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General Ability

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General Ability Test 1

1. Circle the closest synonym of the word “subdued”.

a) hyperactive
b) restrained
c) insolent
d) innocent

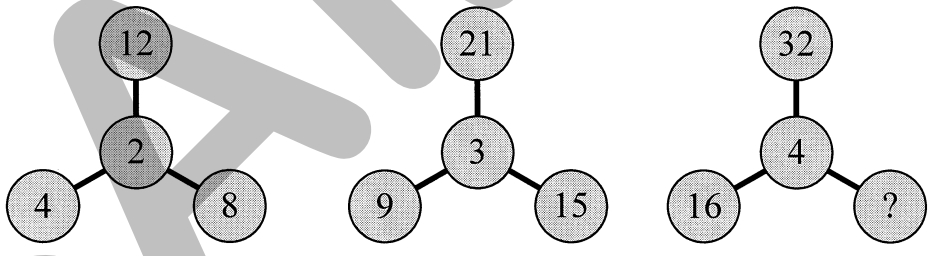
2. Baldeep has $4 worth of coins, made up of $1 and 20 cent pieces. He has 12 coins. How many 20 cent pieces does Baldeep have?

a) 5
b) 7
c) 9
d) 10

3. Meteorology is the study of:

a) plants and flowers
b) meteors and the planets
c) weather and climate
d) infectious diseases

4. The following numbers make a pattern. Fill in the missing number.



a) 24
b) 26
c) 28
d) 30

5. The country Thailand is located in which continent?

a) Asia
b) Australia
c) Europe
d) Antarctica

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6. Which of the following three words is an antonym of "subtle"?

a) complacent
b) complex
c) competent
d) obvious

7. Carlos plays "Scissors, Paper, Rock" with Alex twice. How many different combinations can Carlos have? (Eg. 'rock then scissors' or 'scissors then paper' etc.)

a) 6
b) 9
c) 12
d) 16

8. Put these historical events in chronological order:

The Moon landing, the first pyramid in Egypt is built, the internet becomes accessible to ordinary households, the First Fleet arrives in Australia.

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9. Which word does not rhyme with "fright"?

a) write
b) height
c) plight
d) freight

10. Solve the following problem:

lamb is to sheep as ..... is to horse

a) foal
b) hoof
c) mare
d) oxen

11. Circle the correct alternative:

Marie Curie won the Nobel (Peace; Piece) Prize.

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General Ability Test 2

1. Alicia competes in a race made up of tricycles and bicycles with 7 other competitors. If there are 21 wheels, how many tricycles are in the race?

a) 3
b) 4
c) 5
d) 6

2. Jansen picks out a number between 50 and 100. The sum of the two digits is 11. The product of the two digits is 28. What is the number?

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3. Hidden in CHEMISTRY is an antonym of "country". What is this word?

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4. Match the following words with their closest meaning:

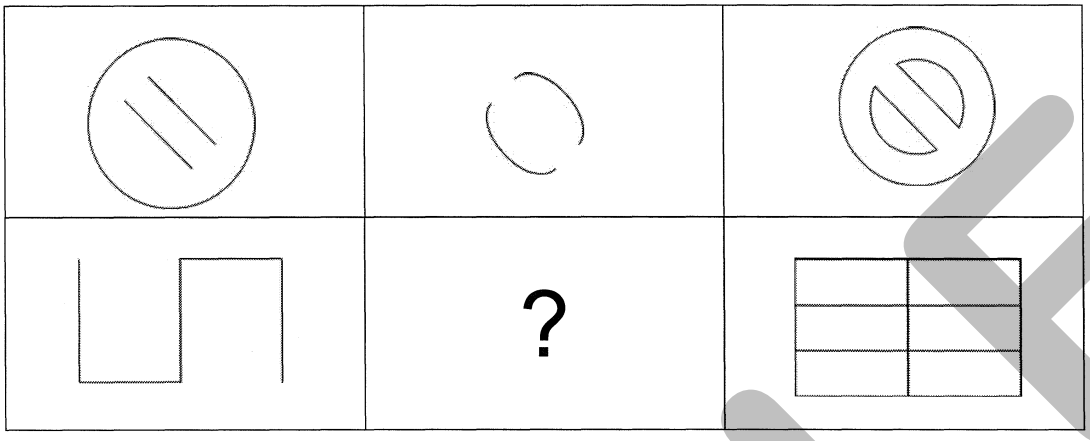
Word	Meaning
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eccentric	acting with intent to deceive
fraudulent	blunt or curt in manner or speech
brusque	unconventional or odd

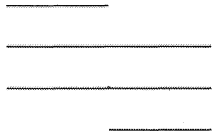
5. Who was Pablo Picasso?

