

SEQUENTIAL ORDER OF THINGS

In this type of questions, some clues are given regarding the order of occurrence of certain events. The candidate is required to analyse the given information, frame the right sequence and then answer the questions accordingly.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

Ex. 1. Read the following information carefully to answer the given questions:

Six films – P, Q, R, S, T and U – are to be released on consecutive Fridays. The schedule of the release is to be in accordance with the following conditions :

- P must be released t be released a week before T.
- R must not be released immediately after the first release.
- Q must be released on the Friday following the Friday on which U is released
- S must be released on fifth Friday and should not be immediately preceded by Q
- T must not be released in the last.

1. Which of the following films preceded T ?

- P
- Q
- S
- U

2. Which of the following films released immediately after Q ?

- P
- R
- T
- U

3. Film R cannot be released on which of the following Fridays in addition to second Friday ?

- First
- Third
- Fourth
- Fifth

4. In between which of the two films S is to be released?

- Q and T
- R and T
- P and T
- T and U

5. Which of the following films released first?

- P
- Q
- R
- U

Ex. 2. Read the following information carefully and answer the questions given below it :

- Eight doctors P, Q, R, S, T, U, V and W visit a charitable dispensary every day except on a holiday i.e., Monday.
- Each doctor visits for one hour from Tuesday to Sunday, except Saturday. The timings are 9.a.m to 1.p.m. and 2.p.m and 6.p.m; 1.p.m to 2.p.m is lunch break.
- On Saturday, it is open in the morning i.e., 9.p.m to 1.p.m. and each doctor visit for only half an hour.
- No other doctor visit the dispensary before doctor Q and after doctor U.
- Doctor W comes immediately after lunch break and is followed by R.
- S comes in the same order as P in the afternoon session.

1. Doctor P visits in between which of the following pairs of doctors?

- S and V
- U and W
- R and W
- R and U
- None of these

2. At what time the visit of doctor R is over on Sunday ?

- 1.p.m
- 3.p.m
- 4.p.m
- 5.p.m
- none of these

3. At what time the visit of doctor T would be over on Saturday ?

- 10.a.m
- 11.a.m



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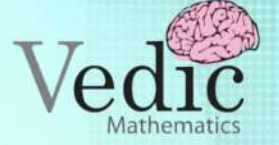
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c) Either 10.a.m or 11.a.m

d) Data inadequate

e) none of these

4. If the lunch break and subsequent visiting hours are reduced by 15 minutes, at what time doctor U is excepted to attend the dispensary ?

a) 3.15.p.m

b) 4.p.m

c) 4.15.p.m

d) 4.45.p.m

e) none of these

Ex. 3. Study the following information carefully to answer the question given below :

P, Q, R, S, T, U and V are seven professors. Each one teaches a different subject from Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English, Mathematics, Economics and Geography, not necessarily in the same order. Each of them teaches one day each on seven days of the week from Monday to Sunday not necessarily in the same order. R teaches Biology on Friday. Q teaches Mathematics on the previous day of the day on which professor teaches Physics. V teaches on Sunday but does not teach Chemistry or English. S teaches Economics on the previous day on which U teaches. P teaches Geography on Tuesday. T does not teach English.

1. Which subject does T teach?

a) Chemistry

b) Physics

c) Either Chemistry or Physics

d) Data inadequate

e) none of these

2. Which subject does U teach ?

a) Physics

b) English

c) Either Physics or English

d) Data inadequate

e) none of these

3. On which day does T teach ?

a) Monday

b) Wednesday

c) Thursday

d) Data inadequate

e) none of these

4. On which day does U teach ?

a) Wednesday

b) Thursday

c) Wednesday or Thursday

d) Data inadequate

e) none of these

5. Which subject does V teach ?

a) Chemistry

b) Thursday

c) Wednesday or Thursday

d) Data inadequate

e) none of these

Ex.4. Study the following information carefully and answer the question given below :

Fred's Fish Salon serves a special Friday night sea food banquet consisting of seven courses – hilsa, pomfret, Indian shrimp, rohu, kingfish, lobster and bhetki.

