Classification

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Classification means to pick the term given in the question which is different from the given options. The three of the options share some common quality, and the other one lacks a common quality.

• To **'classify'** means to assign some particular characteristic to the various member/part of a group and identify them based on those particular characteristics only.

• Classification questions aim to test the skills of a candidate in determining the features of various things and candidate has to answer which one is odd-one from the group of 4 options. The odd-one option shouldn't possess the skill which must be common among the other four options.

• Such questions are scoring as they require minimum calculations (if verbal). So, let's understand how to solve various types of 'Classification' questions.

Some common type of odd element which asked in the exam are –

• Odd country – Nepal, Ireland, Indonesia, Afghanistan – (Ans- Ireland)

• Odd currency - Bangladesh: Taka, Malaysia : Ringgit, South Korean: Rupiya, Russia : Ruble (Ans - South Korean: Rupiya)

• Antonyms, Synonyms – Lenient, Pliable, Gentle, Putrid (Ans- Putrid)

• Odd Game – Snooker, Table tennis, Hockey, Billiards (Ans – Hockey)

• Odd Organs – Liver, Heart, lungs, Nose (Ans- Nose)

• Odd Study – Lawyer, Doctor, Engineer, Education (Ans – Education)

Some of the common types of classification/ odd one out categories are –

1. Odd word
2. Odd word pair
3. Odd letter
4. Odd letter pair
5. Odd number
6. Odd number pair

Odd word/ Odd word pair

1. In the following question, select the odd word from the given alternatives.

a. Bodo
b. Dogri
c. Maithili
d. Sattriya

Ans. D

Solution –

Bodo - Bodo is spoken in the northeastern Indian states of Assam and Meghalaya and in Bangladesh

Dogri - Dogri, is an Indo-Aryan language spoken by about five million people in India and Pakistan

Maithli - Maithili is an Indo-Aryan language native to the Indian subcontinent, mainly spoken in India and Nepal.

Sattriya – It is a dance and is originated in the eastern state of Assam.

Sattriya is a dance form while all others are languages.

Hence, option (D) is different from the rest.

2. In the following question, select the odd word pair from the given alternatives.

a. Bhopal : Lake City
b. Jodhpur : Sun City
c. Bangalore : Blue City
d. Jaipur : Pink City

Ans. C

Solution –

Except for Bangalore: Blue, all show relationship as Indian City Name: Its nickname.

Bangalore is also known as the silicon valley of India.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

3. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different. Pick the number that is different.

a. Assam

b. Patna

c. Bihar

d. Delhi

Ans. B

Solution –

Only option(b) gives name of the city of Indian State, Bihar, rest options give name of the Indian States.

Hence, option(b) is different from others.

Odd letter/ Odd letter pair

1. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different. Find the odd one out

a. AYVQ

b. KIFB

c. USPL

d. OMJF

Ans. A

Solution –

Option(a)- A $\xrightarrow{-2}$ Y $\xrightarrow{-3}$ V $\xrightarrow{-5}$ Q

Option(b)- K $\xrightarrow{-2}$ I $\xrightarrow{-3}$ F $\xrightarrow{-4}$ B

Option(c)- U $\xrightarrow{-2}$ S $\xrightarrow{-3}$ P $\xrightarrow{-4}$ L

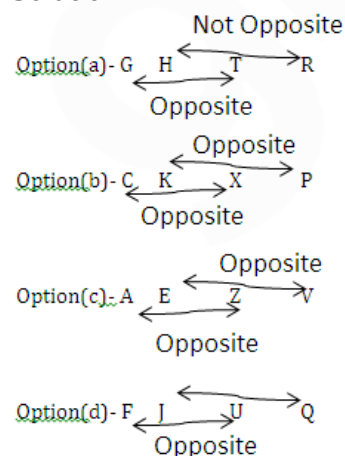Option(d)- O $\xrightarrow{-2}$ M $\xrightarrow{-3}$ J $\xrightarrow{-4}$ F

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

2. In the following four letter-group, three letter-groups are related to one another in a certain manner, and one letter-group is different. Find the odd letter group.

a. GH-TR

b. CK-XP

c. AE-ZV

d. FJ-UQ

Ans. A

Solution –

Option(a)- G H T R — Not Opposite / Opposite

Option(b)- C K X P — Opposite / Opposite

Option(c)- A E Z V — Opposite / Opposite

Option(d)- F J U Q — Opposite

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

Odd number/ Odd number pair

1. In the following four numbers, three numbers are similar in certain way, and number is different. Find the odd number.
a. 25
b. 33
c. 27
d. 15
Ans. A
Solution –
Except 25, all are divisible by 3.
Hence, the correct answer is option A.
2. Three of the following four number-pairs are alike in a certain way and one is different. Pick the number-pair that is different from the rest.
a. 3 : 27
b. 4 : 65
c. 2 : 9
d. 1 : 2
Ans. A
Solution –
$$4^3 + 1 = 65$$
$$2^3 + 1 = 9$$
$$1^3 + 1 = 2$$
$$3^3 + 1 = 28 \text{ not } 27$$
Hence, option (A) is the correct answer.
3. Three of the following four option are similar in a certain way and one is different. Find the one that is different.
a. 14 - 70 – 85
b. 9 - 45 – 60
c. 11 - 55 – 70
d. 7 - 42 – 58
Ans. D
Solution –
From the given options,
Option A – (14 - 70 – 85)
14 x 5 = 70
70 +15 = 85
Option B - (9 - 45 – 60)
9 x 5 = 45
45 +15 = 60
Option C - (11 - 55 – 70)
11 x 5 = 55
55 +15 = 70
Option D - (7 - 42 – 58)
7 x 6 = 42
42 +16 = 58
Clearly, option D is different from others.