

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

Provisional May 2027 dates - updated when the official schedule is published

OPPORTUNITY CLASS

ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS

QUESTION 1

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

Track only what the two sentences guarantee.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Put the smaller group inside the larger group. Follow the shared members.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

Some Year 5 students are in the robotics club, and every club member attends the talk. Those Year 5 club members must attend.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

C. Some Year 5 students attend the safety talk.

QUESTION 2

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

Use the displayed pattern to identify the broken bar, then check which option needs it.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Add one missing bar to the stimulus pattern. This completes a six, so the upper-left bar is broken. Test each option against that fact.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

The first three digits do not use the upper-left bar, so they can still appear correctly. The fourth digit needs the upper-left bar, so it cannot be shown correctly.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

D. The fourth digit cannot be shown correctly.

QUESTION 3

ANSWER: D

Step 1 - Understand the question

The conclusion says changing forks will greatly reduce all plastic waste.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Find the option that breaks the link between the proposed change and the size of the claimed result.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

Even if many forks are used, replacing them cannot greatly reduce all plastic waste when forks form only a very small part of that waste. The other options do not expose a mistake in the reasoning.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

D. Forks may be too small a share of the total waste to support the conclusion.

QUESTION 4

ANSWER: B

Step 1 - Understand the question

The table can turn, so start with any one person and keep left and right consistent.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Place the fixed Imani-Joel pair first. Kobi must take Joel's other neighbouring seat, then use Kobi's restriction to place Lina.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

After Joel, Imani and Kobi are placed, two seats remain for Lina and Mei. One remaining seat touches Kobi and the other touches Imani. Lina cannot touch Kobi, so Lina must take the seat beside Imani.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

B. Imani must sit next to Joel and Lina.

QUESTION 5

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

The school must cover at least 68 books and may mix the three offers.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Compare the cost per book first. Start with the best-value large boxes, then test the cheapest way to cover the remainder.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

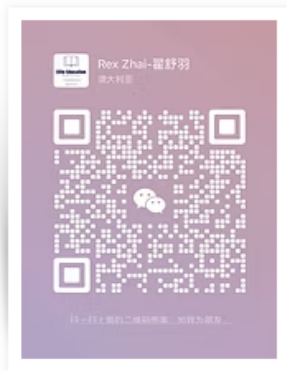
Two boxes provide 60 books for \$132. One pack adds exactly 8 books for \$20, giving 68 books for \$152. Filling the remainder with singles costs \$156, while using mostly packs costs at least \$172.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

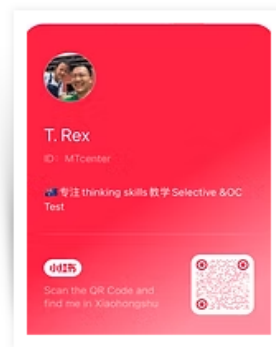
A. The least cost is \$152.

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