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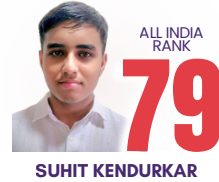


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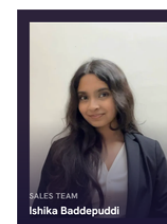
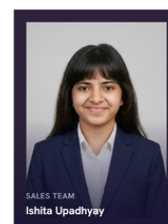
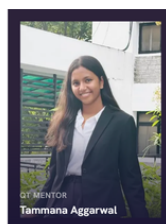
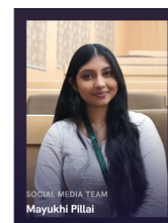
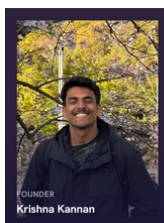
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MENTORS' NOTE

Good morning everyone,

If you're reading this, you're already doing something that thousands of CLAT aspirants never do—you've shown up today. That might sound like a small thing, but over the next few months you'll realise that success in CLAT is rarely decided by one brilliant mock or one 12-hour study session. It's decided by the hundreds of ordinary days where you choose to sit down and study even when you don't feel like it.

The entire CLAT Community team is rooting for you. Whenever you're stuck, ask doubts, discuss questions, and make use of the people around you. You don't have to prepare alone. We hope today's material helps you take one more step towards your dream.

Now stop reading this note and get to work. Your future self will thank you for the effort you put in today.

All the best.

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ANALYTICAL REASONING

1. In a queue of students standing in a single line, Rohan is 7th from the front and 12th from the back. How many students are there in the queue?

- a. 19
- b. 18
- c. 20
- d. 17

2. What is the angle between the hour and minute hands of a clock at 3:40?

- a. 110°
- b. 140°
- c. 130°
- d. 120°

3. What is the mirror image of the time 4:20 as shown on a standard analog clock face?

- a. 7:40
- b. 7:20
- c. 8:40
- d. 7:50

4. If 'A \$ B' means A is greater than B, 'A # B' means A is smaller than B, and 'A @ B' means A is equal to B, which of the following is definitely true given: P \$ Q # R @ S?

- a. $P > S$
- b. $P < S$
- c. Cannot be determined
- d. $Q < S$

5. In the addition sum below, each letter represents a unique digit (0–9), and leading digits are non-zero:

$$\begin{array}{r} A B \\ + B A \end{array}$$

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What is the value of $A + B$?

- a. 10
- b. 12
- c. 11
- d. 9

6. $4 : 16 :: 6 : ?$

- a. 24
- b. 36
- c. 30
- d. 42

7. Which of the following does not belong with the others?

- a. Circle
- b. Square
- c. Triangle
- d. Cube

8. The present ages of A and B are in the ratio 3:5. After 6 years, the ratio of their ages will be 2:3. What is A's present age?

- a. 18
- b. 21
- c. 24
- d. 15

9. Two cyclists start from the same point at the same time, one heading east at 12 km/h and the other heading west at 8 km/h. After how many hours will they be 60 km apart?

- a. 4
- b. 3

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c. 2.5

d. 2

10. Find the missing term in the series: B, E, I, N, ?

a. S

b. R

c. U

d. T

11. Statement: All the flights from City X to City Y on Monday were delayed due to fog.

Inference: Some flights from City X to City Y are delayed only on Mondays.

Is this inference definitely true, definitely false, or cannot be determined from the statement?

a. Cannot be determined

b. Definitely false

c. Definitely true

d. None of these

12. In a family, there are exactly two fathers, two mothers, two sons and one daughter. What is the minimum possible number of members in this family?

a. 7

b. 5

c. 6

d. 8

13. A boy is facing the direction of the '3 o'clock' mark on a clock face, where the '12 o'clock' mark represents north (so 3 o'clock represents east). If instead the '12 o'clock' mark is taken to represent south, which direction does he now face?

a. South

b. North

c. East

d. West

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14. In a class, Meera ranks 15th from the top. If there are 34 students in the class, what is her rank from the bottom?

- a. 19
- b. 20
- c. 21
- d. 18

15. Statement: The government has mandated that all new commercial buildings must install solar panels to reduce dependence on non-renewable energy.

Assumptions:

- I. Solar panel technology is currently viable and available for commercial-scale installation.
- II. All existing commercial buildings will be demolished and rebuilt with solar panels.

Which assumption(s) is/are implicit?

- a. Only I is implicit
- b. Neither is implicit
- c. Only II is implicit
- d. Both are implicit

16. Statement: In a survey, 60% of respondents preferred tea over coffee, while the rest preferred coffee.

Conclusion: More than half of the respondents preferred tea.

Is this conclusion definitely true, definitely false, or cannot be determined?

- a. None of these
- b. Definitely true
- c. Cannot be determined
- d. Definitely false

17. Statement I: Sales of raincoats increased sharply in the city last week.

Statement II: The weather department issued a heavy rainfall warning for the city at the start of the week.

Which of the following best describes the relationship between the two statements?

