Alphabet Test

Objectives

- Students will learn how to arrange a single series of alphabets.
- They will learn to decode the logic involved in the alphabetical sequence.

Introduction

Alphabet is a group of English letters. Alphabet test is a test to solve the problems based on letters of English alphabet.
Some basic facts related to Alphabet Test are given below:

1. The Alphabet Series:

The English alphabet contain 26 letters as shown below:

A	B	C	D	E	F
G	H	I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X
		Y	Z		

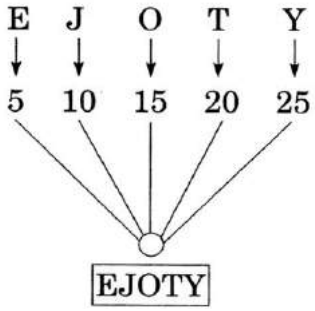
II. Letters positions in forward alphabetical order:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Y	Z						
25	26						

III. Letters positions in backward or reverse alphabetical order:

Z 1	Y 2	X 3	W 4	V 5	U 6	T 7	S 8
R 9	Q 10	P 11	O 12	N 13	M 14	L 15	K 16
J 17	I 18	H 19	G 20	F 21	E 22	D 23	C 24
B 25	A 26						

- Remember the word E J 0 T Y



IV. A, E, I, 0, U are vowels and remaining letters are consonants of English alphabet.

V. A-M (1-13) letters are the first half of English alphabet.

VI. N-Z (14-26) letters are the second half of English alphabet.

Types of Questions

Type 1: Alphabetical Order of Words

Arranging words in alphabetical order implies 'to arrange them in the order as they appear in a dictionary'. First consider the first letter of each word. Arrange the words in the order in which these letters appear in the English alphabet.

Example 1

Arrange the following words as per order in the dictionary.

A. Parrot	B. Sparrow	C. Peacock	D. Skylark
(a) CADB	(b) ACDB	(c) BDCA	(d) ABCD

Explanation: The correct order is as follows:

Parrot → Peacock → Skylark → Sparrow

A C D B

Example 2

Arrange the following words as given in dictionary.

1. Across	2. Admit	3. Advise	4. Alone
(a) 1, 2, 3, 4	(b) 1, 2, 4, 3	(c) 1, 3, 2, 4	(d) 4, 3, 2, 1

Ans. (a)

Explanation: Here, first letter of all words is 'A'. For the second letter, two if the words have'd'. We now move on to the third letter in each of these two words and then arranging the words accordingly, we get

Across → Admit → Advise → Alone.

So, 1, 2, 3, 4 is the correct order of the words.

Hence, option (a) is correct.

Note: In some cases, two or more words begin with the same letter. Such words mould be arranged in the order of second or third letters in the alphabet.

Example 3:

Which of the following words will come fourth in the English dictionary?

(a) False	(b) Follow	(c) Faithfully	(d) Fool

Ans. (d)

Explanation: The given words can be arranged in the alphabetical order as:

1 2 3 4

Faithfully → False → Follow → Fool

Now, Clearly, 'Fool' comes fourth. So, the correct answer is (d).

Type 2: Letter-Gap Problems

In letter-gap problems, one has to find out as many letters in the same sequence between them in the given word as in the English alphabet.

4. How many letters are there in the word 'CHANNEL' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the English alphabet?

(a) One	(b) Two	(c) Three	(d) Four

Ans. (b)

Explanation: According to the question:

So, such number of pairs are AC and LN.

Type 3: Rule Detection

In rule detection, four options are given as the group of letters and out of these four groups of letters, students are asked to choose the correct alternative that follows a certain rule in a particular manner.

5. Find out which letter groups contains more than two vowels?

(a) B D E J O L (B) J K A P I X (c) P R A Q E O (d) Z I L E R S

Ans. (c)

Explanation: P R A Q E O has more than two vowels - A, E and O

Type 4: Alphabetical Quibble

In these types of questions, generally a letter-series of English alphabets from A to Z or a randomised sequence of letters is given. The students are required to find out how many times a letter fulfills the certain condition.

6. The given question is based on the following alphabet series:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

In the English alphabet, which letter will be the seventh from the right end?

(a) S (b) T (c) Q (d) P

Ans. (b)

Explanation: Counting from the right end of the given alphabet series, i.e. fain Z, the seventh letter will be T.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

7th From the right end

So, option (b) is correct.

Type 5: Word Formation By Unscrambling Letters

In these types of questions, a set of English letters is given in a jumbled order.
The Student is required to arrange these letters to form a meaningful word.

7. Select the combination of numbers so that the letters arranged accordingly will form a meaningful word.

T	R	I	F	U
1	2	3	4	5

(a) 4, 2, 5, 3, 1 (b) 3, 1, 2, 4, 5 (c) 4, 3, 2, 1, 5 (d) 5, 3, 2, 1, 4

Ans. (a)

Explanation: From the given letters, when arranged in the order 4, 2, 5, 3, 1 from the word TRUIT'. Hence, option (a) is correct.

Type 6; Word Formation Using Letters of a Given Word

In these types of questions, students have to form words using letters of a given word.

8. In the following question, choose one word which can not be formed from the letters of the given word.
C O M M U N I C A T I O N

(a) ACTION (b) UNION (c) NATION (d) UNISON

Ans. (d)

Explanation: The word 'UNISON' cannot be formed because letter 'S' is not present in the given word.