

Mathematical Operations

REASONING WORKBOOK

Type-I

Solving by Substitution

In this type of problems, you are required to simplify the given statement by substituting various signs and numerals as per given terms. To simplify a statement, the BODMAS rule is very useful.

Type-II

Interchanging of Signs and Numbers

In this type of problems, you would require to interchange the pair(s) of symbols/numbers. Simplify if asked the given statement(s) using BODMAS rule.

Type-III

Analysing the Conclusions

In this type of problems, relations between different statements are given in terms of mathematical operations (less than, more than etc.) A student is required to analyse amongst them to get correct conclusions.

EXAMPLE

Consider the following statements.

'A @ B' means 'A is not greater than B'.

'A © B' means 'A is not smaller than B'.

'A # B' means 'A is neither greater than nor equal to B'.

'A \$ B' means 'A is neither smaller than nor equal to B'.

Assuming the given below statements to be true, analyse which of the two conclusions I and II is/are definitely true and choose your option accordingly.

Statements: P @ Q, Q © R, R # S.

Conclusions: 1. P \$ R II. R \$ P

(a) Only I is true (b) Only II is true (c) None is true (d) Both are true

Explanation (c):

We have

$$A @ B \Rightarrow A \not> B \Rightarrow A \leq B$$

$$A © B \Rightarrow A \not< B \Rightarrow A \geq B$$

$$A \# B \Rightarrow A \not> B \text{ and } A \not= B \Rightarrow A < B$$

$$A \$ B \Rightarrow A \not< B \text{ and } A \not= B \Rightarrow A > B$$

Given statements: $P \leq Q$, $Q \geq R$, $R < S$.

Relationship between P and R: $P \leq Q$, $Q \geq R$

\Rightarrow No definite relationship between P and R.

Hence none of I and II is true.