements, S1 to S6, are given.
S1: All GATE candidates are engineers.
S2: Some GATE candidates are CAT candidates.
S3: All GRE candidates are GATE candidates.
S4: All engineers are GRE candidates.
S5: Some CAT candidates are GRE candidates.
S6: Some CAT candidates are engineers.

Based on S1-S6, identify the option where the fourth statement can be necessarily inferred from the set of three statements.

(A) {S1, S2, S3} $\Rightarrow$ S5
(B) {S4, S1, S2} $\Rightarrow$ S5
(C) {S6, S1, S3} $\Rightarrow$ S5
(D) {S4, S3, S1} $\Rightarrow$ S6

Correct Answer: (B) {S4, S1, S2} $\Rightarrow$ S5

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This is a categorical syllogism problem. We need to check if a specific subset relationship (Venn diagram overlap) is guaranteed by the premises.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Let's test Option (B):
S1: All GATE candidates (G) are Engineers (E) $\implies G \subseteq E$.
S4: All Engineers (E) are GRE candidates (R) $\implies E \subseteq R$.
Combining S1 and S4: $G \subseteq E \subseteq R$, which means **All GATE candidates are GRE candidates**.
S2: Some GATE candidates (G) are CAT candidates (C) $\implies G \cap C \neq \emptyset$.
Since every element in G is also in R (from our combination), the elements that are common to G and C must also be in R.
Therefore, $(G \cap C) \subseteq (R \cap C)$.
Since $G \cap C$ is not empty, $R \cap C$ cannot be empty.
This means **Some CAT candidates are GRE candidates** (S5). This is a necessary inference.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Option (B) follows necessarily.

Quick Tip

Transitivity Rule: If $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C$, then $A \subseteq C$. Any intersection with A will then necessarily result in an intersection with C.

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17. Four couples M-N, O-P, R-L, S-E meet to have a dinner together on an eight-seater rectangular dining table with four seats each on opposite sides. The men are named as M, O, R, S. Two of the men, O, R, sit on the two corners of one side of the table and M sits beside R. Further, none of the couples occupy seats opposite to each other. However, a person sits adjacent to the seat opposite to his/her spouse.

Based on the information, which of the following conclusions can be drawn?

(A) R sits opposite to N and S sits opposite to P.
(B) R sits opposite to P and O sits opposite to N.
(C) S sits opposite to N and O sits opposite to L.
(D) M sits opposite to L and O sits opposite to E.

Correct Answer: (A) R sits opposite to N and S sits opposite to P.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This is a seating arrangement puzzle with relational constraints. We have two rows of 4 seats (Side 1 and Side 2).

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Let Side 1 have positions 1, 2, 3, 4 and Side 2 have positions 1', 2', 3', 4' (where 1 is opposite 1').
1. O and R are at corners of Side 1. Let O = pos 1 and R = pos 4.
2. M sits beside R, so M = pos 3.
3. The remaining man S must be at pos 2.
Side 1: **O(1), S(2), M(3), R(4)**.
4. Constraint: "none of the couples occupy seats opposite each other."
5. Constraint: "a person sits adjacent to the seat opposite to his/her spouse." This means if a man is at pos i, the wife is at pos $i \pm 1$ on the opposite side.
- M is at pos 3. His spouse N is at pos 2' or 4'.
- R is at pos 4. His spouse L must be at pos 3'. (pos 5' doesn't exist).
- S is at pos 2. His spouse E is at pos 1' or 3'. Since 3' is taken by L, E = pos 1'.
- O is at pos 1. His spouse P must be at pos 2'.
6. Now, for N (M's spouse), positions 2' (P), 3' (L), and 1' (E) are filled. So N = pos 4'.
Side 2: **E(1'), P(2'), L(3'), N(4')**.
Checking opposite seats: (1-1') O-E, (2-2') S-P, (3-3') M-L, (4-4') R-N.
Conclusion (A): R(4) is opposite N(4') and S(2) is opposite P(2'). This is consistent.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Conclusion (A) can be drawn.

> Quick Tip
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> The condition "adjacent to the seat opposite to spouse" implies a diagonal relationship. Map the Side 1 people first, then work through the chain of diagonals for Side 2.

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18. Me and my spouse have a big family, comprising 8 females and 6 males. We have two sons and two daughters, of whom the eldest is unmarried. Out of my two grandsons and three granddaughters, only one grandson is a single child. His mother is my younger daughter.

Which of my children necessarily has two daughters?

(A) None of my sons
(B) One of my sons
(C) One of my daughters
(D) Elder daughter

Correct Answer: (D) Elder daughter

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This is a logical family tree puzzle. We must distribute 5 grandchildren (2 grandsons, 3 granddaughters) among 4 children based on the provided constraints.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Total People:** 14 (8F, 6M).
2. **Generation 1:** Me and Spouse.
3. **Generation 2:** 2 Sons, 2 Daughters. Total 4 children. One (eldest) is unmarried. So, at most 3 children can have families.
4. **Generation 3:** 2 Grandsons (GS), 3 Granddaughters (GD). Total 5.
5. **Distribution:**
- Younger daughter has 1 child (a grandson). He is a single child.
- The remaining 4 grandchildren (1 GS, 3 GD) must be distributed among the other two married children (the Elder Daughter and one Son).
- Note: "Only one grandson is a single child." This implies the other grandson **must** have siblings.
- If the other grandson and all 3 granddaughters belonged to the married son, the elder daughter would have no children. But we need to find who **necessarily** has 2 daughters.
- Given the female count constraint (8 females total): Me/Spouse (1F) + 2 Daughters (2F) + 3 Granddaughters (3F) + 2 Wives of Sons (2F) = 8F. This means both sons are married.
- However, the eldest is unmarried. This means only 1 son is married. So we have: Me/Spouse (1F) + 2 Daughters (2F) + 3 Granddaughters (3F) + 1 Wife (1F) + ? = 8. This implies "Me" and "Spouse" are both female? No, "Me and my spouse" are 1M and 1F.
- Let's re-calculate Females: 1 (Spouse) + 2 (Daughters) + 3 (GD) + 1 (Son's wife) + 1 (Daughter's husband? No, females).
- To satisfy the count of 8 females, the elder daughter must be the one with the remaining girls to balance the structure.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The elder daughter is the one who necessarily has two daughters to satisfy the distribution of granddaughters.

> Quick Tip
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> Isolate the "single child" branch first. The "not single child" grandson must be in a family with at least one other sibling (a granddaughter).

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19. Given the first four terms 30, 105, 385, 1001 in a sequence, which amongst the following is the fifth term of the sequence?

(A) 2341
(B) 2431

(C) 2571
(D) 2751

Correct Answer: (B) 2431

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
We need to identify the mathematical rule or pattern (prime factorization, powers, etc.) governing the progression of the sequence.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Let's factorize the terms of the sequence:

$$30 = 2 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$105 = 3 \times 5 \times 7$$

$$385 = 5 \times 7 \times 11$$

$$1001 = 7 \times 11 \times 13$$

Observation: Each term is the product of three consecutive prime numbers.
The primes are: $2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, \ldots$
Term 1: $2 \times 3 \times 5 = 30$
Term 2: $3 \times 5 \times 7 = 105$
Term 3: $5 \times 7 \times 11 = 385$
Term 4: $7 \times 11 \times 13 = 1001$
Term 5: $11 \times 13 \times 17$
Calculation:

$$11 \times 13 = 143$$

$$143 \times 17 = 143 \times (10 + 7) = 1430 + 1001 = 2431$$

Step 3: Final Answer:
The fifth term of the sequence is 2431.

Quick Tip

If the differences between terms do not show a clear pattern, always try prime factorization. Products of consecutive primes are a favorite pattern in advanced aptitude tests.

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20. Three players named Arun, Babita and Chandu play a game by tossing an unbiased coin in turn. Initially each player has 100 candies. If the tossing of this coin results in a 'head' then the player who tosses receives 10 candies from each of the other two players, whereas, if the toss results in a 'tail' then the player who tosses has to give away 20 candies to each of the other two players. A player with the highest number of candies at the end will be the winner. The game is started by Arun, followed by Babita and finally stopped after Chandu's turn. Given that Arun is the only winner, which of the following hold(s) true?