- a. Both are unrelated coincidences

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- b. Statement I is the cause and Statement II is its effect
- c. Both are independent effects of a common cause
- d. Statement II is the cause and Statement I is its effect

18. Is X greater than Y?

Statement I: $X + 5 = Y + 8$.

Statement II: Y is a positive integer.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. Neither statement is sufficient
- b. Both statements together are needed
- c. Statement I alone is sufficient, but II is not
- d. Statement II alone is sufficient, but I is not

19. Using the same code as before ('\$' = greater than, '#' = smaller than, '@' = equal to), if 'M \$ N @ O # P', which of the following is definitely true?

- a. $N < P$
- b. Cannot be determined regarding M and N
- c. $M = P$
- d. $M > P$

20. Find the missing term in the series: A1, C3, E5, G7, ?

- a. I11
- b. H9
- c. I9
- d. I8

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ANSWER KEY AND EXPLANATIONS

1. Answer (b)

When a person's position is known from both ends of a line, the total number of people is given by (position from front) + (position from back) - 1, since the person themselves is counted in both positions. Here, $7 + 12 - 1 = 18$. Trap: simply adding the two positions ($7 + 12 = 19$) without subtracting 1 for double-counting Rohan himself.

2. Answer (c)

The angle between the hour and minute hands at H hours and M minutes is given by $|30H - 5.5M|$. At 3:40, this is $|30 \times 3 - 5.5 \times 40| = |90 - 220| = 130^\circ$. Since 130° is less than 180° , it is already the smaller angle between the hands. Trap: forgetting that the hour hand moves gradually between hour marks (hence the $5.5M$ term), and instead treating the hour hand as fixed exactly at the '3' position.

3. Answer (a)

The mirror image of a time on an analog clock is found by subtracting the given time from 12:00 (i.e., 11 hours 60 minutes). Here, $11:60 - 4:20 = 7:40$. Trap: subtracting from 12:00 without first converting it to 11:60, which leads to incorrect borrowing when the minutes of the given time are non-zero.

4. Answer (d)

Decoding the statement: $P \$ Q$ means $P > Q$; $Q \# R$ means $Q < R$; $R @ S$ means $R = S$.

Combining $Q < R$ and $R = S$ gives $Q < S$ directly, by substitution. However, the relationship between P and S cannot be determined — we only know $P > Q$ and $Q < S$, which does not fix whether P is greater than, less than, or equal to S. Therefore, only ' $Q < S$ ' is definitely true among the options. Trap: assuming that because $P > Q$ and $Q < S$, some direct relationship between P and S must also follow, when in fact no such link is logically guaranteed.

5. Answer (c)

Writing AB and BA in expanded form: $AB = 10A + B$, and $BA = 10B + A$. Adding them gives $(10A + B) + (10B + A) = 11A + 11B = 11(A + B)$. Setting this equal to 121 gives $11(A + B) = 121$, so $A + B = 121 \div 11 = 11$. Trap: trying to solve for A and B individually through trial

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and error instead of recognizing that the sum simplifies directly to $11(A + B)$, which immediately gives the answer without needing each digit's exact value.

6. Answer (b)

The relationship between the first pair is that the second number is the square of the first: $4^2 = 16$. Applying the same relationship to the second pair: $6^2 = 36$. Trap: assuming the relationship is 'multiply by 4' (since $4 \times 4 = 16$) and incorrectly applying a fixed multiplier ($6 \times 4 = 24$) instead of recognizing the squaring pattern.

7. Answer (d)

Triangle, Square and Circle are all two-dimensional (flat) shapes, while a Cube is a three-dimensional solid. Since the odd one out must differ in a fundamental category from the rest, Cube does not belong with the other three, which share the common property of being 2D shapes. Trap: focusing on the number of sides or corners instead of the more fundamental distinction between 2D and 3D figures.

8. Answer (a)

Let A's present age be $3x$ and B's present age be $5x$, based on the given ratio. After 6 years, their ages will be $(3x+6)$ and $(5x+6)$, and the new ratio is $2:3$, giving the equation $3(3x+6) = 2(5x+6)$. Expanding: $9x + 18 = 10x + 12$, which simplifies to $x = 6$. Therefore, A's present age is $3x = 3 \times 6 = 18$. Trap: setting up the ratio equation as $(3x+6)/(5x+6) = 3/2$ (inverting the given future ratio) instead of correctly equating it to $2/3$.

9. Answer (b)

Since the two cyclists move in exactly opposite directions, their separation grows at the sum of their speeds: $12 + 8 = 20$ km/h. To be 60 km apart, the time required is $60 \div 20 = 3$ hours. Trap: using the difference of the speeds ($12 - 8 = 4$ km/h) instead of the sum, which would be the correct approach only if both cyclists moved in the same direction.

10. Answer (d)

Converting each letter to its position in the alphabet: B=2, E=5, I=9, N=14. The differences between consecutive terms are 3, 4, 5 — increasing by 1 each time. Following this pattern, the next difference should be 6, giving $14+6=20$, which corresponds to the letter T. Trap:

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assuming a constant difference (such as always adding 3 or 4) instead of recognizing that the gap itself increases by 1 at each step.

