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Analogy?

An analogy is a relationship between one pair of words that helps to form the same relationship in the second pair of words. An analogy shows similarities, or things in common, between a pair of words.

Example

Annoy is to irritate as dusk is to twilight

Annoy : irritate :: dusk : twilight

Example: Find the 4th word based
on analogous relations

- Light : Sun :: Heat: ?
- A. Electricity
- B. Moon
- C. Fire
- D. Star

ANS: C

Explanation :

Sun gives-light. In the same way Fire gives heat.

Another example

Find the analogous pair:

- **Bunch : Key ::**
- Hound : Pack
- Team : Competition
- Beehive : Bee
- Bouquet : Flower

Answer

- A bunch of keys and a bouquet of flowers

Types of analogies

- *Synonyms and Antonyms*
- *Part to whole or whole to part*
- *Cause to effect*
- *Words of varying degree*
- *Specific to general*
- *Function*
- *Traits*

Synonyms and Antonyms

Example:

- **Tall : Short :: Disrespect : ?**
- A. Respect
- B. Honour
- C. Disgrace
- D. Loyalty

Answer

The antonym of Disrespect is Respect

Another Example

Particular:fussy::_____:subservient

a.Meek

b.Above

c.Cranky

d.Uptight

Explanation

These are synonymous pairs.

The synonym of subservient is meek

As subservient can be broken into sub +
serve i.e to obey someone unquestionably

- Note:

- Lot of times you will find word pairs which are similar or dissimilar. Knowledge of words and their usage will help determine the right answer.

Type 2:Part to whole or whole to part

● Son:Nuclear::_____Extended

a.Father

b.Mother

c.Cousin

d.Daughters

Answer

Son is a part of nuclear family and Cousin is part of an extended family

Whole to part

- Book:Chapter::tractor:_____
- Plowed
- Read
- Motor

Answer

- A Book comprises chapters and a tractor comprises a motor

Type 3: Cause and Effect

Tired is to sleep as hungry is to _____

- Drink
- Exhausted
- Starving
- Eat

Answer: Eat

Another Example

:skid::obstacle:swerve

- a. Bike
- b. Ice
- c. Wheel
- d. Roadway



Answer:

Ice causes to skid and obstacle causes to swerve

Type 4: Words of varying degree

amusing : hilarious :: _____ : outstanding

- a. satisfactory
- b. unacceptable
- c. extraordinary
- d. performance

Explanation

Hilarious is the heightened version of amusing. If amusing is funny then hilarious is extremely funny.

So the word that fits here would be satisfactory.

Another example

- Inferno:fire::tsunami:_____
- Ocean
- Burning
- Wave
- Deadly

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- Inferno is a large fire and tsunami is kind of a big wave

Type 5: Specific to general

- Canine:dog::feline:_____
- Dog
- Purr
- Tiger
- Whiskers

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- Canine refers to dogs while feline refers to cats like tiger

Type 6:Function

- Hammer:pound::wrench:_____
- Pinch
- Tool
- Bolt
- Turn

Hammer is used for pounding whereas wrench
is used for turning a bolt.

So here one word is the function of the other.

Another example

Author:write::detective:_____

- Investigate
- Magnifying glass
- Typewriter
- Police officer

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- An author writes and a detective investigates

Type 7: Traits

● Example:

● **AUTHOR : LITERATE**

A. CYNIC : GULLIBLE

B. HOTHEAD : PRUDENT

C. SAINT : NOTORIOUS

D. JUDGE : IMPARTIAL

An author is literate and a judge is impartial.

So this type of analogies talk of certain characteristics or traits of a person or thing.

Another Example

● Factual:article::fictitious:_____

1. Fable
2. Testimony
3. Magazine
4. Alibi

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- An article is factual while a fable is fictitious

Some practice questions

- 1. _____ : highway ::
net : court
- a. road
- b. radar
- c. ticket
- d. median



- A net divides a court whereas a median divides a highway

Implement:rule::_____:Verdict

1. Propose
2. Render
3. Divide
4. Teach

A rule is implemented whereas a verdict is rendered

● Monarch: _____::king:cobra

Queen

Butterfly

Royal

Venom

Monarch is a type of butterfly as king cobra is
also one of the types of cobra.

● Moisten:_____::Cool:freeze

Water

Soak

Oven

Grow

To moisten is to wet less intensely than to
soak and cool is to reduce the temperature
less intensely than to freeze

- **REINFORCE : STRONGER**

A. ERODE : WEAKER

B. DISMANTLE : LONGER

C. WILT : HIGHER

D. SHIRK : GREATER

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- If something is reinforced ,it becomes stronger.Similarly ,If something gets eroded ,it becomes weaker.

VESSEL : FLEET

- A. Forest : Clearing
- B. Squadron : Rank
- C. Hound : Pack
- D. Wide : Trunk

Answer

A fleet of vessels and a pack of hound

- **SCOWL : SMILE**

- A. Despair : Hope
- B. Acid : Vinegar
- C. Tendentious : Buck
- D. Wine : Water

Answer

- Scowl is an angry expression. So these are antonyms. The correct answer therefore will be A