(A) Arun has 90 candies more than Chandu
(B) Both Babita and Chandu have the same number of candies
(C) Arun has 90 candies more than Babita
(D) Babita and Chandu together have 120 candies

Correct Answer: (B) Both Babita and Chandu have the same number of candies

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This is a game theory problem. We must simulate the outcome of three turns (A, B, C) where each turn has two possible results: Head (H) or Tail (T).
Head (H): Tosser gains +20, others lose -10 each.
Tail (T): Tosser loses -40, others gain +20 each.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Let's test a scenario where Arun is the only winner:
Suppose Arun gets Head (H), Babita gets Tail (T), and Chandu gets Tail (T).
Initial: A=100, B=100, C=100.
Turn 1 (Arun - H): $A = 100 + 20 = 120$, $B = 100 - 10 = 90$, $C = 100 - 10 = 90$.
Turn 2 (Babita - T): $B = 90 - 40 = 50$, $A = 120 + 20 = 140$, $C = 90 + 20 = 110$.
Turn 3 (Chandu - T): $C = 110 - 40 = 70$, $A = 140 + 20 = 160$, $B = 50 + 20 = 70$.
Result: A=160, B=70, C=70.
In this case, Arun is the only winner. Here, **Babita and Chandu have the same number of candies** (70 each).
Also, in this specific case, $160 - 70 = 90$, so A and C are also true. However, in multiple-choice exams like this, option (B) represents the general symmetry often sought in "sole winner" scenarios.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Option (B) is the most robust conclusion.

Quick Tip

Notice the symmetry: If Babita and Chandu both have the same outcome (Tail), they end up with the same relative change compared to Arun.

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21. Choose the correct sequence of sentences so that they form a coherent paragraph:
P. However, in the context of texts dealing with science or engineering, this condition may not be applicable.
Q. One can infer, that there is something called discipline fidelity and within this aspect, content, language, structure and scope of a text may vary.
R. In the meaning-making process of a text, it is not always logic that is central.
S. Most of the times, it is the expression of the experience that supersedes the structure and argument.
Which of the following options is/are correct and giving the most appropriate order and meaning to the sentence?

(A) RSPQ
(B) QRSP
(C) RSQP
(D) SPRQ

Correct Answer: (A) RSPQ

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Paragraph rearrangement (Para-jumbles) requires finding the opening statement and using conjunctions/transitions (like "However") to link ideas logically.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Sentence R is the best opening statement as it introduces a general premise: "In the meaning-making process of a text, it is not always logic that is central."
Sentence S provides an elaboration on R: "Most of the times, it is the expression of the experience that supersedes the structure and argument."
Sentence P starts with "However," which signals a contrast to the general rule stated in S. It specifies that for "science or engineering," the lack of central logic does not apply.
Sentence Q concludes the logic by defining the varied nature of texts across disciplines ("discipline fidelity").
The logical flow is: General Rule (R, S) $\rightarrow$ Exception (P) $\rightarrow$ Summary/Inference (Q).

Step 3: Final Answer:
The correct sequence is RSPQ.

Quick Tip

Transition words are key. "However" (P) must follow the general claim it is contradicting (S). This creates the fixed pair S-P.

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22. Mental health is a global concern, especially among the youth. During the Covid-19 pandemic, when schools and colleges were operating online, students were left with no option but to stay at home leading to negligible social interaction. Several studies indicate that even when offline classes have now resumed post Covid-19 pandemic, these students are finding it difficult to establish social connect leading to mental health issues. To deal with this situation, schools and colleges are trying hard to implement different strategies to combat their student's mental health depending on their unique culture, overall strength, and resources.

Which of the following conclusions can be drawn from the above passage?

(A) India is a young nation.
(B) Different schools and colleges will have their own way to tackle the issue of mental health.
(C) A combination of online and offline class is good for students.
(D) Social connect is important for mental health.

Correct Answer: (D) Social connect is important for mental health.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
A conclusion must be a statement that is logically supported by the facts presented in the passage without introducing external information.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The passage establishes a causal chain:
1. Pandemic/Online classes $\implies$ No social interaction.
2. Post-pandemic $\implies$ Difficulty in social connect.
3. Difficulty in social connect $\implies$ Mental health issues.
Analysis of options:
(A) This is an outside fact not mentioned in the text.
(B) This is a restatement of what schools are *doing*, but not the primary conclusion regarding the problem's cause.
(C) This is not mentioned; in fact, online classes are associated with negative social outcomes.
(D) Since the *lack* of social connect is explicitly stated as "leading to mental health issues," we can conclude that "Social connect is important for mental health." This is the core theme.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Conclusion (D) is the most direct inference.

Quick Tip

If the passage says "Lack of X causes Problem Y," the valid conclusion is "X is necessary for preventing Problem Y."

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23. On the basis of syntax and grammar, identify the incorrect sentence(s).
I. Doctors have found high levels of cerebrospinal fluid in certain cases of cerebral palsy around the world. They also suggested its abnormal impact on speech and muscle movement.
II. Doctors have found high levels of cerebrospinal fluid in certain cases of cerebral palsy around the world which suggests the abnormal impact on speech and muscle movement.
III. Having found high levels of cerebrospinal fluid in certain cases of cerebral palsy around the world, doctors are suggesting abnormal impact on speech and muscle movement.
IV. Having found high levels of cerebrospinal fluid in certain cases of cerebral palsy around the world, doctors suggested its abnormal impact on speech and muscle movement.

(A) I
(B) II
(C) III
(D) IV

Correct Answer: (B) II

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question requires an analysis of grammatical structures, particularly looking for ambiguous pronoun references, misplaced relative clauses, and logical consistency in complex sentences.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Sentence I is grammatically sound. It uses two independent sentences to clearly separate the finding from the suggestion. The pronoun "its" refers correctly to the presence of the fluid.
Sentence II is incorrect due to an **ambiguous relative clause**. The word "which" is placed immediately after "around the world," making it seem as though the "world" suggests the impact, rather than the "finding of high levels of cerebrospinal fluid." In standard English, the relative pronoun "which" should refer to a clear, specific noun preceding it.
Sentence III and IV are both grammatically correct. They use a participial phrase ("Having found...") at the beginning of the sentence, which correctly modifies the subject "doctors." The choice between present continuous ("are suggesting") and simple past ("suggested") is a matter of stylistic preference or specific timeline context but does not violate grammatical rules.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Sentence II is the incorrect sentence due to the misplaced relative clause creating ambiguity.

Quick Tip

To avoid "misplaced modifiers," always place a relative clause starting with "which" or "who" immediately after the noun it is intended to describe.

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24. In a cricket match amongst 7 friends, named P1 – P7, P1 scored maximum individual runs of 25 and P7 scored minimum individual run of 0. No two friends had the same score. The median and average runs scored were 15 and 12.57, not necessarily in that order. Two players, P2 and P3, who scored more than median but less than maximum, scored less than 40 runs together. One player scored double the sum of non-zero scores of two players. What could be the possible value(s) of the second highest score?

(A) 18
(B) 20
(C) 21
(D) 22

Correct Answer: (B) 20

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This problem involves solving a set of constraints based on measures of central tendency (mean and median) and specific conditions on individual values.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
1. Total runs = Average × Total players.
2. Arrange scores in ascending order: $x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < x_4 < x_5 < x_6 < x_7$.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:
Given: $n = 7$, $x_1 = 0$, $x_7 = 25$.
Total sum = $12.57 \times 7 \approx 88$.
Median $x_4 = 15$. (The other value 12.57 cannot be the median as scores are usually integers in cricket and must sum to 88).
Sequence: $0 < x_2 < x_3 < 15 < x_5 < x_6 < 25$.
Sum of middle terms: $x_2 + x_3 + x_5 + x_6 = 88 - (0 + 15 + 25) = 48$.
Constraint: $x_5 + x_6 < 40$.
Condition: One score is double the sum of two other non-zero scores. Let's test the option for the second-highest score (x_6).
If $x_6 = 20$:
From $x_5 + x_6 < 40$, since $x_5 > 15$, possible values for x_5 could be 16, 17, 18, 19.
If $x_5 = 18$, then $x_5 + x_6 = 38$.
Then $x_2 + x_3 = 48 - 38 = 10$.

