

THE ELITE THINKING EXPEDITION 2027

A WEEKLY JOURNEY TO OC & SELECTIVE SUCCESS

OPPORTUNITY CLASS ANSWER PACK

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EXPEDITION CHECKPOINT

28 weeks to Selective

29 weeks to OC

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OPPORTUNITY CLASS

ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS

QUESTION 1

ANSWER: B**Step 1 - Understand the question**

Find the one suspect whose choice makes both truth conditions work.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Test one suspect at a time. First keep only cases where exactly one of Arlo and Bea is truthful, then test Chen.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

Arlo and Bea have different truth values only if Bea or Dana took the compass. If Bea took it, Chen's claim 'Dana or Arlo' is false. If Dana took it, Chen's claim is true.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer**B. Bea took the compass.**

QUESTION 2

ANSWER: B**Step 1 - Understand the question**

Use the journey clue and the visible top of the clock to find the arrival time.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

List the possible journey lengths first. Then compare the top bars of the remaining last digits.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

The journey took 35 or 40 minutes, so the arrival was 14:53 or 14:58. The last digit shows a top bar and an upper-right bar, but no upper-left bar. That matches 3, not 8.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer**B. The complete arrival time could be 14:53.**

QUESTION 3

ANSWER: C

Step 1 - Understand the question

Use the entry rule to find what Container K must have.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Translate 'only containers with a green seal may enter' as enter freezer -> green seal.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

K entered the freezer, so K must have had a green seal. The rule says nothing about temperature, contents or packing date.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

C. Container K had a green seal.

QUESTION 4

ANSWER: B

Step 1 - Understand the question

The argument treats cancellation and serious injury as the only two possibilities.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Look for a third practical choice that deals with the danger without accepting either extreme.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

Repairing the loose paving can reduce the risk while allowing the market to continue. The other facts do not break the either-or choice.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

B shows the false choice in the argument.

QUESTION 5

ANSWER: C**Step 1 - Understand the question**

The final amount is given, so recover the starting amount by undoing each action.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Work backwards in reverse order: remove the added counters, join the three equal bags, then replace the counters given away.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

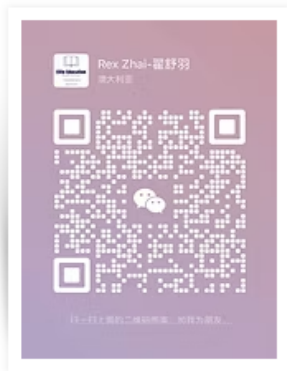
Before 2 were added, each bag held 10. Three bags held 30. Before Ravi gave away 8, he had $30 + 8 = 38$.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

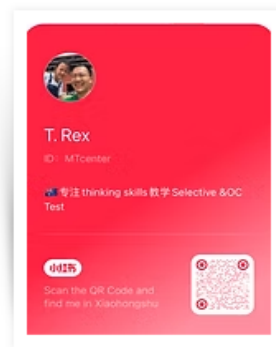
C. Ravi started with 38 counters.

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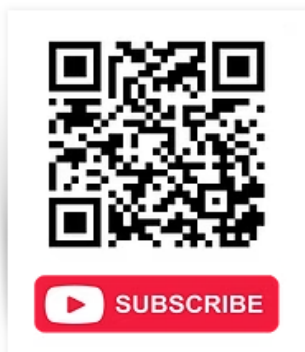
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