Letter Series for MAH MCA CET Exam

1. What is a Letter Series?

A **letter series** is a sequence of letters arranged in a pattern. The task is to find the missing letter(s) by identifying the logic behind the pattern.

2. Commn Types of Letter Series and How to Solve Them

(A) Alphabetic Order Series

• The letters follow the **English alphabetical sequence**.

Example 1: A, B, C, D, ?

Pattern: +1 (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E)

Answer: E

☑ Example 2: L, M, N, O, ?

Pattern: +1 (L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow O \rightarrow P)

Answer: P

(B) Skip Letter Series

• Letters skip one or more positions in the alphabet.

Example 1: A, C, E, G, ?

Pattern: $+2 (A \rightarrow C \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow I)$

Answer: I

☑ Example 2: B, E, H, K, ?

Pattern: $+3 (B \rightarrow E \rightarrow H \rightarrow K \rightarrow N)$

Answer: N

(C) Reverse Alphabet Series

• Letters move in reverse alphabetical order.

☑ Example 1: Z, X, V, T, ?

Pattern: $-2 (Z \rightarrow X \rightarrow V \rightarrow T \rightarrow R)$

Answer: R

☑ Example 2: M, K, I, G, ?

Pattern: -2 (M \rightarrow K \rightarrow I \rightarrow G \rightarrow E)

Answer: E

(D) Alternate Letter Series

• Two or more sequences run parallelly.

Example 1: A, Z, B, Y, C, ? Pattern: First series \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C Second series \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X

Answer: X

Example 2: P, O, Q, N, R, M, ?

Pattern:

- First sequence: $P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R \rightarrow S (+1)$
- Second sequence: O → N → M → L (-1)
 Answer: S, L

(E) Number-Based Letter Series

- The letters are replaced by their **positions in the alphabet**.
- **☑** Example 1: C, F, I, L, ?

Pattern: 3rd, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th letter

Answer: O (O is the 15th letter)

☑ Example 2: B, E, H, K, ?

Pattern: +3 (B \rightarrow E \rightarrow H \rightarrow K \rightarrow N)

Answer: N

(F) Mixed Pattern Series

- A combination of different rules.
- **Example 1: A, D, I, P, ?**

Pattern: +3, +5, +7, +9

Answer: Y

Example 2: B, D, G, K, ?

Pattern: +2, +3, +4, +5

Answer: P

3. MCQs with Solutions

1 Find the missing letter:

- B, D, G, K, ?
- a) 0
- b) M
- c) P
- d) Q
- ✓ **Answer: c) P** (Pattern: +2, +3, +4, +5)
- 2 What comes next?
- Z, X, V, T, ?

a) Q b) R c) S d) P Answer: b) R (-2 pattern)
3 Identify the missing letter: A, C, F, J, O, ? a) S b) T c) U d) V ✓ Answer: c) U (+2, +3, +4, +5)
4 What comes next in this series? M, K, I, G,? a) D b) E c) F d) H ✓ Answer: b) E (-2 pattern)
5 Find the missing letter: C, F, I, L, ? a) O b) P c) Q d) R Answer: a) O (+3 pattern)
 4. Quick Tips to Solve Letter Series Fast ✓ Step 1: Check for alphabetical order (+1, -1, +2, etc.) ✓ Step 2: Look for skip patterns (+2, +3, etc.) ✓ Step 3: Identify reverse or alternating sequences ✓ Step 4: Convert letters to numbers for easier analysis ✓ Step 5: Practice regularly with mock tests
5. Practice Questions for You
Try these and let me know your answers!
1 Find the missing letter: D, G, J, M, ?
2 What comes next? Y, W, U, S, ?

3 Identify the missing letter: A, C, F, J, O, ?

4 What comes next in this series?

B, F, J, N, ?

5 Find the missing term:

L, M, O, R, ?