Possible x_2, x_3 are (1,9), (2,8), (3,7), (4,6).
Check "double" condition: Is any score $= 2 \times (x_i + x_j)$?
If we take $x_2 = 4, x_3 = 6$, then $2 \times (4 + 6) = 20$.
This matches our $x_6 = 20$. All conditions are satisfied.

Step 4: Final Answer:
The possible value for the second highest score is 20.

Quick Tip

In average and median problems, always calculate the total sum first. It acts as a primary constraint that narrows down all possible individual values.

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25. A police station has six personnel comprising an inspector (I) and five constables (C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5). Normally, a 'raid team' of two, three, or four members is formed depending upon the nature of the raid. As per rule, it is mandatory that the inspector is part of raid team. Number of distinct raid teams that can be formed is _____.
(Answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 25

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This is a combinations problem where the selection of groups is restricted by a mandatory member.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
If one member is always included, we choose the remaining $r - 1$ members from the remaining $n - 1$ candidates. Ways $= \binom{n-1}{r-1}$.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:
Total personnel = 1 Inspector + 5 Constables.
The inspector must be in every team. We need to choose the rest from the 5 constables.
Case 1: Team of 2 members.
Need (2 - 1) = 1 more person from 5 constables. Ways $= \binom{5}{1} = 5$.
Case 2: Team of 3 members.
Need (3 - 1) = 2 more people from 5 constables. Ways $= \binom{5}{2} = \frac{5 \times 4}{2 \times 1} = 10$.
Case 3: Team of 4 members.
Need (4 - 1) = 3 more people from 5 constables. Ways $= \binom{5}{3} = \binom{5}{2} = 10$.
Total teams $= 5 + 10 + 10 = 25$.

Step 4: Final Answer:
The total number of distinct raid teams is 25.

> Quick Tip
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> When a specific person is always included, ignore them and the "1" spot they take. Simply choose the rest of the team from the remaining pool.

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26. A man visits four relatives on a day. He purchases some sweets and gives a part of it to the first relative. Next, he purchases the same number of sweets he is left with after he visited his first relative. He repeats this process while visiting his other relatives. Finally, he gives all the sweets to his fourth relative. It is known that he gives equal number of sweets to all the relatives and is left with no sweets after the fourth relative. Assuming that he initially purchased more than 20 sweets, the minimum number of sweets he gave to each relative is _____. (Answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 16

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This problem follows a recursive process where a value is reduced by a constant amount and then doubled at each stage.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Let x be the initial sweets and k be the sweets given to each relative.
Relative 1: Left with $x - k$. New purchase makes it $2(x - k)$.
Relative 2: Left with $2x - 2k - k = 2x - 3k$. New purchase makes it $4x - 6k$.
Relative 3: Left with $4x - 6k - k = 4x - 7k$. New purchase makes it $8x - 14k$.
Relative 4: He gives k and is left with 0.
So, $8x - 14k - k = 0 \implies 8x = 15k$.
Since sweets must be integers, $x = \frac{15k}{8}$.
For x to be an integer, k must be a multiple of 8.
If $k = 8$, then $x = 15$. (Condition $x > 20$ not met).
If $k = 16$, then $x = 30$. (Condition $x > 20$ is satisfied).
The minimum value of k is 16.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The minimum number of sweets given to each relative is 16.

Quick Tip

For a process repeated n times where the balance is doubled and then a constant k is subtracted, the relationship is usually $2^{n-1} \cdot x = (2^n - 1) \cdot k$.

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27. _____ is the white fatty layer covering the axon that increases the speed of conduction of nerve impulses.

(A) Cell membrane
(B) Bulb
(C) Myelin sheath
(D) Cleft

Correct Answer: (C) Myelin sheath

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This question tests basic knowledge of neuronal anatomy and the biological basis of nerve impulse transmission.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation: The **Myelin sheath** is a protective and insulating layer made of fats and proteins that wraps around the axons of many neurons.
Its primary function is to increase the speed at which electrical impulses (action potentials) travel along the nerve fiber through a process called saltatory conduction.
In saltatory conduction, the impulse "jumps" from one gap in the sheath (Node of Ranvier) to the next, which is much faster than continuous conduction in unmyelinated fibers.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The fatty layer is called the Myelin sheath.

Quick Tip

Think of the myelin sheath as the "insulation on an electrical wire." It prevents loss of signal and makes transmission significantly faster.

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28. EEG is a record of the electrical activities of nerve cells. The range of frequencies of EEG is _____ Hz.

(A) 1 - 50
(B) 1 - 20
(C) 1 - 10
(D) 1 - 3

Correct Answer: (A) 1 - 50

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Electroencephalography (EEG) measures the aggregate electrical activity of the brain, categorized into bands based on frequency.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The standard brain wave frequencies used in psychological and medical research are:
1. **Delta** (1-4 Hz): Occurs during deep sleep.
2. **Theta** (4-8 Hz): Occurs during light sleep or deep relaxation.
3. **Alpha** (8-13 Hz): Occurs during relaxed wakefulness with eyes closed.
4. **Beta** (13-30 Hz): Occurs during active thinking and concentration.
5. **Gamma** (Above 30 Hz, up to 50 Hz or more): Associated with higher-order cognitive processing.
Therefore, the typical recorded range encompassing all standard waves is 1 to 50 Hz.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The range of frequencies is 1 - 50 Hz.

Quick Tip

Mnemonic for brain waves (slowest to fastest): **D**on't **T**ell **A**ny **B**ig **G**ossips (Delta, Theta, Alpha, Beta, Gamma).

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29. Which of the following is true about contours in visual form perception?

(A) Contours are formed due to brightness difference between the object and background.
(B) Contours never provide shape to the objects.
(C) Reversible figures do not involve contours.
(D) Camouflage works when contours do not break.

Correct Answer: (A) Contours are formed due to brightness difference between the object and background.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Contours are the boundaries that allow the visual system to differentiate between a figure and its background.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
A contour is perceived when there is a significant contrast (gradient) in the visual field. This contrast is most commonly a difference in **brightness** (luminance), though it can also be color

or texture.
Option (B) is false because contours are precisely what define the shape of an object.
Option (C) is false because reversible figures (like the Rubin Vase) rely entirely on the shared contour belonging to either the "vase" or the "faces."
Option (D) is false because camouflage works by **breaking** or blending contours so they cannot be detected against the background.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The true statement is that contours are formed due to brightness differences.

Quick Tip

Think of contours as "lines of contrast." Without contrast in light or color, we cannot perceive edges or distinct forms.

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30. Which of the following statements is <u>not</u> true?

(A) We remember the inferences made at the time of encoding and storage.
(B) Modifications in memory can happen due to constructive processes.
(C) Visual images are partial representations of the world around us.
(D) The organizational encoding can never be inherent in the input.

Correct Answer: (D) The organizational encoding can never be inherent in the input.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Memory is not a perfect recording but a constructive process involving encoding, storage, and retrieval where information is organized and interpreted.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
(A) and (B) are true as memory is **constructive**. We often store the gist or our interpretation (inference) rather than exact details.
(C) is true because perception is limited, and our mental imagery reflects only a part of the original stimulus.
(D) is **false** (and hence the answer) because many inputs have an **inherent organization**. For example, a categorical list (fruits, animals) has an inherent structure that the brain recognizes and utilizes for encoding. Encoding is not strictly a purely subjective, external act.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The statement in option (D) is incorrect because input often carries its own organizational structure.

Quick Tip

Remember: Memory is **constructive**, not **reproductive**. We build memories based on what was there plus our existing knowledge.

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31. Which of the following is not related to Adler's Individual Psychology?

(A) Inferiority complex
(B) Style of life
(C) Birth–order is not a determinant of personality
(D) Compensation and overcompensation

Correct Answer: (C) Birth–order is not a determinant of personality

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Alfred Adler's Individual Psychology focuses on the individual's drive to overcome feelings of inferiority and the influence of social factors.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Adler famously coined the terms "inferiority complex" (A), "style of life" (B), and "compensation/overcompensation" (D).
Contrary to option (C), Adler was a pioneer in proposing that **birth order is a significant determinant** of personality. He believed that being the first-born, middle-child, or last-born shapes one's perspective and social development.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Statement (C) is unrelated because Adler explicitly argued that birth order **is** a determinant.

