



A collage of various analytical chemistry and data visualization elements. It includes a lightbulb with a brain-like filament, a 3D pie chart, a flowchart with arrows, laboratory glassware like test tubes and flasks, and a smartphone displaying data. The background features a dark area with floating black circles and diamonds.

EPEA516 ANALYTICAL SKILLS II

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Learning Outcomes



After this lecture, you will be able to

- develop understanding about the basics of data sufficiency,
- analyze steps and strategies for solving data sufficiency questions,
- solve various problems relating to data sufficiency.

Basics

- Sufficiency
 - Statement ~~Right or True~~
 - Solve Question – Given Statement
- Data Sufficiency
 - A Question
 - Some Statements
 - Data - One or More Statements
 - Conclude – Data Provided

Steps

- Data
 - First Statement
 - Second Statement
 - First & Second Statements
 - Answer

Strategies

- Understand
 - Data Sufficiency Answer Choices
 - Statement '1' alone is sufficient to answer the question but statement '2' alone is not sufficient to answer the question.
 - Statement '2' alone is sufficient to answer the question but statement 1 alone is not sufficient to answer the question.

Strategies

- Understand
 - Either of the statements by itself is sufficient to answer the question.
 - Statements '1' and '2' taken together are not sufficient to answer the question and requiring more data pertaining to problem.
 - Both the statements taken together are sufficient to answer the question but neither of the two statements alone is sufficient to answer the question.

Strategies

- Assumptions – Not Allowed
 - ~~General Knowledge~~ & Mathematical Principles
 - Example - Is Delhi the most populated city in India?
 - Statement 1 - The Capital of the India is the most populated city in the India.
 - Statement 2 - Delhi is the capital.

Both the statements taken together are sufficient to answer the question but neither of the two statements alone is sufficient to answer the question.

Strategies

- Elimination Method
 - Statement '1' (Sufficient)
 - Eliminate Choices (Statement '1' Insufficient)
 - Statement '1' (Insufficient)
 - Eliminate Choices (Statement '1' Sufficient)
 - Statement '2' (Sufficient)
 - Eliminate Choices (Statement '2' Insufficient)
 - Statement '2' (Insufficient)
 - Eliminate Choices (Statement '2' Sufficient)

Strategies

- Analyze - Sufficiency
 - ~~Exact Value - ?~~
 - ~~True/False~~
 - Review
 - Enough Information
 - Answer
 - Conclusion

Problem 1

- What marks have been obtained by Arjun?
- I. Arjun's marks are the average of marks of Nilesh and Mohit.
- II. Nilesh obtained 80 marks, and this is 25% more than the marks obtained by Mohit.
- Both the statements taken together are sufficient to answer the question but neither of the two statements alone is sufficient to answer the question.

Problem 1

- Explanation
- Statement II
 - Calculate marks of Mohit.
- Statement I
 - Arjun's marks = average of marks of Nilesh and Mohit.

Problem 2

- What is the three-digit number?
- I. Two-fifth of that number is less than half of that number by 20.
- II. One-fourth of that number is 25% of that number.
- Statement I alone is sufficient to answer the question but statement II alone is not sufficient to answer the question.

Problem 2

- Explanation
- Statement I - Two-fifth of that number is less than half of that number by 20.
 - $\frac{2 \text{ (Number)}}{5} = \frac{\text{Number}}{2} - 20$
- Statement II - One-fourth of that number is 25% of that number.
 - $\frac{(\text{Number})}{4} = 25\% \text{ of Number}$ i.e., $\frac{25(\text{Number})}{100 \cdot 4} = \frac{(\text{Number})}{4}$

Problem 3

- What is the ratio between the ages of the father and the son ?
- I. The sum of their ages is 50 years.
- II. 3 times the sum of their ages is equal to 5 times the father's age.
- Statement II alone is sufficient to answer the question but statement I alone is not sufficient to answer the question.

