

Free OLSAT Sample Questions



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What is the OLSAT?

The Otis-Lennon School Ability Test, or [OLSAT](#), is a nationally standardized multiple-choice test that is often used to identify students for gifted and talented programs. The most current version of the test, the OLSAT-8, has two sections: Verbal and Nonverbal. Each section has subcategories with many unique question types, with the exact number varying by grade level. The table below shows all of the question types:

Section	Subcategory	Question Type	Kindergarten (A)	1st (B)	2nd (C)	3rd (D)	4th-5th (E)	6th-8th (F)	9th-12th (G)	
Verbal	Verbal Comprehension	Following Directions	✓	✓	✓					
		Antonyms				✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Sentence Completion				✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Sentence Arrangement				✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Verbal Reasoning	Aural Reasoning	✓	✓	✓					
		Arithmetic Reasoning	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Logical Selection				✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Word/Letter Matrix				✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Verbal Analogies				✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Verbal Classification				✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Inference					✓	✓	✓	
	Nonverbal	Pictorial Reasoning	Picture Classification	✓	✓	✓				
			Picture Analogies	✓	✓	✓				
Picture Series			✓							
Figural Reasoning		Figural Classification	✓	✓	✓	✓				
		Figural Analogies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Pattern Matrix	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Figural Series	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Quantitative Reasoning		Number Series				✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Numeric Inference				✓	✓	✓	✓	
		Number Matrix				✓	✓	✓	✓	

You can view sample questions from each subcategory below. Answers and explanations can be found at the end. For more free sample questions and to try out a free timed quiz on our website, check out all of our [Free OLSAT Sample Tests](#):

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Verbal Comprehension: Sentence Completion

Amanda finally found a _____ to the problem that would make everyone happy.

- a. cause
- b. drawback
- c. reward
- d. solution
- e. source

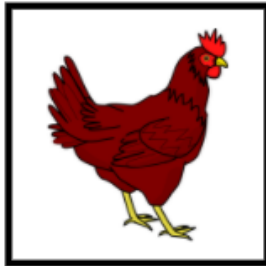
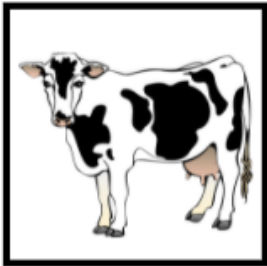
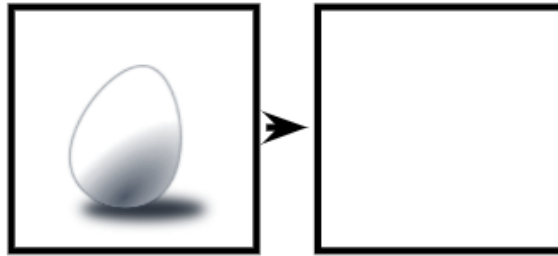
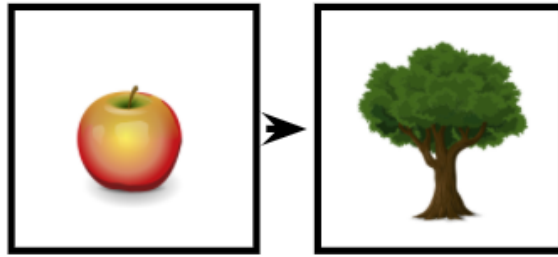
Verbal Reasoning: Verbal Analogies