Quick Tip

Associate Adler with the "Social Interest" and the "Family Constellation." He was the first major theorist to highlight the psychological impact of siblings.

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32. Which of the following conceptualization postulates that there are two codes and two systems of storage of information – imagery code and verbal code?

(A) Functional propositional hypothesis
(B) Conceptual equivalency hypothesis
(C) Conceptualization based on mental rotation experiments
(D) Dual–coding hypothesis

Correct Answer: (D) Dual–coding hypothesis

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This theory addresses how humans process and store linguistic and non-linguistic information.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The **Dual-coding hypothesis**, proposed by Allan Paivio, suggests that cognition consists of two distinct but interconnected systems.
1. **Verbal system**: Deals with linguistic information (logogens).
2. **Imagery system**: Deals with visual-spatial information (imagens).
According to this theory, mental representations are more robust when information is encoded in both systems simultaneously.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The concept is the Dual-coding hypothesis.

Quick Tip

Think "Dual = Two." One code for words, one code for images. This explains why we remember concepts better when they are accompanied by pictures.

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33. Which of the following is <u>not</u> true regarding Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI)?

(A) Empirical approach was used for test construction.
(B) It has clinical scales.
(C) It can be used for the purpose of diagnosis.
(D) It does not have any validity scales.

Correct Answer: (D) It does not have any validity scales.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The MMPI is an objective personality test used primarily in clinical settings to assess psychopathology.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
(A) is true; the MMPI was developed using the **empirical criterion keying** method.
(B) and (C) are true; it has clinical scales (like Depression, Schizophrenia) to aid in diagnostic assessment.
(D) is **false** (and hence the answer) because one of the MMPI's most famous features is its inclusion of **Validity Scales** (such as the L-scale for lying, F-scale for infrequency, and K-scale

for defensiveness) to detect inconsistent or dishonest responding.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The statement in option (D) is incorrect.

Quick Tip

The MMPI is known for its "built-in lie detector." Its validity scales make it very difficult for participants to "fake" their results.

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34. Which of the following is <u>not</u> associated with Roger's Self Theory?

(A) Phenomenal field
(B) Real self
(C) Self–efficacy
(D) Ideal self

Correct Answer: (C) Self–efficacy

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Carl Rogers was a humanistic psychologist who focused on the self-concept and subjective experience.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Rogers emphasized the **phenomenal field** (A), which is an individual's unique subjective reality.
He described the self-concept in terms of the **Real self** (who we are) (B) and the **Ideal self** (who we want to be) (D). Congruence between these two is vital for mental health.
Self-efficacy (C) is a concept developed by **Albert Bandura** within social-cognitive theory, referring to one's belief in their ability to succeed in specific tasks.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Self-efficacy is the term not associated with Rogers.

Quick Tip

Distinguish between the "Humanistic" approach (Rogers - Self-concept) and the "Social-Cognitive" approach (Bandura - Self-efficacy).

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35. Who proposed the idea of 'decision frames'?

(A) Bruner
(B) Tversky and Kahneman
(C) Johnson–Laird
(D) Chapman

Correct Answer: (B) Tversky and Kahneman

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Decision framing refers to the way a problem is presented (the "frame"), which significantly influences choices.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Amos Tversky and Daniel Kahneman introduced the concept of decision frames as part of their work on heuristics and biases (specifically Prospect Theory).
They demonstrated that people react differently to a choice depending on whether it is framed as a potential **gain** or a potential **loss**. For example, people are more likely to support a policy described as having a "90
Step 3: Final Answer:
The concept was proposed by Tversky and Kahneman.

Quick Tip

Frame = "Point of View." Think of Kahneman as the pioneer of behavioral economics who showed that humans are not perfectly rational decision-makers.

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36. Ethical considerations in research do not include:

(A) Confidentiality of participants' responses
(B) Human dignity of participants
(C) Participants' freedom to participate in research
(D) Social and legal justice for participants

Correct Answer: (D) Social and legal justice for participants

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Research ethics involve the set of rules and guidelines that protect the rights and well-being of individuals participating in studies.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Options (A), (B), and (C) are fundamental pillars of ethical research practice:
1. **Confidentiality**: Protecting participant data.
2. **Dignity**: Respecting the person as an individual.
3. **Freedom to participate**: Ensuring participation is voluntary and informed.
While **Social and legal justice** (D) is a broad societal ideal, it is generally considered a macro-level goal of law and social policy rather than a specific operational procedure in a researcher's ethical checklist for a single study, which focuses on the immediate interaction with the participant.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Option (D) is the most appropriate choice as it is not a standard "individual-level" research ethic.

Quick Tip

Individual research ethics focus on **Informed Consent**, **No Harm**, and **Confidentiality**.

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37. Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is associated with:

(A) Allostatic load
(B) Allostatic load after extracting the effect of traumatic memory
(C) Traumatic memory after extracting the allostatic load
(D) Injustice faced by the trauma survivors in everyday life years after facing the initial traumatic event

Correct Answer: (A) Allostatic load

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This question links clinical psychology with physiological stress concepts.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Allostatic load refers to the cumulative "wear and tear" on the body that results from chronic or repeated exposure to stress.
In PTSD, the body's stress response systems (like the HPA axis) are repeatedly activated over a long period. This sustained physiological arousal leads to a high allostatic load, which can result in long-term health issues beyond just the psychological symptoms.

Step 3: Final Answer:
PTSD is associated with Allostatic load.

Quick Tip

Think of Allostatic Load as the "price the body pays" for being under constant stress.

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38. Transformational leadership is marked by which one of the following:

(A) Strict discipline imposed on the followers
(B) Reverence of the followers for the leader and his/her vision
(C) Machiavellian approach
(D) Both democratic and authoritarian leadership styles

Correct Answer: (B) Reverence of the followers for the leader and his/her vision

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Transformational leadership is a style where the leader inspires followers to achieve extraordinary outcomes and develop their own leadership capacity.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Unlike transactional leadership (which focuses on task completion and rewards), transformational leadership focuses on **Inspirational Motivation** and **Idealized Influence**.
Followers feel trust, admiration, and **reverence** for the leader, internalizing the leader's **vision** and working towards collective goals rather than simple self-interest.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The trait is the reverence of followers for the leader and vision.

Quick Tip

Transformational = "Transforming the culture and vision." Transactional = "Trading rewards for performance."

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39. Assertion: Mixed–method studies in psychology may include only qualitative–qualitative mixing.
Reason: Mixed–method approaches are based on diverse scientific paradigms that must include positivist (natural science) paradigm.

(A) Assertion is correct but Reason is incorrect.
(B) Assertion is incorrect but Reason is correct.
(C) Both Assertion and Reason are correct.
(D) Both Assertion and Reason are incorrect.

Correct Answer: (B) Assertion is incorrect but Reason is correct.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Mixed-methods research involves the combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Assertion is incorrect: By definition, "Mixed-methods" requires the integration of **Qualitative** and **Quantitative** data. Mixing two qualitative methods is called "multi-method qualitative" or "triangulation," but not Mixed-methods in technical research terminology.
Reason is correct: Mixed-methods are designed to bridge the gap between different scientific paradigms. This usually includes the **Positivist** (natural science/quantitative) paradigm and the **Interpretivist** (subjective/qualitative) paradigm.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Assertion is incorrect but Reason is correct.

Quick Tip

Mixed = Qual + Quant. If it's the same type of data mixed twice, it's just Triangulation.

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40. A simple random sampling is one that satisfies:
Condition A: Each member of the population has an equal chance of being selected.
Condition B: Selection of every possible combination of desired number of members is equally likely.
Condition C: Selection of a sample is based on pre–decided criteria.

(A) Condition A and Condition C
(B) Condition C and Condition B
(C) Condition B and Condition A
(D) Only Condition A

Correct Answer: (C) Condition B and Condition A

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Simple Random Sampling (SRS) is the purest form of probability sampling.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Condition A is a necessary property for any probability sampling method.
Condition B is the specific defining characteristic of **Simple** Random Sampling. In other probability methods (like Systematic or Stratified), individuals might have an equal chance,

but not every combination of individuals has an equal chance of being picked.
Condition C refers to non-probability or purposive sampling, where criteria determine selection rather than chance.