Problem 3

- Explanation
- Statement I - The sum of their ages is 50 years.
 - Age of Father + Age of Son = 50
- Statement II - 3 times the sum of their ages is equal to 5 times the father's age.
 - $3(\text{Age of Father} + \text{Age of Son}) = 5(\text{Age of Father})$
 - $\frac{\text{Age of Father}}{\text{Age of Son}} = \frac{3}{2}$
- Statement II alone is sufficient.

Problem 4

- Two taps A and B, when opened together, can fill a tank in 6 hours. How long will it take for the pipe A alone to fill the tank?
- I. B alone takes 5 hours more than A to fill the tank.
- II. The ratio of the time taken by A to that taken by B to fill the tank is 2 : 3.
- Either of the statements by itself is sufficient to answer the question.

Problem 4

- Explanation
- (A + B)'s 1 hour filling work = $\frac{1}{6}$
- Statement I - B alone takes 5 hours more than A to fill the tank.
 - (A's 1 hour work) + (B's 1 hour work)
= (A + B)'s 1 hour work

Problem 4

- Explanation
- (A + B)'s 1 hour filling work = $\frac{1}{6}$
- Statement II - The ratio of the time taken by A to that taken by B to fill the tank is 2 : 3.
 - $\frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{3x} = \frac{1}{6}$
- Each one of I and II alone gives the answer or Either of the statements by itself is sufficient to answer the question.

Problem 5

- Shweta walked from her home to the bus stop and back again. How long did it take her to make the entire trip?
- I. She walked from home to the bus stop at the rate of 3 km/h.
- II. She walked back to home at the rate of 5 km/h.
- Statements 'I' and 'II' taken together are not sufficient to answer the question and requiring more data pertaining to problem.

Problem 5

- Explanation
- I. She walked from home to the bus stop at the rate of 3 km/hr.
- II. She walked back to home @ 5 km/hr
- Distance between house and bus stop - not given.
- Therefore, the time of trip cannot be calculated.

Problem 6

- What is the speed of the current?
- I. Speed of the boat is 4 km/hr in still water.
- II. The boat runs at a speed of 6 km/hr downstream.
- Both the statements taken together are sufficient to answer the question but neither of the two statements alone is sufficient to answer the question.

Problem 6

- Explanation
- Speed of current/stream = x km/h
- I. Speed of the boat is 4 km/hr in still water.
 - Speed downstream = $(x + 4)$ km/hr
 - Speed upstream = $(x - 4)$ km/hr.

Problem 6

- Explanation
- II. The boat runs at a speed of 6 km/h downstream.
 - $x + 4 = 6$
 - $x = 2.$
- Both the statements taken together are sufficient to answer the question but neither of the two statements alone is sufficient to answer the question.

Problem 7

- What is the speed of a running train?
- I. The train crosses a signal post in 6 seconds.
- II. The train crosses another train running in the opposite direction in 15 seconds.
- Statements 'I' and 'II' taken together are not sufficient to answer the question and requiring more data pertaining to problem.

Problem 7

- Explanation
- I. The train crosses a signal post in 6 seconds.
- II. The train crosses another train running in the opposite direction in 15 seconds.
- Lengths of the trains are not given, therefore it is not possible to determine the speed of the train.
- Statements 'I' and 'II' taken together are not sufficient to answer the question and requiring more data pertaining to problem.

Problem 8

- What is the rate of interest percent per annum?
- I. The amount doubles itself in 10 years.
- II. The simple interest accrued in 5 years is Rs. 5000.
- Statement I alone is sufficient to answer the question but statement II alone is not sufficient to answer the question.

Problem 8

- Explanation
- I. The amount doubles itself in 10 years.
 - $R = \frac{S.I. \times 100}{P \times T}$ (Because S.I. = P)
- II. The simple interest accrued in 5 years is Rs. 5000.
 - Since P is still unknown, R cannot be calculated.
 - Statement I alone is sufficient to answer the question but statement II alone is not sufficient to answer the question.

Conclusion

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Conclusion

- Strategies
 - Understand
 - Assumptions – Not Allowed
 - Elimination Method
 - Analyze Questions

Summary

- Data Sufficiency
 - Basics
 - Steps
 - Strategies
 - Problems

That's all for now...