11. Answer (a)

The statement only describes what happened on one specific Monday — all flights that day were delayed due to fog. It says nothing about whether delays are a recurring pattern specific to Mondays, or whether similar delays might also occur on other days due to fog or other reasons. The inference makes an unsupported generalization about a repeating 'Mondays-only' pattern that the statement does not establish, so it cannot be determined from the given information. Trap: assuming that because the statement mentions 'Monday,' it implies delays are somehow unique to Mondays, when it only reports a single day's events.

12. Answer (c)

Consider a three-person male line and two-person female line merged into one family: a grandfather (GF), grandmother (GM), their son who is the father (F), his wife the mother (M), and their two children, a son (S) and a daughter (D). Counting roles: fathers are GF (father of F) and F (father of S and D) — 2 fathers. Mothers are GM (mother of F) and M (mother of S and D) — 2 mothers. Sons are F (son of GF and GM) and S (son of F and M) — 2 sons. Daughters: only D — 1 daughter. This uses exactly 6 people (GF, GM, F, M, S, D) and satisfies every count exactly. Fewer people cannot work, since at least 2 male generations and 2 female generations are needed to produce 2 fathers and 2 mothers, plus one additional son and one daughter as their children. Trap: assuming each role must belong to a distinct person and adding up $2+2+2+1=7$ members, without recognizing that one person (like F) can simultaneously satisfy two roles (both a father and a son).

13. Answer (d)

In the standard mapping, 12 o'clock = North, 3 o'clock = East, 6 o'clock = South, and 9 o'clock = West. If the entire clock face is reinterpreted so that 12 o'clock now represents South (a 180° reassignment), every direction on the clock correspondingly flips to its opposite: 3 o'clock, which was East, now represents West. Trap: assuming only the 12 o'clock label changes while the other clock positions retain their original compass directions, instead of recognizing that the entire mapping rotates by 180° .

14. Answer (b)

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The relationship between rank from the top and rank from the bottom in a group of N people is: rank from bottom = $N - (\text{rank from top}) + 1$. Here, $34 - 15 + 1 = 20$. Trap: simply subtracting the rank from the top from the total ($34 - 15 = 19$) without adding back 1 to account for Meera herself being counted in both directions.

15. Answer (a)

For the mandate to be a sensible policy at all, it must be assumed that solar panel technology is currently viable and available at a commercial scale — otherwise the requirement could not practically be fulfilled, making assumption I implicit. Assumption II is a drastic overreach: the statement applies only to new commercial buildings, and says nothing about demolishing or rebuilding existing ones. Trap: assuming a policy aimed at new construction must also apply retroactively to existing buildings, when the statement explicitly limits its scope to new buildings.

16. Answer (b)

Since 60% of respondents preferred tea, and 60% is numerically greater than 50% (half), the conclusion that 'more than half of the respondents preferred tea' follows directly and certainly from the given percentage. Trap: overthinking a straightforward numerical comparison by looking for missing context, when the statement already provides an exact percentage sufficient to confirm the conclusion.

17. Answer (d)

A rainfall warning issued at the start of the week would plausibly lead people to buy raincoats in anticipation of the rain, directly explaining the sharp rise in raincoat sales during the same week. Since the warning (Statement II) precedes and provides a clear, direct behavioral mechanism for the sales increase (Statement I), it is reasonable to treat the warning as the cause and the sales increase as its effect. The reverse direction is implausible, since rising raincoat sales would not cause a weather department to issue a rainfall warning. Trap: assuming the statement listed first must be the cause, rather than analyzing the plausible real-world mechanism connecting the two events.

18. Answer (c)

Statement I gives $X + 5 = Y + 8$, which simplifies to $X = Y + 3$. This means X is always exactly 3 more than Y , regardless of their actual values, so X is definitely greater than Y —

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sufficient alone. Statement II alone only tells us that Y is a positive integer, giving no information about X at all, so it is insufficient alone to compare X and Y. Since Statement I alone conclusively answers the question, the correct choice is that Statement I alone is sufficient. Trap: assuming that knowing Y's type (positive integer) somehow helps compare X and Y, when Statement II says nothing about X whatsoever.

19. Answer (a)

Decoding the statement: $M \$ N$ means $M > N$; $N @ O$ means $N = O$; $O \# P$ means $O < P$.

Combining $N = O$ and $O < P$ gives $N < P$ directly, by substitution. However, the relationship between M and P cannot be determined — we know $M > N$ and $N < P$, but this does not fix whether M is greater than, less than, or equal to P. Therefore, only ' $N < P$ ' is definitely true among the options. Trap: assuming that because $M > N$ and $N < P$, a direct comparison between M and P must also be derivable, when no such link is logically guaranteed.

20. Answer (c)

The letters follow the pattern of every alternate letter of the alphabet: A, C, E, G, I — skipping one letter each time. The numbers follow the pattern of consecutive odd numbers: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9. Combining both patterns, the next term is I9. Trap: continuing only one of the two patterns correctly (for instance, getting the letter I right but miscounting the number sequence, or vice versa) instead of tracking both patterns together.

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