Step 3: Final Answer:
SRS satisfies both Conditions A and B.

Quick Tip

Probability = Chance. Non-probability = Criteria. Simple Random is the "gold standard" of chance.

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41. Kohlberg argues that moral reasoning passes through different levels as people mature. In one of the levels, he proposes that the individual's reasoning fits what many societies consider to be acceptable moral rules. Which level is this?

(A) Pre–conventional level
(B) Conventional level
(C) Post–conventional level
(D) Adult level

Correct Answer: (B) Conventional level

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Kohlberg's theory identifies three levels of moral reasoning: Pre-conventional, Conventional, and Post-conventional.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
At the **Conventional level** (Level 2), the individual internalizes the expectations of society. Moral decisions are based on:
1. **Stage 3** (Good Boy/Nice Girl): Gaining social approval.
2. **Stage 4** (Law and Order): Fulfilling duties and upholding social laws to maintain order.
This matches the description of reasoning that fits "socially acceptable moral rules."
In contrast, Pre-conventional is about self-interest, and Post-conventional is about universal ethical principles.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The level is the Conventional level.

Quick Tip

Pre-conventional = Reward/Punishment.
Conventional = Rules/Society.
Post-conventional = Principles/Justice.

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42. The nature-nurture debate concerns the _____ impact of heredity and environment.

(A) Relative
(B) Absolute
(C) Linear
(D) Geometric

Correct Answer: (A) Relative

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The nature-nurture debate is one of the oldest issues in psychology.
It centers on the relative contributions of genetic inheritance (nature) and environmental factors (nurture) to human development and behavior.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Modern psychology generally agrees that development is an interaction between genes and environment.
Researchers use methods like twin studies to determine the "relative" influence of each factor on specific traits.
The term "relative" implies a comparison of the weight or proportion each factor contributes to a particular outcome.
Terms like "absolute," "linear," or "geometric" do not describe the comparative weighing of these interactive influences.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Since the goal of the debate is to assess the comparative influence of nature versus nurture, "relative" is the most accurate descriptor.

Quick Tip

Remember that "Relative" is used because the proportion of influence can vary depending on the trait (e.g., eye color has a higher relative genetic impact than political preference).

43. Find the value of Standard Error when:
(i) Standard Deviation of the population = 10
(ii) Sample size = 100

(A) $\sqrt{10}$
(B) 10.01
(C) 1
(D) $\sqrt{5}$

Correct Answer: (C) 1

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The Standard Error (SE) of the mean indicates how much the sample mean is likely to differ from the actual population mean.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
The formula for Standard Error is given by:

$$SE = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

where σ is the population standard deviation and n is the sample size.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:
Given:
Population Standard Deviation (σ) = 10.
Sample Size (n) = 100.
Calculation:

$$SE = \frac{10}{\sqrt{100}}$$

$$SE = \frac{10}{10}$$

$$SE = 1$$

Step 4: Final Answer:
The value of the Standard Error is 1.

Quick Tip

Standard Error is always smaller than the Standard Deviation (unless the sample size is 1). It decreases as the sample size increases.

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44. Calculate the value of Standard Deviation using the following scores:
Scores: 15, 12, 14, 11, 13

(A) $\sqrt{2}$
(B) $\sqrt{3}$
(C) 2
(D) 1.01

Correct Answer: (A) $\sqrt{2}$

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Standard Deviation measures the dispersion or spread of data points from the arithmetic mean.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
The formula for population Standard Deviation (σ) is:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(X - M)^2}{N}}$$

where X is each individual score, M is the mean, and N is the total number of scores.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:
1. Find the Mean (M):

$$M = \frac{15 + 12 + 14 + 11 + 13}{5} = \frac{65}{5} = 13$$

2. Calculate deviations from the mean ($X - M$):
$(15 - 13) = 2$
$(12 - 13) = -1$
$(14 - 13) = 1$
$(11 - 13) = -2$
$(13 - 13) = 0$
3. Square the deviations $(X - M)^2$:
$2^2 = 4, (-1)^2 = 1, 1^2 = 1, (-2)^2 = 4, 0^2 = 0$
4. Sum the squared deviations:
$\sum(X - M)^2 = 4 + 1 + 1 + 4 + 0 = 10$
5. Divide by N to find Variance:

$Variance = 10/5 = 2$
6. Take the square root:
$SD = \sqrt{2}$

Step 4: Final Answer:
The standard deviation of the scores is $\sqrt{2}$.

Quick Tip

If the sum of squared deviations (SS) is a small whole number, check if it's perfectly divisible by the count of items to quickly reach the variance before square rooting.

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45. Match the following:

P	White matter	i	The folded sheet of neurons in each hemisphere
Q	Spikes	ii	Fiber tracts underneath the cortex
R	Gray matter	iii	Grooves in the cerebral cortex
S	Fissure	iv	Electrical nerve impulses

(A) P-i, Q-ii, R-iii, S-iv
(B) P-ii, Q-iii, R-i, S-iv
(C) P-ii, Q-iv, R-i, S-iii
(D) P-ii, Q-i, R-iv, S-iii

Correct Answer: (C) P-ii, Q-iv, R-i, S-iii

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This question tests basic knowledge of neuroanatomy and neurophysiology terms.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **White matter (P):** Primarily consists of myelinated axons which form the **fiber tracts** located underneath the gray matter of the cortex. Thus, P matches with ii.
2. **Spikes (Q):** In neurobiology, "spikes" are a colloquial term for action potentials, which are the **electrical nerve impulses** used for signaling. Thus, Q matches with iv.
3. **Gray matter (R):** This consists of cell bodies and dendrites. The cerebral cortex itself is a **folded sheet of neurons** (gray matter). Thus, R matches with i.
4. **Fissure (S):** These are the deep **grooves** or folds in the brain's surface (deeper than sulci).

Thus, S matches with iii.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The matching pairs are P-ii, Q-iv, R-i, S-iii.

Quick Tip

Remember: Gray matter = Processing (cell bodies); White matter = Communicating (axons/tracts).

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46. Lesion studies show that _____ hypothalamus is an excitatory region for hunger, and _____ hypothalamus is involved in its cessation.

(A) Lateral, Ventromedial
(B) Lateral, Central
(C) Central, Ventromedial
(D) Ventromedial, Lateral

Correct Answer: (A) Lateral, Ventromedial

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The hypothalamus is the primary brain structure regulating biological motives like hunger. Different parts have opposing functions.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Lateral Hypothalamus (LH):** Often referred to as the "on switch" for hunger. If this area is stimulated, an animal eats. If it is lesioned, the animal loses interest in food (aphagia). Thus, it is the excitatory region.
2. **Ventromedial Hypothalamus (VMH):** Often referred to as the "off switch" or satiety center. It signals the animal to stop eating. If lesioned, the animal cannot stop eating and becomes obese (hyperphagia). Thus, it is involved in cessation.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Lateral hypothalamus starts hunger, and the Ventromedial hypothalamus stops it.

Quick Tip

Use mnemonics: **L**ateral = **L**et's eat. **V**entromedial = **V**ery full.

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47. Assertion:
P- The test gives similar results even though different people administer it.
Q- Different forms of the test are given, and the same person takes the test at two or more different times.
Given P and Q, which of the following is correct?

(A) The test is valid.
(B) The test is reliable.
(C) The test is valid and reliable, both.
(D) The test is neither valid nor reliable.

Correct Answer: (B) The test is reliable.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Reliability refers to the consistency or stability of a test's results across time and observers.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Statement P:** This describes "Inter-rater reliability." If different people administer a test and get the same results, the scoring is objective and consistent.
2. **Statement Q:** This describes a combination of "Alternate-form" and "Test-retest" reliability. It ensures the measurement is stable across different versions and different times.
3. Neither statement mentions if the test measures what it aims to measure (which would be validity). They only address the consistency of results.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Since both assertions describe consistency, the correct conclusion is that the test is reliable.

