

CAT Odd One Out Questions

30+ Odd Man Out Questions with Answers & Explanations — Free Practice PDF

This worksheet contains 30+ original odd one out / odd man out questions across five categories — number series, letters, word classification, analogy pairs, and CAT-style odd sentence out. Attempt every question first, then check the answer key on the last page.

A. Number Series — Find the Odd One Out

Question
1. 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11
2. 4, 9, 16, 26, 36, 49
3. 8, 27, 64, 100, 125, 216
4. 10, 15, 21, 28, 35, 45
5. 121, 144, 169, 190, 196, 225
6. 2, 6, 12, 20, 30, 41, 56
7. 5, 10, 17, 26, 37, 49, 65
8. 7, 14, 28, 56, 112, 225

B. Letters & Alphabet — Find the Odd One Out

Question
9. CEG, FHJ, ILN, QQS
10. AC, EG, IK, MP
11. BDF, HJL, NPR, ADF
12. DW, EV, FU, GS

C. Word Classification — Find the Odd One Out

Question
13. Rose, Lily, Tulip, Potato
14. Guitar, Violin, Sitar, Flute
15. Jaipur, Lucknow, Bhopal, Agra
16. Whale, Dolphin, Seal, Shark
17. Wheat, Rice, Maize, Cotton

Question
18. Oxygen, Nitrogen, Hydrogen, Water
19. Triangle, Square, Pentagon, Circle
20. Hockey, Cricket, Football, Chess
21. Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Nagpur
22. Hard Disk, RAM, CPU, MS Word

D. Word Pairs / Analogy-Based — Find the Odd Pair

Question
23. Pen:Write, Knife:Cut, Needle:Stitch, Scissors:Paper
24. Doctor:Hospital, Teacher:School, Judge:Court, Farmer:Tractor
25. Fish:Water, Bird:Sky, Lion:Jungle, Horse:Stable
26. Author:Book, Sculptor:Statue, Singer:Song, Carpenter:Hammer

E. CAT-Style Odd Sentence Out

Read each paragraph and identify the sentence number that doesn't belong.

27. (1) Urban green spaces do more than beautify a city skyline. (2) Parks and tree-lined streets measurably lower local temperatures during heatwaves. (3) Many metro rail projects have cut commute times by nearly 40 percent. (4) Studies also link access to greenery with lower stress and better mental health. (5) Cities investing in green cover are, in effect, investing in public health.

28. (1) Electric vehicles are no longer a niche choice in Indian cities. (2) Falling battery prices have brought EV costs closer to petrol alternatives. (3) State subsidies have further sweetened the deal for first-time buyers. (4) Traffic congestion in metro cities continues to worsen every monsoon season. (5) Charging infrastructure, once a major concern, is expanding rapidly along highways.

29. (1) The rise of regional language content has quietly transformed Indian streaming platforms. (2) Viewership from tier-2 and tier-3 cities now rivals that of metros. (3) Several platforms have doubled their regional-language production budgets this year. (4) Cricket remains the most-watched sporting event across every Indian demographic. (5) This shift is prompting studios to cast more local, non-Bollywood talent.

30. (1) Microfinance institutions have extended credit to millions excluded from formal banking. (2) Small loans, often under ten thousand rupees, fund modest ventures like tailoring or dairy. (3) Studies show repayment rates among these borrowers often exceed those of larger loans. (4) Gold prices have risen sharply over the past financial year. (5) For many first-time borrowers, this credit access marks a genuine step toward financial independence.

Answer Key & Explanations

Q	Answer	Explanation
1	9	All others are prime numbers; 9 = 3x3 is not prime.
2	26	All others are perfect squares (2,3,4,6,7 squared); 26 isn't.
3	100	All others are perfect cubes (2,3,4,5,6 cubed); 100 isn't.
4	35	All others are triangular numbers; the term after 28 should be 36, not 35.
5	190	All others are perfect squares (11 sq to 15 sq); 190 breaks the pattern.
6	41	Each term follows $n(n+1)$; the term after 30 should be 42, not 41.
7	49	Each term follows $n^2 + 1$; the term after 37 should be 50, not 49.
8	225	Each term doubles the previous one; after 112 it should be 224, not 225.
9	ILN	Each group skips one letter with a +2,+2 gap; ILN has a +3,+2 gap.
10	MP	Each pair has a 2-letter gap; M to P is a 3-letter gap.
11	ADF	Each group has a +2,+2 letter gap; A to D is a +3 gap.
12	GS	Alphabet positions of each pair add to 27 (e.g. D=4,W=23); G=7,S=19 adds to only 26.
13	Potato	The rest are flowers; potato is a vegetable/tuber.
14	Flute	The rest are string instruments; flute is a wind instrument.
15	Agra	The rest are state capitals; Agra is not a capital city.
16	Shark	The rest are mammals; shark is a fish.
17	Cotton	The rest are food/cereal crops; cotton is a fibre crop.
18	Water	The rest are elements; water is a compound.
19	Circle	The rest are polygons with straight sides; a circle has none.
20	Chess	The rest are outdoor field sports; chess is a board game.
21	Nagpur	The rest are coastal port cities; Nagpur is landlocked.
22	MS Word	The rest are computer hardware; MS Word is software.
23	Scissors:Paper	The rest are Tool:Action pairs; this is a Tool:Object pair.
24	Farmer:Tractor	The rest are Profession:Workplace pairs; this is Profession:Equipment.
25	Horse:Stable	The rest pair an animal with its natural habitat; a stable is man-made.
26	Carpenter:Hammer	The rest are Creator:Creation pairs; this is Worker:Tool.
27	Sentence 3	Paragraph is about green spaces; the metro rail sentence is unrelated.
28	Sentence 4	Paragraph builds a case for EV adoption; the traffic sentence breaks the thread.

Q	Answer	Explanation
29	Sentence 4	Paragraph tracks regional streaming content; the cricket sentence is off-topic.
30	Sentence 4	Paragraph is about microfinance; the gold price sentence doesn't connect.

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