

THE ELITE THINKING EXPEDITION 2027

A WEEKLY JOURNEY TO OC & SELECTIVE SUCCESS

OPPORTUNITY CLASS ANSWER PACK

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EXPEDITION CHECKPOINT

31 weeks to Selective

32 weeks to OC

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OPPORTUNITY CLASS

ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS

QUESTION 1

ANSWER: A

Step 1 - Understand the question

Test Mia's and Noah's claims separately against the statement that applies to each event.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Treat whenever as certain, but do not turn a usual result into a guaranteed result, especially when an exception is named.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

The full trolley certainly triggers emptying before closing, so Mia is correct. Rain makes hall lunch usual, but the hall had an exam booking, so Noah cannot say it must have happened there.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

A. Mia only.

QUESTION 2

ANSWER: C

Step 1 - Understand the question

Find the one combined picture that no orientation of the two transparent cards can make.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Check one colour at a time. Turning or turning over a card can move its marks, but the marks keep the same positions relative to one another.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

On Card 2, the red circle and red square share an edge. They still share an edge in A, B and D. In C they do not, so no turn or turn-over of Card 2 can make C.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

C. The red circle-square relationship has changed.

QUESTION 3

ANSWER: B

Step 1 - Understand the question

The council expects the same result in two towns because both markets would be beside a station.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

For an argument by comparison, look for a relevant difference that could explain why the first case succeeded but the second may not.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

Free parking could have helped the other market attract extra visitors. Our station has no parking, so the towns are not alike in an important way. The other facts do not explain the attendance increase.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

B. The parking difference weakens the comparison.

QUESTION 4

ANSWER: C

Step 1 - Understand the question

Match each person to one object and one day, using every object and day once.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Start with the two fixed object-days, then place the Ben-after-Asha pair and the earlier Cora and later Dev around it.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

Dev must be after Ben, so Ben cannot be Friday. The only fit is Cora Tuesday, Asha Wednesday, Ben Thursday and Dev Friday. Ben has the Thursday compass and Dev the Friday flute; Asha is not rope, so Asha has the lantern and Cora the rope.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

C. Cora brought the rope on Tuesday.

QUESTION 5

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

Count one score for each move and a separate three-point bonus for each change of direction.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Copy the worked example by counting moves first, then marking every place where one direction letter changes to another.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

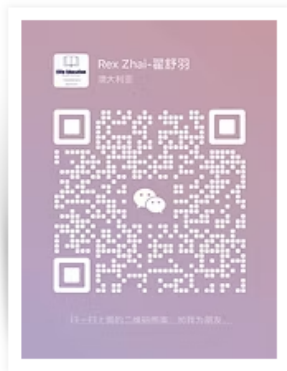
A scores $5 + 3 = 8$, B scores $4 + 9 = 13$, C scores $5 + 6 = 11$, and D scores $6 + 9 = 15$.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

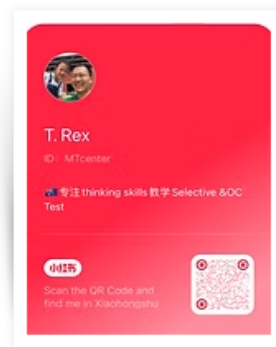
B. That route scores 13 points.

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