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Odd one out reasoning questions with answers

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The questions

Work them on paper first. Full solutions start after question 15 — the numbering matches.

QUESTION 1

Four of these five numbers are alike in a certain way and form a group. Which number does NOT belong to that group?

A. 35
B. 24
C. 46
D. 48
E. 56

QUESTION 2

Four of these five letter clusters follow the same alphabet-gap pattern. Which one is the odd one out?

Check the gap between consecutive letters inside each cluster. All five clusters span the same distance, so compare the individual steps.

A. MPS
B. ACG
C. KNQ
D. PSV
E. EHK

QUESTION 3

Four of these five words are alike in a certain way and form a group. Which word does NOT belong to that group?

A. Wheat
B. Barley
C. Rice
D. Jowar
E. Grapes

QUESTION 4

Four of these five letter clusters follow the same alphabet-gap pattern. Which one is the odd one out?

Check the gap between consecutive letters inside each cluster. All five clusters span the same distance, so compare the individual steps.

A. ILQ
B. RWZ
C. OTW
D. QVY
E. JOR

QUESTION 5

Four of these five numbers are alike in a certain way and form a group. Which number does NOT belong to that group?

A. 72
B. 27
C. 9
D. 36
E. 8

QUESTION 6

Four of these five letter clusters follow the same alphabet-gap pattern. Which one is the odd one out?

Check the gap between consecutive letters inside each cluster. All five clusters span the same distance, so compare the individual steps.

A. KNTX
B. MPVZ
C. IKPV
D. ADJN
E. EHNR

QUESTION 7

Four of these five numbers are alike in a certain way and form a group. Which number does NOT belong to that group?

A. 13
B. 42
C. 31
D. 29
E. 43

QUESTION 8

Four of these five letter clusters follow the same alphabet-gap pattern. Which one is the odd one out?

Check the gap between consecutive letters inside each cluster. All five clusters span the same distance, so compare the individual steps.

A. PTX
B. LPT
C. BFJ
D. KMS
E. CGK

QUESTION 9

Four of these five numbers are alike in a certain way and form a group. Which number does NOT belong to that group?

A. 25
B. 36
C. 48
D. 54
E. 24

QUESTION 10

Four of these five letter clusters follow the same alphabet-gap pattern. Which one is the odd one out?

Check the gap between consecutive letters inside each cluster. All five clusters span the same distance, so compare the individual steps.

A. BFG
B. UYZ
C. KLP
D. CGH
E. IMN

QUESTION 11

Four of these five numbers are alike in a certain way and form a group. Which number does NOT belong to that group?

A. 64
B. 27
C. 4
D. 16
E. 9

QUESTION 12

Four of these five letter clusters follow the same alphabet-gap pattern. Which one is the odd one out?

Check the gap between consecutive letters inside each cluster. All five clusters span the same distance, so compare the individual steps.

A. OPUX
B. HJLQ
C. MNSV
D. IJOR
E. QRWZ

QUESTION 13

Four of these five words are alike in a certain way and form a group. Which word does NOT belong to that group?

A. Chennai
B. Kolkata
C. Mumbai
D. Lucknow
E. Saturn

QUESTION 14

Four of these five letter clusters follow the same alphabet-gap pattern. Which one is the odd one out?

Check the gap between consecutive letters inside each cluster. All five clusters span the same distance, so compare the individual steps.

A. DHJ
B. KNQ
C. JMP
D. LOR
E. RUX

QUESTION 15

Four of these five numbers are alike in a certain way and form a group. Which number does NOT belong to that group?

A. 64

B. 7

C. 16

D. 8

E. 52

Answers and worked solutions

Each walkthrough is the engine's own elimination order, step for step — not a reconstruction written after the fact.

SOLUTION 1

Answer: **35**

1. Four of the numbers are each a multiple of 2.
2. 35 is not a multiple of 2, so it does not belong.

SOLUTION 2

Answer: **ACG**

1. Four clusters step +3 each step through the alphabet.
2. ACG steps +2, then +4 — the same total distance, a different pattern.
3. So ACG is the odd one out.

SOLUTION 3

Answer: **Grapes**

1. Four of the words are cereals (grains): Wheat, Jowar, Barley, Rice.
2. Grapes is a fruit, not a cereal, so Grapes does not belong.

SOLUTION 4

Answer: **ILQ**

1. Four clusters step +5, then +3 through the alphabet.
2. ILQ steps +3, then +5 — the same total distance, a different pattern.
3. So ILQ is the odd one out.

SOLUTION 5

Answer: **8**

1. Four of the numbers are each a multiple of 9.
2. 8 is not a multiple of 9, so it does not belong.

SOLUTION 6

Answer: **IKPV**

1. Four clusters step +3, +6, then +4 through the alphabet.
2. IKPV steps +2, +5, then +6 — the same total distance, a different pattern.
3. So IKPV is the odd one out.

SOLUTION 7

Answer: **42**

1. Four of the numbers are each an odd number.
2. 42 is not an odd number, so it does not belong.

SOLUTION 8

Answer: **KMS**

1. Four clusters step +4 each step through the alphabet.
2. KMS steps +2, then +6 — the same total distance, a different pattern.
3. So KMS is the odd one out.

SOLUTION 9

Answer: **25**

1. Four of the numbers are each a multiple of 6.
2. 25 is not a multiple of 6, so it does not belong.

SOLUTION 10

Answer: **KLP**

1. Four clusters step +4, then +1 through the alphabet.
2. KLP steps +1, then +4 — the same total distance, a different pattern.
3. So KLP is the odd one out.

SOLUTION 11

Answer: **27**

1. Four of the numbers are each a perfect square.
2. 27 is not a perfect square, so it does not belong.

SOLUTION 12

Answer: **HJLQ**

1. Four clusters step +1, +5, then +3 through the alphabet.
2. HJLQ steps +2, +2, then +5 — the same total distance, a different pattern.
3. So HJLQ is the odd one out.

SOLUTION 13

Answer: **Saturn**

1. Four of the words are state capitals: Lucknow, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata.
2. Saturn is a planet, not a state capital, so Saturn does not belong.

SOLUTION 14

Answer: **DHJ**

1. Four clusters step +3 each step through the alphabet.
2. DHJ steps +4, then +2 — the same total distance, a different pattern.
3. So DHJ is the odd one out.

SOLUTION 15

Answer: **7**

1. Four of the numbers are each a multiple of 4.
2. 7 is not a multiple of 4, so it does not belong.

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