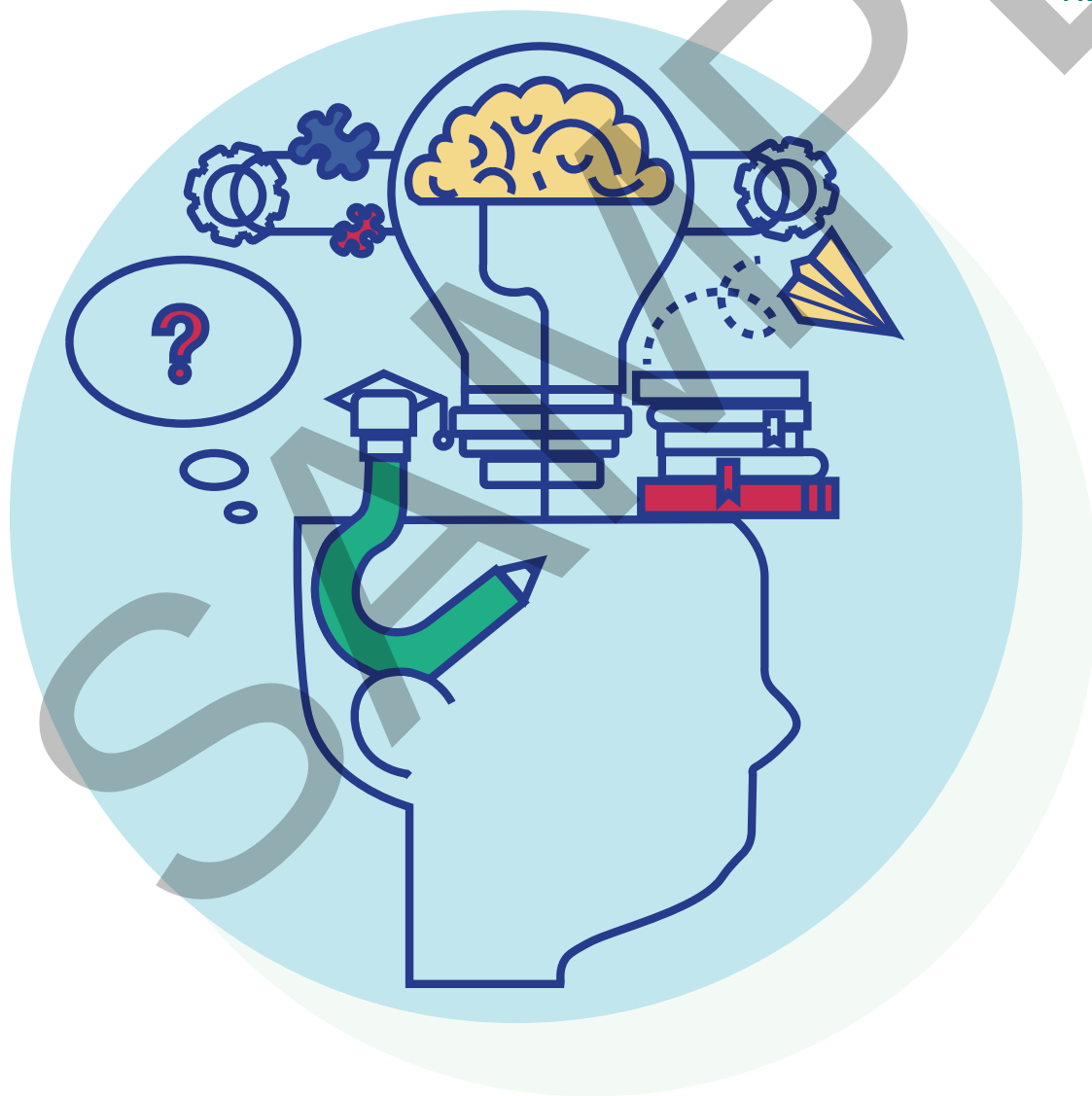


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To Cookie, my light,
and to Phoebe who I hope
can one day figure out all the questions in this book.

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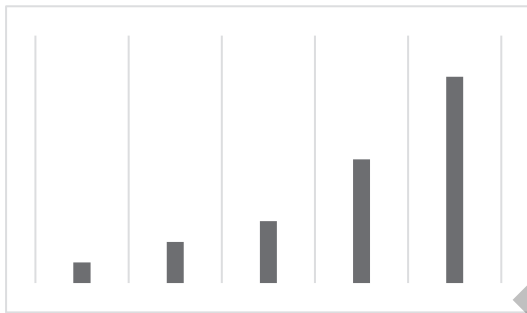
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- 1 The votes cast for five candidates in an election were as follows.

Emma McBride 40
 Michael Feneley 10
 Cath Connor 5
 Geoff Barnes 50
 Dean Mackin 20

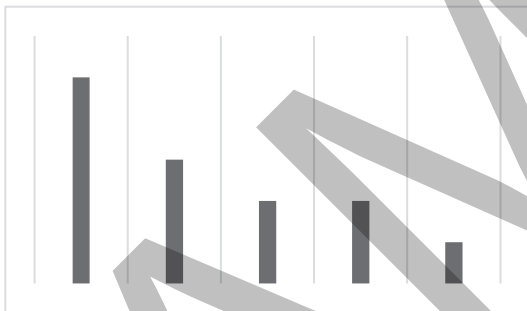
If the candidates are arranged in descending order of votes, which one of these charts best represents the results?



