

THE ELITE THINKING EXPEDITION 2027

A WEEKLY JOURNEY TO OC & SELECTIVE SUCCESS

SELECTIVE ANSWER PACK

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EXPEDITION CHECKPOINT

31 weeks to Selective

32 weeks to OC

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SELECTIVE

ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS

QUESTION 1

ANSWER: C

Step 1 - Understand the question

Each axis must use one whole game column, and each dot must still describe one student.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Use the number ranges to name the two axes, then check whether every dot belongs to the same pair of game columns.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

A can show Maze against Shape, B Word against Memory, and D Maze against Memory. In C, the horizontal values fit Word and the first three heights fit Shape. The top dot reaches 103, but Shape's highest score is 79; it uses a Memory height instead.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

C. Its four dots cannot all use one vertical game column.

QUESTION 2

ANSWER: D

Step 1 - Understand the question

The pile may have hidden cubes, but its top plan and west view limit the heights.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

A side view shows the tallest pile along each sight line. Find a row with only one pile, then carry its exact height into the other view.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

The back row of the top plan has just one occupied square. In the west view that row is four cubes high, so that single pile is exactly four high. From the south it sits in the middle column, which must therefore reach at least four cubes. A, B and C can be built; D's middle column reaches only three.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

D. Its middle column is too short to hide the four-cube pile.

QUESTION 3

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

The thief is one of four pupils; exactly two statements are true, and the thief's own statement is true.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Try each pupil as the thief, count all four true statements, then check whether that pupil spoke truly.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

If Arun took it, two statements are true but his own is false. If Bela took it, two are true and her own is true. Cora gives only one true statement; Dino gives three. Only Bela meets both conditions.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

B. Bela took the key.

QUESTION 4

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

Having both parts guarantees acceptance; the rule does not say those parts are the only way to be accepted.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Turn the certain rule around safely: if an entry is rejected, it cannot have both required parts.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

A rejected entry must be missing at least one of the two parts, so B follows. A reads the rule backwards. C and D assume that missing a part always causes rejection, which the rule never says.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

B. Rejection means at least one of the two parts is missing.

QUESTION 5

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

The choice is how to travel to the museum; the organiser gives seating as one reason for the train.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Look for a new fact that gives a separate reason to favour the train over a coach.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

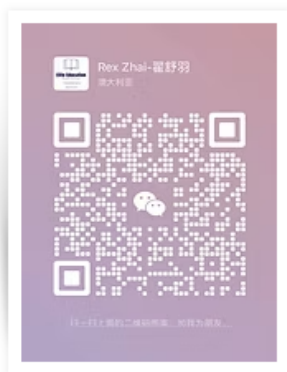
B adds a short walk from the train and a much longer walk from a coach, so it gives another reason for the train. A is the same for both journeys. C is about the museum, not the travel choice. D is true whichever way they travel.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

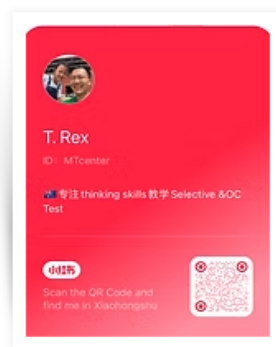
B. The train also leaves the class much closer to the museum.

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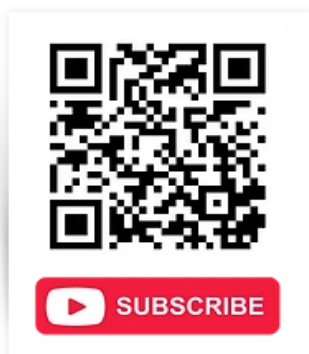
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