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VERBAL REASONING-CLASSIFICATION(ENGLISH)

Q1: Find the odd one out: Apple, Banana, Cherry, Carrot.

Long Method:

To determine the odd one out among the given items, let's analyze each item. Apple, Banana, and Cherry are all fruits. Carrot, on the other hand, is a vegetable. All fruits typically have seeds, whereas a carrot is a root vegetable without seeds. This clear distinction categorizes Carrot as the odd one out because it does not belong to the same group as the others. Therefore, the odd one out is Carrot.

Short Method:

Carrot is the odd one out because it's a vegetable, while the others are fruits.

Q2: Find the odd one out: Lion, Tiger, Cheetah, Whale. Long Method:

To find the odd one out, consider the habitats and biological classifications of each animal. Lion, Tiger, and Cheetah are all big cats and belong to the Felidae family, typically found in terrestrial environments. Whale, however, is an aquatic mammal from the Cetacea family. The primary difference is the habitat: land vs. water. Hence, Whale is the odd one out.

Short Method:

Whale is the odd one out because it is an aquatic mammal, while the others are terrestrial big cats.

Q3: Find the odd one out: Pen, Pencil, Brush, Book. Long Method:

Examining the items, Pen, Pencil, and Brush are all writing or drawing instruments. A Book is something that is written or drawn upon. The nature of use categorizes the first three items together, whereas the Book is the product of their use. Thus, Book is the odd one out because it is not an instrument but an object created using instruments.

Short Method:

Book is the odd one out because it is an object, not a writing or drawing instrument.

Q4: Find the odd one out: Square, Triangle, Circle, Hexagon. Long Method:

First, recognize the types of shapes listed. Square, Triangle, and Hexagon are polygons, meaning they have a definite number of sides and vertices. A Circle, however, is not a polygon; it is a curve with no sides or vertices. This fundamental geometric difference identifies Circle as the odd one out.

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Short Method:

Circle is the odd one out because it is not a polygon, while the others are.

Q5: Find the odd one out: Copper, Silver, Gold, Steel. Long Method:

Copper, Silver, and Gold are all elemental metals found on the periodic table and are pure elements. Steel, however, is an alloy made primarily from iron and carbon. The elemental nature of the first three contrasts with the composite nature of Steel, making Steel the odd one out.

Short Method:

Steel is the odd one out because it is an alloy, not a pure element.

Q6: Find the odd one out: Rose, Lily, Tulip, Moss. Long Method:

Analyzing the plants, Rose, Lily, and Tulip are all flowering plants (angiosperms) with prominent blooms. Moss, however, is a non-flowering plant (bryophyte) that reproduces via spores. This significant biological difference in reproduction identifies Moss as the odd one out.

Short Method:

Moss is the odd one out because it is a non-flowering plant, while the others are flowering plants.

Q7: Find the odd one out: Saturn, Venus, Mars, Moon. Long Method:

Consider the celestial bodies: Saturn, Venus, and Mars are all planets within our solar system. The Moon, however, is a natural satellite that orbits Earth. The classification between a planet and a satellite is distinct, making the Moon the odd one out.

Short Method:

Moon is the odd one out because it is a satellite, not a planet.

Q8: Find the odd one out: Piano, Violin, Flute, Guitar. Long Method:

Evaluate the types of musical instruments: Piano, Violin, and Guitar are all string instruments where sound is produced by vibrating strings. Flute, however, is a wind instrument where sound is produced by blowing air across an opening. This categorization based on sound production identifies Flute as the odd one out.

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Short Method:

Flute is the odd one out because it is a wind instrument, not a string instrument.

Q9: Find the odd one out: Oxygen, Nitrogen, Hydrogen, Water. Long Method:

Analyze the chemical composition: Oxygen, Nitrogen, and Hydrogen are all elemental gases found on the periodic table. Water, however, is a compound made of hydrogen and oxygen (H2O). The fundamental difference between elements and compounds makes Water the odd one out.

Short Method:

Water is the odd one out because it is a compound, not an element.