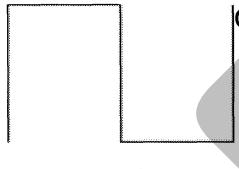
a) an early 20th Century Spanish artist
b) a Mexican poet and philosopher
c) the leader of the French Revolution
d) the first man in space

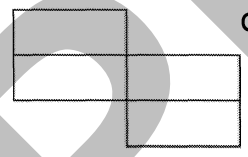
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6. Complete the following sequence:



a) 

b) 

c) 

d) 

7. Yousof has a collection of 13 shapes made up of hexagons and heptagons. There are a total of 87 sides. How many heptagons are there?

a) 5
b) 6
c) 7
d) 9

8. Which words satisfy the following descriptions:

a) An account of a person's life written by that person =
An a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

b) A animal that feeds on only plants =
A h _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

9. Which word can be rearranged to mean "blunt" or "straightforward"?

a) credit
b) centric
c) dictate
d) dialect

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General Ability Test 3

1. Rachel has 7 less cherries than Nehal. Michael has 12 more cherries than Nehal. Nicholas has 4 times as many cherries as Nehal. Nicholas has 32 cherries.

a) How many cherries does Michael have?

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b) How many cherries are there altogether?

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2. What is meant by the following sentence?

Today's politicians live in an ivory tower.

a) Politicians live in white mansions.
b) Politicians are down to earth people.
c) Politicians must climb a colossal height to get to where they are.
d) Politicians are not in touch with the realities of the modern world.

3. LARGE is to GIGANTIC as SMELLY is to .....

a) FRAGRANT
b) ENORMOUS
c) PUNGENT
d) MILD

4. Which number does not belong?

16, 25, 36, 22

a) 16
b) 25
c) 36
d) 22

5. Hidden in SPELLBINDING is an antonym for "save". What is this word?

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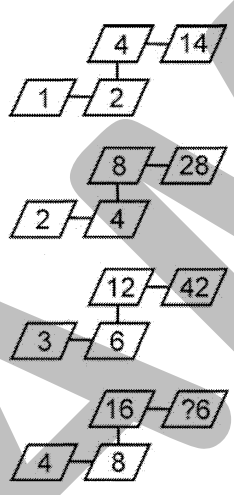
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6. Place each of the following pronouns in the following table as either a “state”, “city”, “country” or “ocean”:

Papua New Guinea, Indian, Melbourne, Arctic, Texas, Hawaii, Fiji, Victoria, Switzerland, Tasmania, Auckland, Seoul

state	city	country	ocean

7. The following numbers make a pattern. Fill in the missing number.



a) 5
b) 6
c) 7
d) 8

8. Who was Alexander Graham Bell?

a) the first president of America
b) the inventor of the telephone
c) an Austrian classical pianist and composer
d) the inventor of the wheel

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Answers

General Ability Test 1

1. b
2. d. (10 × 20 cents = $2) + (2 × $1 = $2). Therefore, there are 12 coins which add to a total of $4.
3. c
4. a. In the 1st set of circles, 2 × 2 = 4, 2 × 4 = 8 and 2 × 6 = 12. In the 2nd, 3 × 3 × 9, 3 × 5 = 15 and 3 × 7 = 21. And in the 3rd, 4 × 4 = 16, 4 × 6 = 24 and 4 × 8 = 32.
5. a
6. d
7. b Possible combinations are: rock scissors, rock paper, rock rock, paper scissor, paper rock, paper paper, scissors paper, scissors rock, scissors scissors.
8. 3100- 2950 BC: the first pyramid in Egypt is built (the Step Pyramid at Saqqara);
1788: the First Fleet arrive in Australia;
1969: the moon landing;
1996: the internet becomes accessible to ordinary households
9. d. The word "freight" rhymes with "late" or "hate".
10. a. Lamb is the young of a sheep as foal is the young of a horse.
11. Peace

General Ability Test 2

1. c. (5 × 3 = 15) + (3 × 2 = 6). 6 + 15 = 21 wheels.
2. 47. 4 + 7 = 11 and 4 × 7 = 28.
3. CITY
4. emancipate: to free someone from personal, political, or legal restrictions;
eccentric: unconventional or odd;
brusque: blunt or curt in manner or speech;
fraudulent: acting with intent to deceive.
5. a
6. a
7. d. Hexagons have 6 sides and heptagons have 7 sides. (9 × 7 sides = 63 sides) + (4 × 6 sides = 24 sides). 63 + 24 = 87 sides in total.
8. a) autobiography; b) herbivore.
9. a. "Credit" can be rearranged to form the word "direct".

General Ability Test 3

1. a) Michael has 20 cherries.
b) Nicholas has 32 cherries, Nehal has 8 cherries, Michael has 20 cherries and Rachel has 1 cherry. Hence altogether there are 81 cherries.
2. d
3. c. "Gigantic" is a stronger adjective than "large" as "pungent" is a stronger adjective than "smelly".
4. 22. It is not a perfect square i.e. 16 = 4 × 4; 25 = 5 × 5; 36 = 6 × 6.
5. SPEND
6. States: Victoria, Texas, Hawaii, Tasmania;
Cities: Melbourne, Auckland, Seoul;
Countries: Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Switzerland;
Oceans: Indian, Arctic.
7. a. In the 1st set of boxes, 1 + 2 + 4 = 7 and 7 × 2 = 14. In the 2nd, 2 + 4 + 8 = 14 and 14 × 2 = 28. In the 3rd, 3 + 6 + 12 = 21 and 21 × 2 = 42. In the 4th, 4 + 8 + 16 = 28 and 28 × 2 = 56.
8. b

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