Diners are free to select the order of the seven courses, according to the following conditions :

- The kingfish is served sometime after rohu.
- Exactly one course should be served between the pomfret and the Indian shrimp in the same order.
- The lobster is served some time before the pomfret.
- The kingfish is served either fifth or sixth
- The hilsa is served second



1. Which of the following sequences would make for an acceptable banquet ?

- a) lobster, hilsa, pomfret, rohu, kingfish, Indian shrimp, bhetki
- b) rohu, hilsa, lobster, bhetki, pomfret, kingfish, Indian shrimp
- c) rohu, hilsa, bhetki, pomfret, kingfish, Indian shrimp, lobster
- d) lobster, hilsa, rohu, kingfish, pomfret, bhetki, Indian shrimp

2. If a kingfish is the fifth course served, then which one of the following must be true ?

- a) Lobster is the first course served
- b) Bhetki is the seventh course served
- c) Indian shrimp is the fourth course served.
- d) Pomfret is the thirds course served

3. Which one of the following would make it possible to determine the exact ordering of the courses ?

- a) Lobster is the first course served
- b) Kingfish is the sixth course served.
- c) Indian shrimp is the fifth course served
- d) Pomfret is the fourth course served.

4. If kingfish is the sixth course served, then which of the following cannot be true ?

- a) Lobster is the third course served
- b) Pomfret is the fifth course served
- c) Indian shrimp is the seventh course served
- d) Rohu is the fifth course served

5. If bhetki is the third course served, which one of the following must be true ?

- a) Indian shrimp is the seventh course served
- b) Rohu is the first course served
- c) Kingfish is the fifth course served
- d) Pomfret is the fourth course served

1. Five boys took part in a race. Raj finished before Mohit but behind Gaurav. Ashish finished before Sanchit but behind Mohit. Who won the race ?

- a) Raj
- b) Gaurav
- c) Mohit
- d) Ashish

Directions (Questions 2-3) : These questions are based on the following information :

Five men A, B, C, D and E read a newspaper. The one who reads first gives it to C. The one who reads last had taken from A. E was not the first or last to read. There were two reaches between B and A.

2. B passed the newspaper to whom ?

- a) A
- b) C
- c) D
- d) E
- e) none of these

3. Who read the newspaper last ?

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) none of these

Directions (Questions 4-5) : Read the following information carefully and answer the question given below :

Seven executives P, Q, R, S, T, U and W reach office in a particular sequence. U reaches immediately before P but does not immediately follow S. R is the last one to reach office. T follows immediately after P and is subsequently followed by W.

4. Among the executives, who reaches the office first ?

- a) Q
- b) S
- c) U
- d) cannot be determined
- e) none of these

5. Who read the newspaper last ?

- a) W
- b) U
- c) T
- d) cannot be determined
- e) none of these



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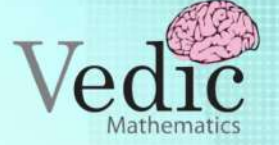
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e) none of these

9. Which of the following is the last lecture in the series ?

a) A

b) B

c) C

d) Cannot be determined

e) none of these

10. Which of the following information is not required in finding the complete sequence of organisation of lectures ?

a) i) only

b) ii) only

c) i) and ii) only

d) v) only

e) All are required

Directions (Questions 11-15) : Read the following information to answer the given questions :

The Director of the Institute has announced that six guest lectures on different areas like Leadership, Decision Making, Quality Circle, Motivation, Assessment Centre, and Group Discussion are to be organised only one on each day from Monday to Sunday.

i) Motivation should be organised immediately after Assessment Centre.

ii) Quality Circle should be organised on Wednesday and should not be followed by Group Discussion.

iii) Decision making should be organised on Friday and there should be a gap of two days between Leadership and Group Discussion.

iv) One day there will be no lecture (Saturday is not that day), just before that day Group Discussion will be organised.

11. Which of the following pairs of lectures were organised on first and last day?

a) Quality Circle & Motivation

b) Group Discussion & Quality Circle

c) Group Discussion & Decision Making

Directions (Questions 6 to 10) : Read the following information carefully and answer the question that follow :

Six lectures A, B, C, D, E and F are to be organised in an span of seven days – from Sunday to Saturday , only one lecture on each day in accordance with the following :

i) A should not be organised on Thursday

ii) C should be organised immediately after F

iii) There should be a gap of two days between E and D

iv) One day there will be no lecture (Friday in not that day, just before that day D will be organised.

v) B should be organised on Tuesday and should not be followed by D.

6. On which day there is no lecture ?

a) Monday

b) Friday

c) Sunday

d) Cannot be determined

e) none of these

7. How many lectures are organised between C and D ?

a) None

b) One

c) Two

d) Three

e) none of these

8. Which day will the lecture are organised between C and D?

a) Thursday

b) Friday

c) Saturday

d) Sunday



d) Leadership & Assessment Centre
e) none of these

12. How many lectures are organised on Leadership be organised ?

- a) One b) Two c) Three
d) Four e) None of these

13. Which day will the lecture on Leadership be organised ?

- a) Tuesday b) Wednesday
c) Friday d) Saturday
e) none of these

14. On Which day there is no lecture ?

- a) Sunday b) Monday
c) Tuesday d) Wednesday
e) None of these

15. Which of the following information is not required for the above lecture arrangements?

- a) only i) b) Only ii)
c) Only iii) d) Only iv)
e) all are required

Directions (Questions 16-20) : Study the following information and answer the question given below it :

A training college must conduct a refresher course for teachers of seven different subjects – Mechanics, Psychology, philosophy, Sociology, Economics, Science and Engineering from 22nd July to 29th July.