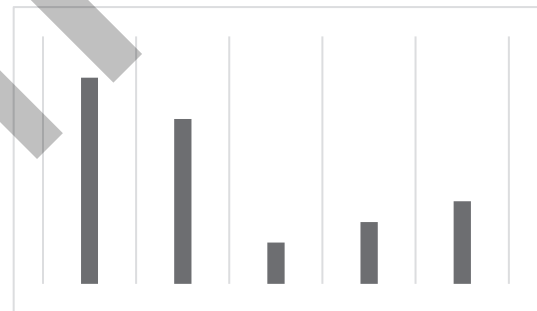
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C



D

- 2 Soph has a modelling contract and is debating whether she should still pursue a university education. Her friend Cami says, "I fully support your interest in modelling, but I think you should also strive to have a degree, to be able to have a career after you finish modelling."

Which of the following, if true, most **strengthens** Cami's argument above?

- A Soph is a smart person and would do much better in university, studying for a degree rather than continuing her modelling contract.
- B Cami is telling Soph to study because she is jealous, she received a modelling contract rather than her.
- C Most models after their contracts are over return to normal life, needing a degree to find a job to support themselves.
- D People who are educated are less likely to find jobs in comparison to models.

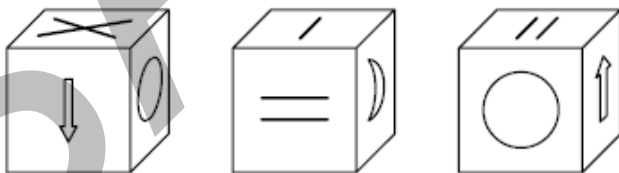
- 3 The table below shows a weather report for four days.

Day	Lowest Temperature	Highest Temperature
Wednesday	-2°C	6°C
Thursday	2°C	11°C
Friday	-3°C	10°C
Saturday	3°C	14°C

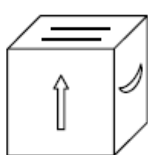
On which day did the temperature change the most?

- A Wednesday
- B Thursday
- C Friday
- D Saturday

- 4 Three views of the same die with unusual symbols are shown below:



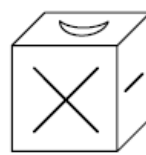
Which one of the following dice is **not** identical to the die above?



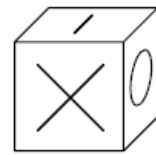
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- 5 The table below shows different stationery lists. Students can only choose one item from each list for their school supplies and cannot pick the same item twice from different lists.

List 1	List 2	List 3	List 4
Pencil	Pen	Gluestick	Eraser
Gluestick	Colour Pencil	Whiteout	Sharpener
Pen	Eraser	Ruler	Pencil
Ruler	Ruler	Sharpener	Gluestick

Zeo has chosen a pencil, eraser and sharpener. Which other stationary item can Zeo choose?

- A Whiteout
 B Gluestick
 C Pen
 D All of above
- 6 “The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.”
- If this understanding is true, which of these sentences must also be true?
- A If I am a realist and the pot is overflowing, I would not remove it from the stove but instead, ask someone else to do it for me.
 B If I am an optimist and it starts to rain when I am at a park with no umbrella, I believe the rain will stop.
 C If I am a realist, I would complain that no one has closed the front door.
 D If I am a pessimist then when it is too hot I would complain about the sun and then look for the closest shelter to escape the direct heat.

- 7 If Dani studies at a library, she is more likely to finish her work earlier than at home.

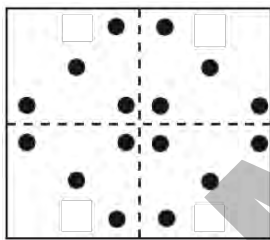
If she finishes studying later then she won't be able to watch an episode of her favourite show.

If she doesn't watch an episode, she is more likely to be unfocused tomorrow at school.

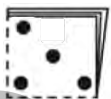
If the above statements are correct, which of the following is possible?

- A If Dani finished studying earlier then she was not able to watch an episode of her favourite show.
- B If Dani is unfocused at school, then that means the day before, she was able to watch an episode of her favourite show.
- C If Dani doesn't study at the library, then she will most likely not be able to watch an episode of her favourite show.
- D If Dani is focused at school, then that means she studied at home the day before.

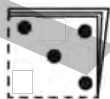
- 8 A pattern was made by punching holes through a folded paper. When opened it looks like this.



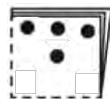
How was the paper folded and how were the holes punched?



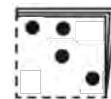
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Selective Practice Test Answers

Thinking Skills 11

Question	Answer	Explanation
1	B	A → Ascending Order B → Descending Order C → Descending Order, but implies there are two equal values, which there are not D → Not in Order
2	C	A → Cannot imply Soph is smart B → Cannot assume that Camie is jealous C → Makes sense D → Is incorrect
3	C	Wed → $(6 - -2) = 8^{\circ}\text{C}$ Thur → $(11 - 2) = 9^{\circ}\text{C}$ Fri → $(10 - -3) = 13^{\circ}\text{C}$ Sat → $(14 - 3) = 11^{\circ}\text{C}$
4	B	Arrow should point 
5	D	Everything in the second column is available
6	B	A → Realist will fix pot B → Optimist will wait for the rain to stop C → Realist will close the front door D → Pessimist will only complain about the Sun
7	C	
8	A	Draw it out
9	A	(Least) Red = Green → Blue → Purple (Most)
10	D	A → Advantage B → Neutral C → Advantage D → Disadvantage