

Study Notes On Similarities & Differences



Similarities and Differences

A similarity is sameness or likeness. When you are comparing two things objects, numbers, experiences you often look at their similarities and their differences. But the main things are that the difference is the opposite of similarity.

Some of the important topics/problems on Similarities and Differences that mainly comes in **CSIR NET Part A** are given below-

1. Similarities and Differences Problem based on Verbal

Question-Pick an odd one out from the given options:

- A. Pistol
- B. Sword
- C. Gun
- D. Rifle

Ans. B

Except sword, all others gun, pistol and rifle use bullets as ammunition. Therefore, the odd one out is sword.

2. Similarities and Differences Problem based on General Knowledge

Question-Pick an odd one out from the given options:

- A. Abdul Hamid
- B. Manmohan Singh
- C. Vladimir Putin
- D. Joe Biden

Ans. B

From the given above options, Abdul Hamid, Vladimir, Joe Biden are names of the Presidents of their respective countries but Manmohan Singh was the name of Prime Minister (PM) of India and not the President. Hence the odd option is Manmohan Singh.

3. Similarities and Differences Problem based on Numerical

Question-Pick an odd one out from the given options:

- A. 7-14
- B. 6-12
- C. 2-4
- D. 3-9

Ans. D

From the above we can see, the second number is the product of the multiplication between 2 and the first number. However, this is not the case in option (d). Hence, the right option is Option (d)

4. Similarities and Differences Problem based on letters

Question-Pick an odd one out from the given options:

- A. RETY
- B. DOBN
- C. KPLE
- D. VDF

Ans. D

Here you can see that all the options have at least one vowel, except option (4), which has all consonants, namely V, D, F and C. Hence the answer is Option (4).

Some tips to solve similarities and Differences Problem-

- 1) The first & foremost important to look at the options carefully.
- 2) Then try to form pairs of options that seem to be connected and then extend to the third option.
- 3) In case of numbers, try to find out the relation between the first pair of the number. In many cases, the relations might be complicated. For example, you need to multiply something with the first number and then add something to reach at the second number. Keeping a calm head is key here.
- 4) Similarity and Differences are among the easiest amongst all the **CSIR NET Part A** topics. And if the answers are not coming, don't lose hope. Just try to think calmly.

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