

THE ELITE THINKING EXPEDITION 2027

A WEEKLY JOURNEY TO OC & SELECTIVE SUCCESS

SELECTIVE ANSWER PACK

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EXPEDITION CHECKPOINT

30 weeks to Selective

31 weeks to OC

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SELECTIVE ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS

QUESTION 1

ANSWER: C

Step 1 - Understand the question

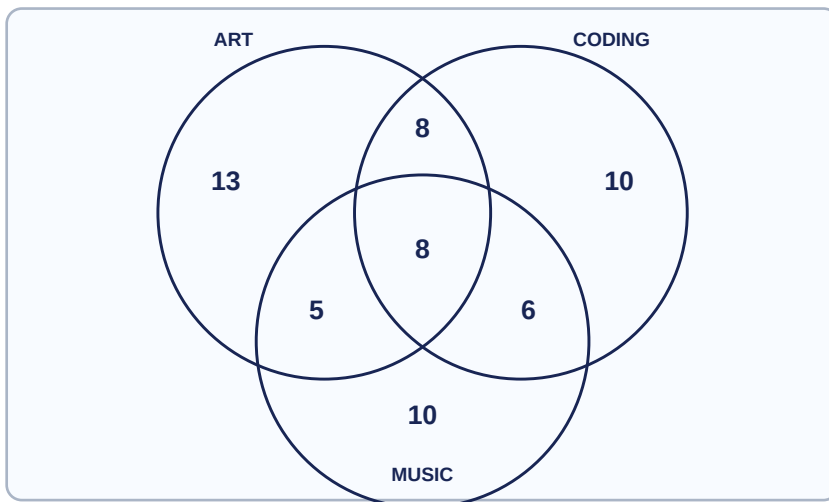
The three activity totals count students in two groups twice and students in all three groups three times.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Add the three group totals and compare with the 60 different students. The three pair-only regions explain one extra count each. The remaining extra counts come in pairs from the centre.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

The group totals add to 95, which is 35 more than 60. The pair-only regions explain $8 + 6 + 5 = 19$ extra counts. The remaining 16 extra counts are two for each centre student, so 16 divided by 2 gives 8.



Step 4 - Confirm the answer

C. 8 students chose all three activities.

QUESTION 2

ANSWER: C

Step 1 - Understand the question

Each front column shows the tallest tower anywhere in that column of the plan.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Check the plan one vertical strip at a time. Keep only the greatest height in each strip because shorter towers hide behind it.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

The left strip has heights 2, 1 and 2, so its view is 2. The middle strip has 1, 3 and 1, so its view is 3. The right strip has 3, 1 and 2, so its view is 3. The front heights are 2, 3, 3.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

C. It shows front heights 2, 3 and 3.

QUESTION 3

ANSWER: B

Step 1 - Understand the question

The argument compares the number of errors, but it is judging how accurate each class was.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

When two groups did different amounts of work, compare errors for the same amount of work instead of comparing raw totals.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

Class 5A made 24 errors in 1,200 words, which is 2 errors per 100 words. Class 5B made 15 errors in 500 words, which is 3 per 100 words. The larger raw count does not mean 5A was less accurate.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

B. The different word totals reverse the fair comparison.

QUESTION 4

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

Every clue links a person or project to the order.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Treat each immediately-before clue as a two-part block. Fit the two blocks around Inez-before-Hale and Kian-before-robot.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

Kian must be Monday and the garden project Tuesday. Inez is therefore Tuesday. Hale must be Wednesday, immediately before Jori's Thursday mosaic. The robot is Hale's Wednesday project, leaving the kite for Kian.

Person	Day	Project
Kian	Monday	kite
Inez	Tuesday	garden
Hale	Wednesday	robot
Jori	Thursday	mosaic

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

D. Kian presented the kite on Monday.

QUESTION 5

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

Count four-person teams that satisfy all four rules without listing the same team twice.

Step 2 - Use the strategy

Split into two branches: teams with Asha and teams with Ben. Inside each branch, apply the Cora-Dev rule, then the Eli-Faye and Gio-Dev links.

Step 3 - Apply the strategy

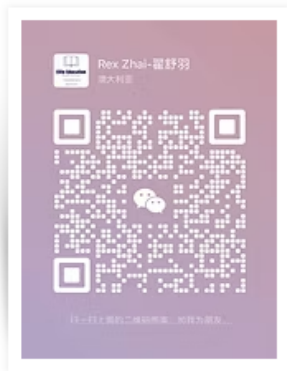
With Asha the valid teams are Asha-Cora-Eli-Faye, Asha-Dev-Eli-Faye and Asha-Dev-Faye-Gio. Replacing Asha with Ben gives three more: Ben-Cora-Eli-Faye, Ben-Dev-Eli-Faye and Ben-Dev-Faye-Gio. That makes 6 teams.

Step 4 - Confirm the answer

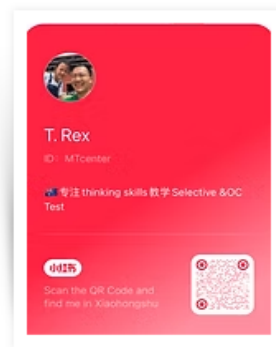
B. There are 6 possible teams.

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