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SELECTIVE ANSWER PACK

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30 weeks to Selective

31 weeks to OC

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SELECTIVE

ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS

QUESTION 1

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

Build two rows of three and find the seat directly across from Ben.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Because a left-right mirror does not change who faces whom, place Ava at one end and Ben at the other. Then fill the opposite row from Ava's clue.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

Cora sits opposite Ava. Dev must take the middle seat beside Cora, so Faye takes the remaining end seat in Cora's row. That end is opposite Ben.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer**D. Faye must sit opposite Ben.**

QUESTION 2

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

Check Sam's claim and Tara's claim against different parts of the passage.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Words such as may show permission, not a guaranteed result. Words such as always create a certain requirement.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

Two surveys allow Lina to apply, but they do not guarantee acceptance, so Sam is wrong. The fragile label always requires the blue cabinet before transport, so Tara is correct.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer**B. Tara only.**

QUESTION 3

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

The transfer changes the sizes of the two shares.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Draw Kai as three equal bars and Bea as one equal bar. Moving 18 from Kai to Bea changes the three-to-one picture into a two-to-one picture.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

Before the move, the gap is two of Bea's starting bars. Giving 18 away and receiving 18 makes the gap 36 smaller. The new gap also equals Bea's new amount, which is one starting bar plus 18. Therefore one starting bar must be $36 + 18 = 54$. Four starting bars total $4 \times 54 = 216$.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

C. They have 216 cards altogether.

QUESTION 4

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

Copy both the hole and the corner cut each time a fold is opened.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

First reflect the marks across the horizontal fold. Then reflect all resulting marks across the vertical fold.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

The single hole becomes two after the first unfold and four after the second, placed symmetrically in the four quarters. The cut at the outer corner appears at all four outer corners.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

B. It has four symmetric holes and four corner cuts.

QUESTION 5

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

The reporter uses one unusual day to make a claim about how the buses perform every day.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Look for a special factor that affected the small sample but is not present on ordinary days.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

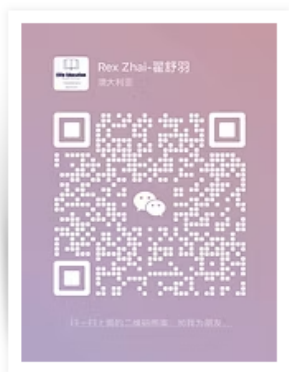
Road flooding explains why all four buses were late on that Monday. One flooded day does not show that the services are unreliable every day.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

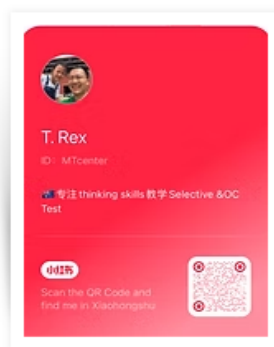
C. The unusual flooding makes the evidence unrepresentative.

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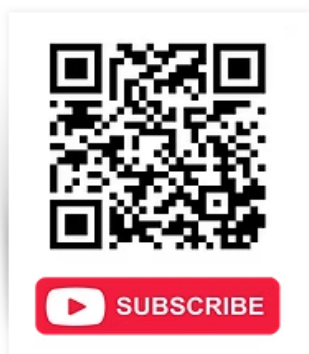
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