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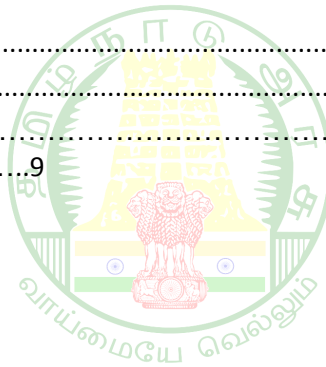
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### Word Building

#### Word Formation Or Building:

Word formation is indeed an essential part of verbal reasoning, as it tests both your linguistic and cognitive abilities to make sense of a set of letters. In this type of question, you are typically asked to create a valid word using letters from a given word or set of letters.

#### Types:

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Here's a breakdown of the different types of word formation questions you might encounter:

### 1. Word Formation from Given Letters:

- **Example:** You are given the word "COMPUTER" and a list of options:
  - a) RACE
  - b) TELL
  - c) COURT
  - d) METER
- **Solution:** From the given word "COMPUTER," you can form the word "METER" (using the letters "M," "E," "T," "E," and "R").
- In this case, you are asked to identify which of the options can be formed using the letters of the given word without repetition unless the letter occurs multiple times.

### 2. Jumbled Letters to Form a Word:

- **Example:** You are given the jumbled letters "PREGO" and asked to form a meaningful word.
- **Solution:** The word "GROPE" can be formed from these letters.
- This type of question checks your ability to reorder jumbled letters to form a meaningful word.

### 3. Forming Words by Selecting Specific Letters:

- **Example:** From the word "DEVELOPMENT," you may be asked to pick specific letters to form a new word.
- **Solution:** You can form the word "VOTE" by selecting "V," "O," "T," and "E" from "DEVELOPMENT."
- This requires you to pick and arrange noletters from a longer word to create another valid word.

### 4. Meaningful Arrangement of Jumbled Letters:

- In these types of questions, you may encounter jumbled letters, and you need to rearrange them to form a valid word.
- Example: The letters "EHT" need to be rearranged to form the word "THE."
- The goal is to make the correct and meaningful word out of the given set of letters.

### Tips for Word Formation Questions:

- **Look for prefixes, suffixes, or roots:** Recognizing common word parts can help quickly spot valid words.
- **Check for smaller words:** Sometimes, smaller words within the larger set of letters might be hidden.
- **Think of synonyms:** If you're stuck, think of similar words that might be formed from the available letters.

- **Practice:** The more familiar you are with common words and their components, the faster and more accurately you'll be able to form words.

**Variety of Questions:**

1. How many meaningful English words can be formed with the letter MEAL, using each letter only once in a word?

- a. 2
- b. 3
- c. 4
- d. 5

**Answer:** b.3

**Explanation:**

We can form the words like,

MEAL, LAME, MALE.

From the above letter we can make 3 words.

2. Which of the following meaningful five letter English word can be formed from the first, third, fourth, seventh and eighth letters of the word.

ACCURATE

- a. AURAT
- b. ACUTE
- c. ACURE
- d. ACRTE

**Answer:** a. ACUTE

**Explanation:**

Given word: ACCURATE

First letter - A

Third letter - C

Fourth letter - U

Seventh letter - T

Eighth letter - E

Meaning: ACUTE - "Sharp or Severe or Intense"

3. In the following question, from the given alternative word, select the word which cannot be formed using the letters from the word.

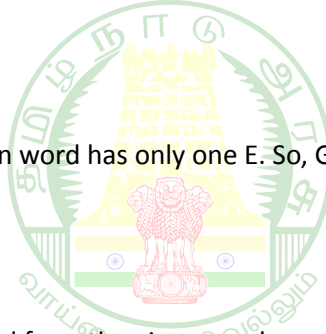
AGRICULTURE

- a. GREAT
- b. CURE
- c. GATE
- d. GREED

**Answer:** d. GREED

**Explanation:**

GREED - Having double E. But the given word has only one E. So, GREED cannot be formed from the given word.



4. Select the word which can be formed from the given word.

DISTRIBUTORS

- a. Orator
- b. Tutor
- c. Road
- d. Buster

**Answer:** b. Tutor

**Explanation:**

The word Tutor only can be made from the given word.

Orator - o placed once and a not given

Road- a not given

Buster - e not given

5. If it is possible to make only one meaningful word from the 3rd, the 6th, the 9th and the 10th letters of the word 'PARENTHESIS' using each letter only once, last letter of the word is your answer. If no such word can be formed, your answer is 'X' and if more than one such word can be formed, your answer Y.

- a. X
- b. Y
- c. R
- d. S

**Answer:** c.R

**Explanation:**

P A R E N T H E S I S  
 3rd 6th 9th 10th

Since, 3rd, 6th, 9th and 10th letters are R, T, S and I respectively. Hence, only one meaningful word STIR can be formed. last letter of this word is R.

6. Rearrange the letters A, R, T, Y and D to form a meaningful word and select from the given alternatives, the word which is almost opposite in meaning to the word so formed.

- a. Dirty
- b. Tardy
- c. Quick
- d. Slow

**Answer:** c. Quick

**Explanation:**

The word that can be formed by rearranging the given letters is 'Tardy' which means 'Sluggish' and opposite of this word is 'Quick'.

7. Given below are some group of letters. Which of the options can be joined at the end of these letters to make them meaningful words?

LEN, SAN, WOR, SEE

- a. D

- b. K
- c. T
- d. S

**Answer:** a.D

**Explanation:**

LEN + D = LEND

SAN + D = SAND

WOR + D = WORD

SEE + D = SEED

8. Name a single letter, which can be prefixed to the following words in order to obtain entirely new words ?

TILL TABLE PILE TAB PRING

- a. A
- b. U
- c. E
- d. S

**Answer:** d. S

**Explanation:**

Till - Still

Table - Stable

Pile - Spile

Tab - Stab

Pring - Spring

9. Which of the following word is cannot be formed from the given word.

AMBASSADOR

- a. ROAD
- b. RACE
- c. BASS
- d. BOARD



**Answer:** b. RACE

**Explanation:**

Race cannot be formed. Because, E is not given in that word.

10. Which of the following word is can be formed from the given word.

DEMOCRACY

- a. MARCY
- b. SECRECY
- c. MICRO
- d. DEMON

**Answer:** a. MARCY

**Explanation:**

MARCY - All the letters of this word are present in the main word.

Hence, 'MARCY' can be formed from the letters of the given word 'DEMOCRACY'.

**Practice Questions:**

1. What will be the combination of the letters when the word A R T E C is meaningfully formed?

- a. 32154
- b. 32145
- c. 31245
- d. 31254

2. How many meaningful words can be formed using the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th letter of the word monsoon?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

3. Which of the following word is cannot be formed from the given word.

SCALDING

- a. Align
- b. Snail
- c. Dices
- d. clang



4. Select letter from the given responses, which can from the given responses which can form a new meaningful word when it is added to the end of each of the following words PAR MAR CAR

- a. E
- b. S
- c. A
- d. T

5. If it is possible to make a meaningful word with the 1st, 4th, 7th and 11th letters from the word 'INTERPRETATION', Which of the following will be the third letter of that word? If more than one such word can be made, given 'M' as the answer and if no such word can be formed, give 'X' as the answer.

- a. N
- b. M
- c. Y
- d. X



**Answers:**

Q.No	1	2	3	4	5
Answers	a	a	c	d	b