- i) Course should start with Psychology.
ii) 23rd July, being Sunday, should be holiday.
iii) Science subject should be on the previous day of the Engineering subject.
iv) Course should end with Mechanics subject.
v) Philosophy should be immediately after the holiday.
vi) There should be a gap of one day between Economics and Engineering.

16. The refresher course will start with which one of the following subjects ?

- a) Psychology b) Mechanics
c) Philosophy d) Economics
e) none of these

17. Which subject precedes Mechanics ?

- a) Mechanics b) Engineering
c) Economics d) psychology
e) none of these

18. Which subject precedes Mechanics ?

- a) Economics b) Engineering
c) Philosophy d) Psychology
e) none of these

19. How many day's gap is there between Science and Philosophy ?

- a) One b) Two c) Three
d) No gap e) none of these

20. Which subject is followed by Science ?

- a) Engineering b) Psychology
c) Philosophy d) Economics
e) none of these

Directions (Questions 21-23) : Read the following information carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Five plays A, B, C, D and E are to be staged from Monday to Friday of a week. On each day, only one play will be staged. D or E should not be either the first or last to be staged E should be immediately followed by C. B should be staged immediately after D. One play is staged between A and B.

21. Which is the first play to be staged ?

- a) A b) B c) C
d) cannot be determined
e) none of these

22. Which of the following is the correct sequence of staging all the plays ?

- a) A D B C E b) A E C D B
c) B D E C A d) D B E C A
e) none of these

23. Which plays was staged on Wednesday ?

- a) A b) B c) Either B or C
d) cannot be determined
e) none of these

Directions (Questions 24 to 28) Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below it :

A sales representative plans to visit each of six companies M, N, P, Q, R and S exactly once during one day. She is setting up her schedule for the day according to the following conditions:

- She must visit M before N and R
- She must visit N before Q
- The third company she visits must be P

24. Which of the following must be true of the sales representative's schedule?

- a) She visits M before Q
b) She visits N before R
c) She visit P before M
d) She visits P before S
e) She visits Q before R

25. If sales representative could visit's first, which company must she visit second ?

- a) M b) N c) P
d) Q e) R

26. The sales representative could visit any of the following companies immediately after P except

- a) S b) R c) Q
d) N e) M

27. If the sales representative visits Q immediately before R and immediately after S, she must visit Q

- a) first b) second c) fourth
d) fifth e) sixth

28. Which of the following could be the order in which the sales representative visits the six companies ?

- a) M, S, P, N, R, Q b) Q, N, P, R, S, M
c) M, R, N, Q, P, S d) P, S, M, R, Q, N
e) P, R, M, N, Q, S

Directions (Questions 29-33) : Study the following information and answer the questions given below :

Seven specialist doctors P, Q, R, S, T, U and V visit a polyclinic on the four days – Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday – in a week. At least one doctor but not more than two doctors visit the polyclinic on each of these days. Each of them is specialist of different fields – ENT, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, Neurologist, Ophthalmologist, Radiologist and Oncologist. S visit on Friday with Radiologist, Paediatrician does not visit on Saturday nor with T and V. Oncologist U visits alone on Tuesday. Q visits on Wednesday and he is not Paediatrician, R visits on Wednesday. V is not Radiologist. Paediatrician visits with ENT specialist. Neurologist visits on Friday. P is neither Orthopaedics nor Radiologist.

29. What is the profession on S ?

- a) Ophthalmologist
b) Paediatrics
c) ENT
d) Data inadequate
e) none of these

30. What is the speciality of P ?

- a) Paediatrics
b) Ophthamologist
c) ENT
d) Data inadequate
e) none of these

31. On which of the following days do the specialists in Orthopaedic and Ophthalmologist visit ?

- a) Wednesday b) Friday
c) Saturday d) Data inadequate
e) none of these

32. On which day of the week does T visit ?

- a) Wednesday
b) Friday
c) Saturday
d) Wednesday or Saturday
e) none of these

33. Who among them visit the polyclinic along with P ?

- a) None b) S c) T
d) V e) Either V or S

Directions (Questions 34-36) : Answer should be based on the information given below :

At the crowded annual sale of Indian Handloom Sarees, there were five ladies in the queue. Each of the lady customers bought something different. The first names of the customer were Asha, Kavita, Usha, Sadhana and Lata. Their last names were Bhonsle, Sargam, Krishnamurthy, Mangeshkar and Uthop, but not necessarily in the same order. The available sarees were : Kanjeevaram silk sarees, Paithani Silk saree, Gadwal silk saree, Sambalpuri Cotton saree and Tangail cotton saree.

