

Set Theory Questions and Answers

1. Define a set and give an example of a set that includes three different types of fruits.

Answer: A set is a collection of distinct objects. Example: {apple, banana, cherry}.

2. If $S = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$, does the letter 'e' belong to set S? Represent your answer using the appropriate set notation.

Answer: Yes, $e \in S$.

3. Is the set of all even numbers a finite or infinite set? Explain your reasoning.

Answer: Infinite, because even numbers extend indefinitely.

4. Consider the sets $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$ and $B = \{4, 8\}$. Is set B a subset of set A? Justify your answer using the definition of a subset.

Answer: Yes, $B \subseteq A$ as all elements of B are in A.

5. If the universal set U is the set of all single-digit numbers, and $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, what is the complement of set A?

Answer: $A' = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$.

6. Write the set $\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ using set-builder notation.

Answer: $\{x \mid x \text{ is an odd number less than } 10\}$.

7. Given two sets $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$, find $A \cap B$ and $A \cup B$.

Answer: $A \cap B = \{3\}$, $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

8. Give an example of a scenario where the empty set is the correct answer. Describe the scenario and represent the empty set using proper notation.

Answer: The set of cats that are also dogs is an empty set, \emptyset .

9. Consider a set $X = \{15, 20, 25, 30\}$. Which elements of set X are divisible by 5? List them in set notation.

Answer: All elements, $X = \{15, 20, 25, 30\}$.

10. Are the sets $A = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x \text{ is a prime number less than } 10\}$ and $B = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$ equal? Explain your answer.

Answer: Yes, both sets contain the same prime numbers less than 10.

11. A set is a well-defined collection of distinct objects, considered as an object in its own right. Each object in a set is called an element.

12. If $A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$, then 4 is an element of set A .

13. If every element of set B is also an element of set A , then B is a subset of A .

14. If set B is a subset of set A , and both sets have the exact same elements, then A and B are equal.

15. The universal set, often denoted as U , contains every object under consideration, and every set in the context is a subset of the universal set.

16. The set $\{x \mid x \text{ is a positive integer less than } 5\}$ in set-builder notation is written as $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

17. The empty set, represented by \emptyset , is the set that contains no elements.

18. The notation $a \in A$ means that a is an element of set A .

19. A set with a countable number of elements is called a finite set, whereas a set with uncountable elements is called an infinite set.

20. In the set of all vowels $V = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$, the letter "e" is an element, and any consonant is not an element of set V .