Q10: Find the odd one out: Square, Rectangle, Cube, Circle. Long Method:

Consider the geometric properties: Square, Rectangle, and Circle are two-dimensional shapes, whereas Cube is a three-dimensional solid. The difference in dimensionality distinguishes Cube from the other shapes, making it the odd one out.

Short Method:

Cube is the odd one out because it is a three-dimensional shape, not two-dimensional.

Q11: Find the odd one out: Oxygen, Iron, Calcium, Water. Long Method:

Oxygen, Iron, and Calcium are elements on the periodic table, represented by O, Fe, and Ca, respectively. Water (H2O) is a compound composed of hydrogen and oxygen. The distinction between elements and a compound categorizes Water as the odd one out.

Short Method:

Water is the odd one out because it is a compound, not an element.

Q12: Find the odd one out: Psychology, Biology, Sociology, Architecture. Long Method:

Examine the academic disciplines: Psychology, Biology, and Sociology are sciences that study aspects of life and society. Architecture, however, is the art and science of designing buildings and structures. This difference in focus between social/natural sciences and design categorizes Architecture as the odd one out.

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Short Method:

Architecture is the odd one out because it is a design field, not a science.

Q13: Find the odd one out: Heart, Liver, Lung, Blood. Long Method:

Heart, Liver, and Lung are all organs within the human body, each serving a specific function. Blood, however, is a fluid that circulates through the body, carrying nutrients and oxygen. The difference between organs and bodily fluids makes Blood the odd one out.

Short Method:

Blood is the odd one out because it is a fluid, not an organ.

Q14: Find the odd one out: Desktop, Laptop, Tablet, Television. Long Method:

Desktop, Laptop, and Tablet are all computing devices capable of performing a wide range of functions like word processing, browsing the internet, and running software. Television, primarily used for viewing broadcasts and media content, lacks the full range of computing capabilities. Thus, Television is the odd one out.

Short Method:

Television is the odd one out because it is not a computing device.

Q15: Find the odd one out: Sodium, Magnesium, Chlorine, Argon. Long Method:

Consider the chemical properties: Sodium (Na), Magnesium (Mg), and Chlorine (Cl) are reactive elements, with Sodium and Magnesium being metals, and Chlorine being a halogen. Argon (Ar), however, is a noble gas, known for its inertness. The distinct reactivity vs. inertness makes Argon the odd one out.

Short Method:

Argon is the odd one out because it is a noble gas, not a reactive element.

Q16: Find the odd one out: Square, Triangle, Rectangle, Ellipse. Long Method:

Square, Triangle, and Rectangle are all polygons with straight sides and vertices. An Ellipse, however, is a curved shape with no straight sides. This fundamental difference in geometric properties makes Ellipse the odd one out.

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Short Method:

Ellipse is the odd one out because it is not a polygon.

Q17: Find the odd one out: Mercury, Earth, Mars, Sun. Long Method:

Mercury, Earth, and Mars are all planets in our solar system. The Sun, however, is a star at the center of the solar system, providing light and heat. The distinction between a planet and a star makes the Sun the odd one out.

Short Method:

Sun is the odd one out because it is a star, not a planet.

Q18: Find the odd one out: Running, Swimming, Cycling, Painting. Long Method:

Running, Swimming, and Cycling are all physical activities primarily involving movement and exercise. Painting, however, is an artistic activity focused on creating visual art. The distinction between physical exercise and art identifies Painting as the odd one out.

Short Method:

Painting is the odd one out because it is an artistic activity, not a physical exercise.

Q19: Find the odd one out: Copper, Silver, Gold, Plastic. Long Method:

Copper, Silver, and Gold are all metals with properties such as high electrical and thermal conductivity, malleability, and ductility. These metals are also found on the periodic table. Plastic, however, is a synthetic material made from polymers and lacks the metallic properties of the other three. This fundamental difference in composition and properties makes Plastic the odd one out.

Short Method:

Plastic is the odd one out because it is not a metal.