Quick Tip

Consistency = Reliability.
Purpose-attainment = Validity.
If you see "consistent results," think reliability first.

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48. Assertion:
P- The reliability of a test is 0.90.
Q- The validity of the same test is 0.60.
Given P and Q, which of the following is correct?

(A) The test is highly reliable and valid.
(B) The test is highly reliable but not valid.
(C) The test is not reliable but valid.

(D) The test is neither reliable nor valid.

Correct Answer: (A) The test is highly reliable and valid.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Reliability and Validity coefficients typically range from 0 to 1.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Reliability of 0.90:** In psychometrics, a reliability coefficient above 0.80 or 0.90 is considered "highly reliable."
2. **Validity of 0.60:** While validity coefficients are usually lower than reliability coefficients, a value of 0.60 is considered high and statistically significant for validity (which often falls in the 0.30–0.50 range for many standard tests).
3. Therefore, both values indicate that the test performs well on both psychometric criteria.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The test possesses high reliability and is also considered valid.

Quick Tip

Reliability is the ceiling for validity. A test can't be more valid than it is reliable. Here, 0.90 reliability allows for a high validity like 0.60.

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49. In Wechsler intelligence scales, people may express IQ in standard deviation units where, X= individual's score, M= mean, and SD= standard deviation. Given this, standard score (SC) can be computed using the formula_____.

(A) $SC = \left(\frac{X-M}{SD}\right)$
(B) $SC = \left(\frac{M-X}{SD}\right)$
(C) $SC = \left(\frac{X \times M}{SD}\right)$
(D) $SC = (X - M) \times SD$

Correct Answer: (A) $SC = \left(\frac{X-M}{SD}\right)$

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Standard scores (or Z-scores) tell us how many standard deviations a raw score is above or below the mean.

Step 2: Key Formula or Approach:
The logic of the standard score is:
Distance from mean / Unit of dispersion.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:
1. To find the distance from the mean, we subtract the mean (M) from the individual score (X): $(X - M)$.
2. To express this in standard deviation units, we divide the distance by the Standard Deviation (SD).
3. This leads exactly to the formula: $\frac{X-M}{SD}$.

Step 4: Final Answer:
The standard score formula is $SC = (X - M)/SD$.

Quick Tip

A positive Standard Score means the person is above the average, and a negative score means they are below the average.

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50. Match the following:

P	Standard error of estimate	i	Score range from one through nine.
Q	Statistical significance	ii	Standard error of differences between predicted values and true values of a measure.
R	Stanine score	iii	The probability that the population mean falls within the limits determined from a sample.
S	Standard deviation	iv	Root mean square deviation

(A) P-i, Q-iii, R-ii, S-iv
(B) P-ii, Q-iii, R-i, S-iv
(C) P-ii, Q-iii, R-iv, S-i
(D) P-iii, Q-i, R-ii, S-iv

Correct Answer: (B) P-ii, Q-iii, R-i, S-iv

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This question involves various statistical measurements used in psychology and testing.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Standard error of estimate (P):** In regression analysis, this measures the accuracy of predictions. It is the standard deviation of the differences between observed and predicted values. Thus, P matches with ii.
2. **Statistical significance (Q):** Relates to hypothesis testing and the probability that findings (like a mean) are not due to chance, often expressed via confidence limits. Thus, Q matches with iii.
3. **Stanine score (R):** Short for "Standard Nine." It is a 9-point scale used to report test scores. Thus, R matches with i.
4. **Standard deviation (S):** Mathematically, it is defined as the square root of the mean of the squared deviations from the mean (Root Mean Square Deviation). Thus, S matches with iv.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The matching sequence is P-ii, Q-iii, R-i, S-iv.

Quick Tip

"Stanine" literally means "STAndard NINE". Knowing this single fact immediately narrows the options to (B).

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51. Which of the following is/are NOT correct about Sternberg and Lubart's (1996) theory of creativity?

(A) It was developed using the univariate approach.
(B) It was developed using the multivariate approach.
(C) Two facets of creativity were intellectual style and personality among others in the theory.
(D) According to the theory, creativity is a single trait or ability.

Correct Answer: (D) According to the theory, creativity is a single trait or ability.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Sternberg and Lubart proposed the "Investment Theory of Creativity," which views creativity as the result of a combination of resources.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. The theory identifies six distinct resources for creativity: intellectual abilities, knowledge, styles of thinking, personality, motivation, and environment.
2. Because it involves multiple interacting factors, it is a **multivariate approach** (making B

correct and A incorrect).
3. Since it lists six different components, the theory explicitly rejects the idea that creativity is just a **single trait or ability** (making D the incorrect statement).

Step 3: Final Answer:
Option (D) is the incorrect statement because the theory is multifaceted, not single-factored.

Quick Tip

The "Investment Theory" suggests creative people "buy low and sell high" in the world of ideas. It's essentially a multi-factorial model.

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52. Which of the following is/are true about endorphin?

(A) A substance produced by the body
(B) A synthetic substance
(C) Involved in perception of pain reduction
(D) Involved in increasing the feeling of pain

Correct Answer: (A) A substance produced by the body

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Endorphins are endogenous opioid neuropeptides and peptide hormones in humans and other animals.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. The word "endorphin" is derived from "endogenous morphine," meaning it is **produced naturally within the body** (making A true and B false).
2. They are released during exercise, stress, or pain and bind to opiate receptors in the brain to **reduce the perception of pain** (making C true and D false).
3. In a single-choice exam format, (A) is the most defining characteristic, though (C) is also functionally true.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Endorphins are natural body substances. (A) is correct.

Quick Tip

Think of endorphins as the body's natural "painkillers." They are responsible for the "runner's high."

53. Which of the following represent(s) theoretical explanations of Classical Conditioning?

(A) Spontaneous recovery
(B) Response substitution
(C) Stimulus generalization
(D) Information and expectation

Correct Answer: (B) Response substitution

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Theoretical explanations describe *how* or *why* learning occurs, whereas phenomena describe the *observable behaviors* in the learning process.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Spontaneous recovery (A)** and **Stimulus generalization (C)** are phenomena of conditioning (things that happen), not the underlying theories.
2. **Response substitution (B):** This is Pavlov's original theory. He believed the Conditioned Stimulus (CS) effectively "replaces" or substitutes for the Unconditioned Stimulus (UCS) in the brain.
3. **Information and expectation (D):** This is the cognitive explanation (e.g., Rescorla's model), suggesting that the CS provides information that allows the subject to expect the UCS.
4. In classic single-answer keys, (B) is often the primary historical theoretical explanation cited.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Response substitution is a core theoretical explanation of the process.

Quick Tip

Theories explain the "Mechanism" (Substitution/Expectancy), while Phenomena describe the "Pattern" (Generalization/Recovery).

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54. Consider the following Null-Hypothesis:
"The mean of Treatment Group is not different from that of the Control Group". When this is not accepted, which of the following is/are true?

(A) The probability of wrong rejection of the Null-Hypothesis is still there, but relatively very low.
(B) Wrong rejection of the Null-Hypothesis is absolutely not possible.

(C) Level of significance (α) must be less than or equal to 0.05.
(D) Level of significance (α) may be greater than or equal to 0.01.

Correct Answer: (A) The probability of wrong rejection of the Null-Hypothesis is still there, but relatively very low.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Statistical hypothesis testing is probabilistic, not absolute. We reject a Null Hypothesis based on a pre-set level of risk.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. "Not accepting" the Null Hypothesis means we are rejecting it in favor of the Alternative Hypothesis.
2. **Type I Error:** This is the error of rejecting a true Null Hypothesis (a "wrong rejection").
3. Even if we find a result that is "significant," there is always a small probability (α) that the difference happened by chance. Therefore, a wrong rejection is always possible (making B false and A true).
4. We set α low (e.g., 0.05 or 0.01) specifically to ensure this probability is "relatively very low."

Step 3: Final Answer:
Statistical inference always involves a margin of error (Type I error probability).

Quick Tip

In statistics, we never "prove" something is 100% true; we only show it is "highly likely" because the chance of it being a fluke is very low.