Decrease → Increase : Shallow →

- a. Grow
- b. Water
- c. Deep
- d. Wide
- e. Reduce

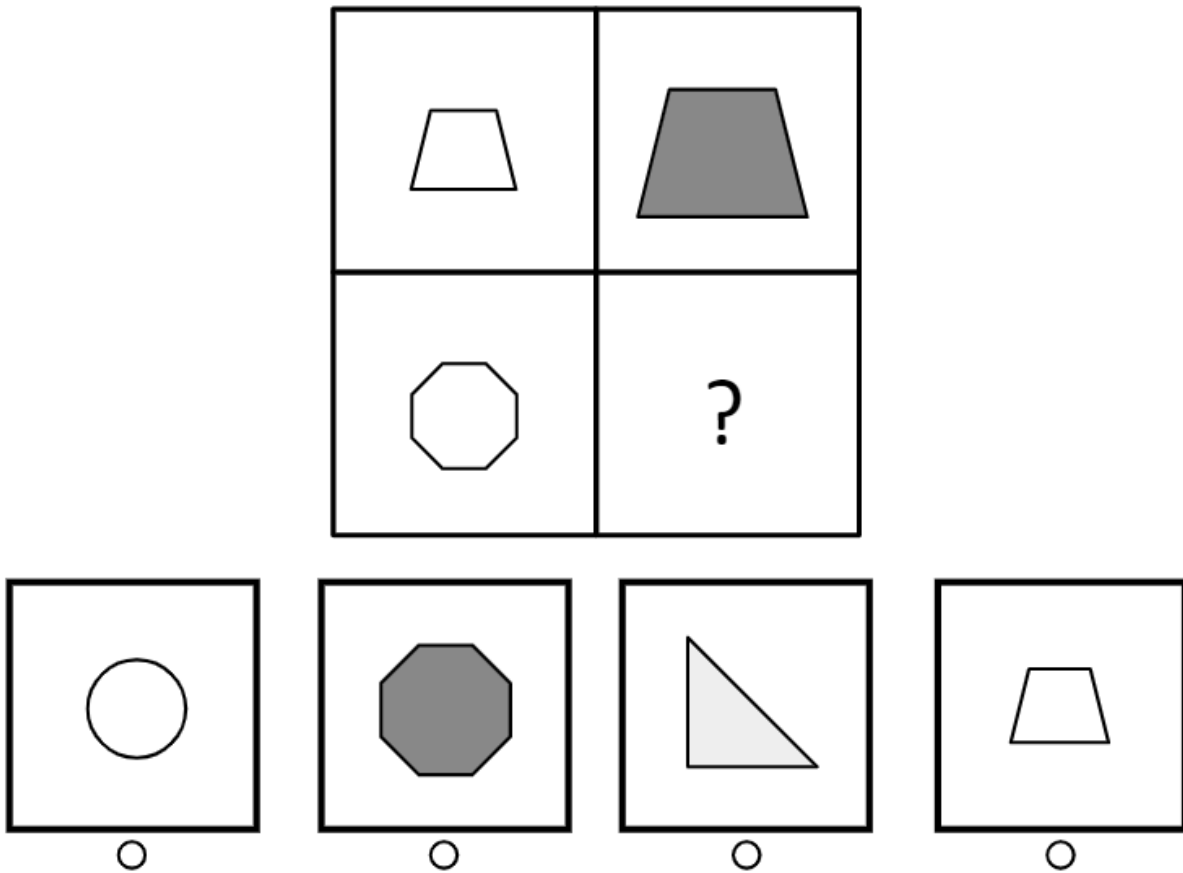
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Pictorial Reasoning: Picture Analogies



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Figural Reasoning: Figural Analogies



Quantitative Reasoning: Number Series

5 12 9 16 13 ?

- a. 10
- b. 19
- c. 20
- d. 6
- e. 16

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Answers & Explanations

Verbal Comprehension: D. The correct answer is *solution*. By reading through the sentence, it is clear that Amanda was able to find something that would help solve the problem for everyone. The word *solution* means *a way of solving a problem*, making it the correct answer.

Verbal Reasoning: C. The correct answer is *deep*. The first pair of words, *decrease* and *increase*, are opposites. The word *decrease* means *to make something smaller*, and the word *increase* means *to make something larger*.

The second pair of words should follow the same pattern. The first word is *shallow*, meaning the next word must have the opposite meaning, making *deep* the correct answer.

Pictorial Reasoning: B. The correct answer is the chicken. In the top row, the first picture is an apple. The second picture is a tree, which is where the apple comes from, since apples grow on trees.

The bottom row should follow the same pattern. In the first box, there is a picture of an egg. The next picture will be a picture of where eggs come from, making the chicken the correct answer.

Figural Reasoning: B. The correct answer is the grey octagon. In the top row, the first shape is a white trapezoid. The second shape is also a trapezoid, but it is larger and grey. From the first frame to the second, the shape stays the same, but gets larger and changes from white to grey.

The bottom row should have the same pattern. The first shape in the bottom row is a white octagon. This means the correct answer will be a larger, grey octagon.

Quantitative Reasoning: C. The correct answer is 20. The first number in the series is 5. The next number is 12, meaning that 7 was added. The next number is 9, meaning that 3 was subtracted. The next number is 16, meaning that 7 was added again. This means the pattern in this series is $+7, -3$. Following this pattern, we should add 7 to 13, giving us 20 as the correct answer.

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