

Free Abstract Reasoning Test

10 questions with a worked solution for every one

This is a full-length practice test. Each question shows a sequence of shapes that changes by a consistent rule; pick the option that comes next. Give yourself 10 minutes and work without checking the answers as you go. Every question has exactly one correct answer.

The worked solutions start after the last question. They name the rule at work and explain every wrong option, so a question you get wrong tells you something.

Questions	10
Suggested time limit	10 minutes
Format	Multiple choice, pick the next shape
Answers	Included, with full worked solutions

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Questions

QUESTION 1 OF 10

Which shape comes next in the sequence?









A)

B)

C)

D)









QUESTION 2 OF 10

Which shape comes next in the sequence?









A)

B)

C)

D)









QUESTION 3 OF 10

Which shape comes next in the sequence?



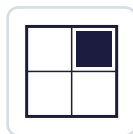
A)



B)



C)



D)



QUESTION 4 OF 10

Which shape comes next in the sequence?



A)



B)



C)



D)



QUESTION 5 OF 10

Which shape comes next in the sequence?



A)



B)



C)



D)



QUESTION 6 OF 10

Which shape comes next in the sequence?



A)

B)

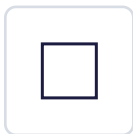
C)

D)



QUESTION 7 OF 10

Which shape comes next in the sequence?

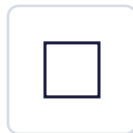


A)

B)

C)

D)



QUESTION 8 OF 10

Which shape comes next in the sequence?



A)

B)

C)

D)



QUESTION 9 OF 10

Which shape comes next in the sequence?



A)

B)

C)

D)



QUESTION 10 OF 10

Which shape comes next in the sequence?



A)

B)

C)

D)



Answers and worked solutions

Every wrong option is explained too, not just the correct answer.

Question 1

Correct answer: C



The answer is C. Each chevron turns 90° clockwise from the one before it. Continuing the turn gives the chevron at 45°. Option A repeats the last shape without applying the final turn. Option B over-rotates by one extra 90° step. Option D turns back the way the sequence came instead of continuing.

Question 2

Correct answer: A



The answer is A. The triangle is flipped left-to-right at each step, so the orientation alternates. After the fourth shape (flipped) the sequence returns to the original, right angle at the bottom-left. Option B keeps the flipped orientation instead of alternating back. Option C rotates the triangle 180° rather than reflecting it. Option D rotates the triangle 90° clockwise rather than reflecting it.

Question 3

Correct answer: C



The answer is C. The shaded cell moves one position clockwise around the grid at each step. The next clockwise position is the top-right cell. Option A moves the marker anticlockwise, the wrong way round. Option B skips a cell, moving two positions clockwise instead of one. Option D leaves the marker where it was, ignoring the move.

Question 4

Correct answer: D



The answer is D. The hexagon alternates between shaded and unshaded at each step. The fourth shape is unshaded, so the next one is shaded again. Option A shades the shape correctly but enlarges it, though the size never changes. Option B leaves the shape unshaded instead of toggling the fill back to shaded. Option C both fails to shade the shape and enlarges it.

Question 5

Correct answer: C



The answer is C. The diamond changes size by the same amount each step, getting smaller. The next diamond continues the progression to width 16. Option A changes size by two steps instead of one. Option B changes size in the wrong direction. Option D repeats the previous size instead of changing it again.

Question 6

Correct answer: C



The answer is C. The number of circles increases by 1 at each step. The next group therefore has 5 circles. Option A repeats the previous count without adding any more. Option B adds two steps instead of one. Option D reduces the count instead of increasing it.

Question 7

Correct answer: D



The answer is D. The shapes repeat in a fixed three-step cycle: diamond, then square, then hexagon. After the cycle restarts with the diamond, the next shape is the square. Option A jumps to the third shape in the cycle, skipping one. Option B repeats the shape just shown rather than advancing the cycle. Option C introduces a pentagon, a shape the cycle never uses.

Question 8

Correct answer: D



The answer is D. Each chevron turns 45° anticlockwise from the one before it. Continuing the turn gives the chevron at 180° . Option A over-rotates by one extra 45° step. Option B turns back the way the sequence came instead of continuing. Option C repeats the last shape without applying the final turn.

Question 9

Correct answer: A



The answer is A. The triangle is flipped left-to-right at each step, so the orientation alternates. After the fourth shape (flipped) the sequence returns to the original, right angle at the bottom-left. Option B rotates the triangle 90° clockwise rather than reflecting it. Option C keeps the flipped orientation instead of alternating back. Option D rotates the triangle 180° rather than reflecting it.

Question 10

Correct answer: A



The answer is A. The shaded cell moves one position clockwise around the grid at each step. The next clockwise position is the bottom-right cell. Option B moves the marker anticlockwise, the wrong way round. Option C skips a cell, moving two positions clockwise instead of one. Option D leaves the marker where it was, ignoring the move.

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