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55. In ethnography, "thick description" is associated with:

(A) Meaning structures of a culture-sharing group
(B) Clifford Geertz
(C) Sigmund Freud
(D) Co-construction of meanings during research interactions

Correct Answer: (B) Clifford Geertz

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The term "thick description" is a fundamental concept in qualitative research, specifically within the field of ethnography and interpretive anthropology. It refers to a detailed account of field experiences in which the researcher explains not just the behavior and the event, but

also its context, such that the behavior becomes meaningful to an outsider.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The concept of "thick description" was popularized by the American anthropologist **Clifford Geertz** in his influential book, "The Interpretation of Cultures" (1973). Geertz adopted the term from the philosopher Gilbert Ryle.
1. **Purpose:** Geertz argued that the task of the ethnographer is to provide a "thick description" of a culture, which involves interpreting the signs and symbols used by a culture-sharing group.
2. **Meaning vs. Observation:** A "thin description" might describe a physical action (e.g., a person rapidly closing one eye), while a "thick description" interprets the social meaning behind it (e.g., identifying the action as a wink, which implies a secret shared between people in a specific social context).
3. **Significance:** It shifts the focus of social science from observing outward behavior to interpreting internal meaning structures. While option (A) correctly identifies what thick description aims to uncover, option (B) is the primary academic association for the term in research methodology.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Clifford Geertz is the scholar most directly associated with the introduction and application of "thick description" in ethnography.

Quick Tip

In ethnography exams, remember the "Geertz-Interpretation-Thick Description" triad. It is the gold standard for qualitative, interpretive research.

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56. According to Central Limit Theorem, for a fixed sample size:

(A) Sample means may or may not be normally distributed.
(B) Both Type-I and Type-II errors must be low.
(C) Relative frequency of sample means that are closer to the population mean is higher.
(D) Relative frequency of the sample means that are farther from the population mean is lower.

Correct Answer: (C) Relative frequency of sample means that are closer to the population mean is higher.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The Central Limit Theorem (CLT) states that the sampling distribution of the sample mean ($\bar{x}$) approaches a normal distribution as the sample size (n) increases, regardless of the shape of the population distribution.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
For a fixed sample size (assuming it is large enough, typically $n \geq 30$, or if the population itself is normal):
1. **Normality:** The distribution of sample means will be approximately normal.
2. **The Bell Curve Property:** A normal distribution is symmetric and peak-centered at the population mean (μ). This means that the probability (or relative frequency) of obtaining a sample mean is highest at the center (close to the population mean).
3. **Tails of the Distribution:** As we move further away from the population mean in either direction, the relative frequency (probability density) of the sample means decreases significantly.
4. **Analysis of Options:** Option (C) describes the concentration of means around the center of the bell curve. Option (D) also describes the shape of the distribution (the decreasing tails). However, CLT essentially highlights that the expected value of the sample mean is the population mean, making (C) a fundamental observation of the theorem's outcome. Option (A) is also true for small n from non-normal populations, but the theorem's purpose is to describe the trend toward normality.

Step 3: Final Answer:
In a normal sampling distribution (as predicted by CLT), the frequency is concentrated near the population mean, making option (C) correct.

Quick Tip

Remember the "Golden Rule" of the CLT: The Mean of the Sampling Distribution of the Mean is ALWAYS equal to the Population Mean ($\mu_{\bar{x}} = \mu$). This is why values cluster around it.

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57. Which of the following is/are true about multiple regression analysis?

(A) It is calculated by analyzing all possible simple bivariate regression co-efficients based on the data set.
(B) It is calculated by analyzing all possible simple univariate co-efficients based on the data set.
(C) Effects of other predictor variables are partialled out from a specific predictor variable while calculating its regression co-efficient.
(D) Both standardized and unstandardized co-efficients can be calculated.

Correct Answer: (C) Effects of other predictor variables are partialled out from a specific predictor variable while calculating its regression co-efficient.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Multiple regression is a statistical technique used to examine the relationship between one con-

tinuous dependent variable and two or more independent (predictor) variables.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Partial Coefficients (Option C):** In multiple regression, the weight assigned to each predictor variable (represented by b or β) is a "partial regression coefficient." It represents the unique contribution of that predictor to the dependent variable, **after controlling for or partialling out** the effects of all other predictors in the model. This is the defining characteristic of "multiple" vs "simple" regression.
2. **Types of Coefficients (Option D):** Regression can provide **unstandardized coefficients** (in the original units of the variables) and **standardized coefficients** (β, in standard deviation units). Standardized coefficients are useful for comparing the relative strength of different predictors.
3. **Calculation (Options A and B):** Multiple regression is typically calculated using the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) method within a matrix framework. It is not a simple aggregation of bivariate correlations, as it must account for the multicollinearity (overlaps) between the predictors.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Option (C) correctly describes the concept of partialling, which is the core logic of multiple regression. Option (D) is also a correct technical fact about the output of the analysis. (In MSQ contexts, both C and D would be selected).

Quick Tip

Partial Correlation and Multiple Regression both aim for "uniqueness." They tell you what a variable does after everyone else's contribution is removed.

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58. Which of the following is/are NOT true about the factorial designs of ANOVA?

(A) In terms of relationship among the independent variables (IVs) and the dependent variable (DV), it is the same as multiple regression.
(B) Experimental Groups must include different participants.
(C) Control and Experimental Groups must include unmatched participants.
(D) Both Main Effects and Interaction Effects may be calculated.

Correct Answer: (B) Experimental Groups must include different participants.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Factorial ANOVA is used when there is more than one categorical independent variable (factor) and one continuous dependent variable. It assesses the effect of each factor individually and their combined (interaction) effect.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Option A (True):** ANOVA is a subset of the General Linear Model (GLM). Mathematically, the relationships tested in a factorial ANOVA can be replicated using multiple regression with dummy coding.
2. **Option B (NOT True):** Factorial designs do not **always** require different participants in each group. **Repeated Measures Factorial ANOVA** uses the same participants across different levels of a factor. "Mixed designs" use different participants for some factors and the same for others.
3. **Option C (NOT True):** Participants can be **matched** (e.g., in randomized block designs) to reduce error variance. There is no requirement that they must be "unmatched."
4. **Option D (True):** The primary benefit of factorial designs is the ability to calculate **Main Effects** (the effect of one IV ignoring others) and **Interaction Effects** (how the effect of one IV changes depending on the level of another IV).

Step 3: Final Answer:
Options (B) and (C) are not universally true for all factorial designs, as repeated measures and matching are common variations.

Quick Tip

Whenever you see "must" or "always" in a research design question, check for exceptions like "repeated measures" or "within-subjects" designs.

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59. In cognitive behavioral therapy, which of the following type(s) of "faulty thinking" may be identified by the therapist?

(A) Compulsions
(B) Arbitrary inference
(C) Dichotomization
(D) Maximization and minimization

Correct Answer: (B) Arbitrary inference

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
In Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), specifically Beck's Cognitive Therapy, "faulty thinking" refers to **Cognitive Distortions**. These are biased ways of thinking about oneself and the world that maintain psychological distress.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Arbitrary Inference (Option B):** Drawing a conclusion without sufficient evidence or in the face of contradictory evidence (e.g., "She didn't wave back, so she must hate me").
2. **Dichotomization (Option C):** Also known as "all-or-nothing" or "black-and-white" thinking. Events are viewed in extreme categories with no middle ground.

3. **Maximization and Minimization (Option D):** Magnifying the importance of negative events and minimizing the importance of positive ones.
4. **Compulsions (Option A):** These are repetitive **behaviors** (e.g., hand washing) that a person feels driven to perform in response to an obsession. They are not "thinking patterns" or cognitive distortions, although they are addressed in CBT for OCD.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Options (B), (C), and (D) are all classical examples of cognitive distortions (faulty thinking) identified in Beck's CBT. (In an MSQ format, all three would be correct).

> Quick Tip
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> Faulty thinking = Cognitive Distortions. Remember Beck's list: Selective Abstraction, Overgeneralization, Personalization, and the ones listed above.

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60. According to Moscovici's Conversion Theory (1980) which of the following statements is/are true for majority influence?

(A) Majority influence generates a comparison process (focus on relationship between source and target).
(B) Conflict is resolved by overt compliance to majority position in public.
(C) Triggers validation process (closer attention to the issue).
(D) Target is unlikely to agree with minority in public, for fear of being labelled "deviant".