- i) Usha Krishnamurthy was served after the customer who requested the Tangail cotton saree, but before Mrs. Uthop.
ii) The second customer was Sadhna.
iii) The Gadwal silk saree was purchased by the customer directly after Kavitha.
iv) Lata was the woman who bought the Sambalpuri cotton saree; she was served later than Asha.
v) The Kanjeevaram Silk saree was requested by Mrs. Mangeshkar.

vi) Mrs. Sargam was the third in line.

vii) The fourth customer in the line bought the Paithani Silk Saree.

34. What place was Lata in the queue ?

- a) First b) Third
c) fourth d) Fifth

35. What was purchased by the third person in line ?

- a) Paithani silk saree
b) Tangail cotton saree
c) Gadwal silk saree
d) Kanjeevaram silk saree

36. What was the last name of the person who purchased the Gadwal silk saree ?

- a) Mangeshkar b) Sargam
c) Uthop d) Bhonsle

Directions (Questions 37-41) : Study the following information carefully and answer the questions that follow :

At an electric Data Processing Unit, five out of the eight program sets P, Q, R, S, T, U, V and W are to be operated daily. On any one day, except for the first day of a month, only three of the program sets must be the ones that were operated on the previous day. The program operating must also satisfy the following conditions :

- i) If program P is to be operated on a day, V cannot be operated on that day.
ii) If Q is to be operated on day, T must be one of the programs to be operated after Q.
iii) If R is to be operated on day, V must be one of the programs to be operated after R.
iv) The last program to be operated on any day must be either S or U.

37. Which of the following could be the set of programs to be operated on the first day of a month ?

- a) V, Q, R, T, S
c) T, U, R, V, S
e) P, R, V, S, U

- b) U, Q, S, T, W
d) Q, S, R, V, U

- ii) Q gets launched after Z
iii) T gets launched before V but after R
iv) S gets launched after V
v) R gets launched before W

38. Which of the following is true of any day's valid program set operations ?

- a) P cannot be operated at third place
b) Q cannot be operated at third place
c) R cannot be operated at fourth place
d) T cannot be operated at third place
e) U cannot be operated at fourth place

39. If R is operated at third place in a sequence, which of the following cannot be the following could be the program on that day ?

- a) Q b) S c) T
d) U e) W

40. If the program set R and W are to be operated on the first day, which of the following could be the other programs on that day ?

- a) P, T, V b) Q, S, V
c) Q, T, V d) T, S, U
e) T, S, V

41. If the sequence of program sets operated on a day is P, Q, W, T, U each of the following could be the next day's program set except

- a) W, T, U, V, S b) W, T, S, P, U
c) W, R, V, T, U d) Q, T, V, W, S
e) Q, R, V, T, U

Directions (Questions 42 to 46) : Study the following information carefully to answer the given questions :

A company lunches eight products Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, Y and Z in one of the four metros of India. The products were launched one after the other over a period of six months in 2006. The order in which the products were launched is consistent with the following conditions :

- i) V is launched before both Y and Q

42. Which one of the following could be true ?

- a) Y is the second product to be launched
b) R is the third product to be launched
c) Q is the fourth product to be launched
d) S is the fifth product to be launched
e) V is the sixth product to be launched

43. If Z is the seventh product to be launched, the which one of the following could be true ?

- a) W is the fifth product to be launched
b) T is the fourth product to be launched
c) R is the second product to be launched
d) V is the sixth product to be launched
e) Y is the eighth product to be launched

44. If Q is the fifth product to be launched, then each of the following could be true except

- a) Z is the first product to be launched
b) T is the second product to be launched
c) V is the third product to be launched
d) W is the fourth product to be launched
e) Y is the sixth product to be launched

45. If R is the second product to be launched, which one of the following must be true ?

- a) S gets launched some time before T
b) T gets launched some time before W
c) W gets launched some time before V
d) Y gets launched some time before Q
e) Z gets launched some time before W

46. If V gets launched before Z does, then which one of the following could be true ?

- a) R is the second product to be launched
b) T is the fourth product to be launched
c) Q is the fourth product to be launched
d) V is the fifth product to be launched
e) Z is the sixth product to be launched