Q20: Find the odd one out: Wheat, Rice, Barley, Apple. Long Method:

Wheat, Rice, and Barley are all grains, which are types of cereal crops used for food. They belong to the grass family and are staple foods in many diets. Apple, on the other hand, is a fruit from a tree. The botanical and culinary differences classify Apple as the odd one out.

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Short Method:

Apple is the odd one out because it is a fruit, not a grain.

Q21: Find the odd one out: Hydrogen, Helium, Neon, Oxygen. Long Method:

Hydrogen, Helium, and Neon are all gases at room temperature, and they are also noble gases (except Hydrogen, which is an exception but still a gas). Oxygen, although a gas, is not a noble gas; it is highly reactive and essential for combustion and respiration. The chemical property of being a noble gas makes Neon, Helium, and Hydrogen similar, thus making Oxygen the odd one out.

Short Method:

Oxygen is the odd one out because it is not a noble gas.

Q22: Find the odd one out: Lion, Dog, Cat, Fish.

Long Method:

Lion, Dog, and Cat are all mammals, sharing characteristics such as fur, live births, and mammary glands. Fish, however, are aquatic vertebrates with scales and gills, and they lay eggs. This fundamental difference in class within the animal kingdom makes Fish the odd one out.

Short Method:

Fish is the odd one out because it is not a mammal.

Q23: Find the odd one out: Hammer, Screwdriver, Saw, Chalk. Long Method:

Hammer, Screwdriver, and Saw are all tools used in construction and carpentry, each serving a specific function in building and repair tasks. Chalk, however, is typically used for writing or drawing on surfaces like blackboards and sidewalks. The usage difference in terms of tools for building versus writing material categorizes Chalk as the odd one out.

Short Method:

Chalk is the odd one out because it is not a construction tool.

Q24: Find the odd one out: Summer, Winter, Autumn, January. Long Method:

Summer, Winter, and Autumn are all seasons characterized by specific weather patterns and occurring at particular times of the year. January, however, is a month, a unit of time within a year. The distinction between a season and a month categorizes January as the odd one out.

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Short Method:

January is the odd one out because it is a month, not a season.

Q25: Find the odd one out: Shakespeare, Dickens, Hemingway, Beethoven. Long Method:

Shakespeare, Dickens, and Hemingway are all renowned authors known for their contributions to literature. Beethoven, however, is a celebrated composer known for his contributions to music. The field of work—literature versus music—identifies Beethoven as the odd one out.

Short Method:

Beethoven is the odd one out because he is a composer, not an author.

Q26: Find the odd one out: Mercury, Lead, Iron, Wood. Long Method:

Mercury, Lead, and Iron are metals with distinct physical and chemical properties, such as conductivity and malleability. Wood, however, is an organic material derived from trees, lacking metallic properties. This significant difference in composition makes Wood the odd one out.

Short Method:

Wood is the odd one out because it is not a metal.

Q27: Find the odd one out: Lizard, Snake, Frog, Bird. Long Method:

Lizard, Snake, and Frog are all reptiles or amphibians, cold-blooded animals that lay eggs and have specific habitats. Bird, on the other hand, is a warm-blooded animal with feathers, capable of flight in many cases. This difference in class and characteristics makes Bird the odd one out.

Short Method:

Bird is the odd one out because it is not a reptile or amphibian.

Q28: Find the odd one out: Painting, Sculpture, Poetry, Computer. Long Method:

Painting, Sculpture, and Poetry are all forms of art and expression, often associated with creativity and the humanities. A Computer, however, is a technological device used for computing tasks, not typically considered a form of art. This distinction in function and field categorizes Computer as the odd one out.

Short Method:

Computer is the odd one out because it is not a form of art.

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Q29: Find the odd one out: Sunflower, Rose, Tulip, Grass. Long Method:

Sunflower, Rose, and Tulip are all flowering plants, known for their blooms and often grown for decorative purposes. Grass, however, is a type of plant that does not produce prominent flowers and is typically found in lawns and fields. This difference in plant type makes Grass the odd one out.