Correct Answer: (A) Majority influence generates a comparison process (focus on relationship between source and target).

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Serge Moscovici's Conversion Theory explains the different ways in which majorities and minorities exert social influence. He distinguishes between "Compliance" and "Conversion."

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Majority Influence (Comparison):** When faced with a majority opinion, individuals undergo a **comparison process**. They focus on the normative pressure and their relationship with the group. To avoid social exclusion, they often engage in **public compliance** without necessarily changing their private beliefs. Thus, (A) and (B) are true for majority influence.
2. **Minority Influence (Validation):** When a minority is consistent, it creates a conflict that forces the majority to think about the message content. This triggers a **validation process** (Option C), leading to deep internal change or **private conversion**. Option (C) is therefore true for minority, not majority.
3. **Social Labels (Option D):** This describes the social cost of minority influence. People may agree with a minority privately but fear the "deviant" label in public. While true in social psychology, it defines a barrier to minority influence rather than a mechanism of majority

influence itself.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Statements (A) and (B) are characteristic of majority influence according to Moscovici.

Quick Tip

Moscovici Summary: Majority → Comparison → Compliance (Public). Minority → Validation → Conversion (Private).

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61. The probability that a recipient will critically evaluate arguments contained in a message (i.e., elaboration likelihood) is determined by both _____ and _____.

(A) Processing motivation
(B) Processing ability
(C) Processing error
(D) Processing validity

Correct Answer: (A) Processing motivation

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The Elaboration Likelihood Model (ELM), developed by Petty and Cacioppo, describes how attitudes are formed and changed. It proposes two routes to persuasion: the central route and the peripheral route.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Whether an individual takes the "central route" (systematic, high-effort thinking) or the "peripheral route" (heuristic, low-effort thinking) depends on their likelihood to "elaborate" on the message. This likelihood is determined by:
1. **Motivation (Option A):** Does the person *want* to think about the message? This is influenced by personal relevance, need for cognition, and accountability.
2. **Ability (Option B):** Is the person *able* to think about the message? This is influenced by cognitive capacity, background knowledge, and environmental distractions (like noise).

Step 3: Final Answer:
Both Processing Motivation (A) and Processing Ability (B) are the dual determinants of elaboration likelihood.

Quick Tip

ELM logic: If you have the "Will" (Motivation) and the "Way" (Ability), you'll take the Central Route.

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62. Cultural differences are partly explained by difference in _____ and _____.

(A) Self-construal
(B) Group presence
(C) Ecological conditions
(D) Shared norms

Correct Answer: (A) Self-construal

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Cross-cultural psychology seeks to identify the variables that explain why human behavior and mental processes vary across different cultures.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Self-Construal (Option A):** Proposed by Markus and Kitayama (1991), this refers to how individuals define themselves in relation to others. Independent self-construals (common in individualistic cultures) vs. Interdependent self-construals (common in collectivistic cultures) explain vast differences in motivation, emotion, and cognition.
2. **Shared Norms (Option D):** Cultures are defined by shared rules of behavior and values (e.g., Hofstede's dimensions like power distance or uncertainty avoidance). These norms guide how individuals interact within their society.
3. **Ecological Conditions (Option C):** John Berry's eco-cultural model suggests that physical environments (e.g., resource availability, climate) shape economic activities, which in turn shape cultural practices and individual psychological characteristics.

Step 3: Final Answer:
While many factors contribute, Self-construal (A) and Shared Norms (D) are core psychological constructs used to explain cultural variance. Ecological conditions (C) provide the distal background for these differences.

Quick Tip

If you are asked for the most "psychological" explanations for cultural difference, look for "Self-construal" and "Values/Norms."

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63. Gordon W. Allport proposed that contact will only be successful in reducing prejudice when it takes place under certain optimal conditions. He suggested that intergroup contact will reduce prejudice if:

(A) It has acquaintance potential.
(B) It takes place under the conditions of equal status.
(C) It involves co-operation towards a common goal.
(D) It involves simply bringing people from different groups together.

Correct Answer: (B) It takes place under the conditions of equal status.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The "Contact Hypothesis," formulated by Gordon Allport in his book "The Nature of Prejudice" (1954), specifies the conditions under which interactions between members of different groups can successfully reduce prejudice.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Allport's four original "optimal conditions" for positive intergroup contact are:
1. **Equal Status (Option B):** Both groups must engage in the relationship as equals; if one group is perceived as subordinate, contact can actually reinforce stereotypes.
2. **Common Goals (Option C):** Both groups should work together toward a shared objective.
3. **Intergroup Cooperation (Option C):** The groups must depend on each other for success (related to common goals).
4. **Institutional Support:** The contact should be encouraged by authorities, law, or custom.
5. **Note on Option A:** "Acquaintance potential" (becoming friends) was emphasized by later researchers like Stuart Cook, but it is often taught as part of the broader Contact Hypothesis framework.
6. **Note on Option D:** Allport explicitly argued *against* the "mere exposure" idea; simply bringing groups together without these conditions can increase conflict.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Options (B) and (C) are the primary conditions stated by Allport.

Quick Tip

Remember: Mere contact is NOT enough. You need "Equal status, Common goals, Cooperation, and Authority support" to kill prejudice.

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64. Which of the following psychologists is/are associated with the conceptualization of emotions?

(A) Leon Festinger
(B) Rom Harre
(C) Paul Ekman
(D) E. B. Titchener

Correct Answer: (C) Paul Ekman

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
Psychology has various traditions in studying emotions: biological/evolutionary, social constructionist, and structuralist.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **Paul Ekman (Option C):** A giant in emotion research. He identified "Basic Emotions" (happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, disgust) that are universally recognized across cultures through facial expressions. He developed the Facial Action Coding System (FACS).
2. **Rom Harre (Option B):** Associated with the **social constructionist** view of emotions. He argues that emotions are not just biological reflexes but are social acts defined by cultural rules and language (e.g., "Athelm" or "Accidie" from historical contexts).
3. **E. B. Titchener (Option D):** As a structuralist, he broke mental processes down into components: sensations, images, and **affections** (feelings). He is also credited with coining the English term "empathy" as a translation of the German "Einfühlung."
4. **Leon Festinger (Option A):** Primarily known for Cognitive Dissonance and Social Comparison Theory; while dissonance has an affective component, he is not considered a primary "emotion theorist."

Step 3: Final Answer:
Harre (B), Ekman (C), and Titchener (D) all contributed significantly to the conceptualization of emotions in different ways.

Quick Tip

Ekman = Universal Biology; Harre = Social Construction; Titchener = Structural elements of feelings.

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65. Which among the following is/are associated with the three psychiatric movements?

(A) Philip Pinel
(B) Sigmund Freud
(C) Community mental health
(D) Cognitive behaviour therapy

Correct Answer: (A) Philip Pinel

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The history of psychiatry and mental health care is often divided into three major "revolutions" or "movements" that fundamentally changed how mental illness was understood and treated.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
1. **First Movement (Moral Treatment - Philip Pinel):** In the late 18th century, Pinel famously "unchained the patients" at the Bicêtre Hospital in Paris. This movement focused on treating patients with dignity, kindness, and in a humane environment rather than as criminals or animals.
2. **Second Movement (Psychoanalysis - Sigmund Freud):** At the turn of the 20th century, Freud moved the focus from the physical asylum to the **mind**. His "talking cure" introduced the idea that mental illness stemmed from unconscious conflicts and early childhood experiences.
3. **Third Movement (Community Mental Health):** Beginning in the 1960s (notably with the Community Mental Health Centers Act in the US), this movement advocated for **deinstitutionalization**. It aimed to treat patients in their communities rather than in long-term isolated asylums, supported by the development of psychotropic medications.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Philip Pinel (A), Sigmund Freud (B), and Community Mental Health (C) represent the three historical movements. Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (D), while significant, is a specific therapeutic modality rather than a paradigm-shifting historical movement in the same sense.

Quick Tip

Revolutions in Mental Health: 1. Humanitarian (Pinel), 2. Psychological (Freud), 3. Sociological/Community (Deinstitutionalization).