Short Method:

Grass is the odd one out because it is not a flowering plant.

Q30: Find the odd one out: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Earth. Long Method:

Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus are all gas giants, large planets composed mostly of gases and located in the outer solar system. Earth, however, is a terrestrial planet, composed primarily of rock and metal, and it supports life. This difference in planet type and composition makes Earth the odd one out.

Short Method:

Earth is the odd one out because it is a terrestrial planet, not a gas giant.

Q31: Find the odd one out: Copper, Silver, Iron, Glass. Long Method:

Copper, Silver, and Iron are metals, known for their conductivity, malleability, and presence on the periodic table. Glass, however, is a non-metallic, amorphous solid made from silica and other compounds. This difference in material properties makes Glass the odd one out.

Short Method:

Glass is the odd one out because it is not a metal.

Q32: Find the odd one out: Oxygen, Hydrogen, Nitrogen, Salt. Long Method:

Oxygen, Hydrogen, and Nitrogen are elemental gases found on the periodic table. Salt, however, is a compound made from sodium and chlorine (NaCl). The distinction between elements and compounds identifies Salt as the odd one out.

Short Method:

Salt is the odd one out because it is a compound, not an element.

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Q33: Find the odd one out: Mountain, Hill, Plateau, River.

Long Method:

Mountain, Hill, and Plateau are all landforms characterized by their elevation and topography. A River, however, is a flowing body of water that cuts through landforms. This fundamental difference in natural features makes River the odd one out.

Short Method:

River is the odd one out because it is a water body, not a landform.

Q34: Find the odd one out: Beethoven, Mozart, Picasso, Bach. Long Method:

Beethoven, Mozart, and Bach are all renowned composers known for their contributions to classical music. Picasso, however, is a famous painter known for his contributions to the art world, particularly painting. The distinction in artistic medium—music versus visual art—makes Picasso the odd one out.

Short Method:

Picasso is the odd one out because he is a painter, not a composer.

Q35: Find the odd one out: Plane, Car, Boat, Bicycle.

Long Method:

Plane, Car, and Boat are all vehicles powered by engines and typically used for long-distance travel. Bicycle, however, is human-powered, using pedaling for movement. This distinction in propulsion method makes Bicycle the odd one out.

Short Method:

Bicycle is the odd one out because it is human-powered, not engine-powered.

Q36: Find the odd one out: Triangle, Square, Pentagon, Sphere. Long Method:

Triangle, Square, and Pentagon are all polygons with a specific number of sides and vertices. Sphere, however, is a three-dimensional solid with a continuous surface and no sides or vertices. This difference in dimensionality and shape makes Sphere the odd one out.

Short Method:

Sphere is the odd one out because it is not a polygon.

Q37: Find the odd one out: Bread, Butter, Cheese, Milk. Long Method:

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Butter, Cheese, and Milk are all dairy products derived from the processing of milk. Bread, however, is a staple food made from flour and water, often baked. The distinction between dairy products and a baked good makes Bread the odd one out.

Short Method:

Bread is the odd one out because it is not a dairy product.

Q38: Find the odd one out: Sun, Star, Planet, Galaxy. Long Method:

The Sun and Star are both types of stars. A Planet is a celestial body that orbits a star, like Earth or Mars. A Galaxy is a massive system of stars, planets, and other celestial bodies. The fundamental difference in scale and classification makes Galaxy the odd one out because it encompasses stars and planets within it, whereas the others are individual celestial bodies or star types.

Short Method:

Galaxy is the odd one out because it is a large system of stars and planets, not an individual celestial body.

Q39: Find the odd one out: Carrot, Potato, Tomato, Beetroot. Long Method:

Carrot, Potato, and Beetroot are root vegetables, meaning they grow underground and are typically the roots of the plants. Tomato, however, is a fruit that grows above ground and is the edible part of the plant that contains seeds. This difference in plant part and growth location makes Tomato the odd one out.

Short Method:

Tomato is the odd one out because it is a fruit, not a root vegetable.

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