### Shortcuts In Reasoning: Verbal, Non-Verbal, **Analytical, Critical For Competitive Exams**



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Reasoning is one of the most important sections in competitive exams. It tests your ability to think logically and solve problems. If you want to ace the reasoning section, you need to be familiar with the different types of reasoning questions and the shortcuts that can be used to solve them.

#### **Verbal Reasoning**

Verbal reasoning questions test your ability to understand and interpret written text. The most common types of verbal reasoning questions are:

- Comprehension questions: These questions test your ability to understand the main idea of a text, as well as the specific details.
- Inference questions: These questions test your ability to draw s from the information given in a text.

 Critical reasoning questions: These questions test your ability to evaluate the arguments presented in a text and identify any flaws.

There are a number of shortcuts that you can use to solve verbal reasoning questions. For example, you can use the following shortcuts to answer comprehension questions:

- Read the first and last paragraphs of the text to get a general idea of the main topic.
- Look for key words and phrases that indicate the main idea.
- Identify the supporting details that provide evidence for the main idea.

You can use the following shortcuts to answer inference questions:

- Identify the premises of the argument.
- Draw a that follows logically from the premises.
- Be careful not to make assumptions that are not supported by the evidence.

You can use the following shortcuts to answer critical reasoning questions:

- Identify the argument being presented.
- Evaluate the evidence provided to support the argument.
- Identify any flaws in the argument.

#### **Non-Verbal Reasoning**

Non-verbal reasoning questions test your ability to interpret visual information. The most common types of non-verbal reasoning questions are:

- Pattern recognition questions: These questions test your ability to identify patterns in shapes, colors, or numbers.
- Spatial reasoning questions: These questions test your ability to understand spatial relationships and manipulate objects in your mind.
- Abstract reasoning questions: These questions test your ability to think abstractly and solve problems that are not based on real-world experience.

There are a number of shortcuts that you can use to solve non-verbal reasoning questions. For example, you can use the following shortcuts to answer pattern recognition questions:

- Look for repeating patterns in the shapes, colors, or numbers.
- Try to extend the pattern to see if it continues.
- Eliminate answer choices that do not fit the pattern.

You can use the following shortcuts to answer spatial reasoning questions:

- Imagine yourself rotating the objects in your mind.
- Use your fingers to trace the shapes and see how they relate to each other.
- Eliminate answer choices that are not possible based on the spatial relationships.

You can use the following shortcuts to answer abstract reasoning questions:

- Identify the underlying principles that are governing the problem.
- Try to solve the problem using different approaches.
- Eliminate answer choices that do not follow the underlying principles.

#### **Analytical Reasoning**

Analytical reasoning questions test your ability to analyze and evaluate information. The most common types of analytical reasoning questions are:

- Deductive reasoning questions: These questions test your ability to draw s from a set of premises.
- Inductive reasoning questions: These questions test your ability to make generalizations from a set of data.
- Syllogism questions: These questions test your ability to identify the relationship between two statements and draw a .

There are a number of shortcuts that you can use to solve analytical reasoning questions. For example, you can use the following shortcuts to answer deductive reasoning questions:

- Identify the premises and of the argument.
- Check to see if the follows logically from the premises.
- Eliminate answer choices that are not consistent with the premises.

You can use the following shortcuts to answer inductive reasoning questions:

- Identify the data that is being presented.
- Look for patterns or trends in the data.
- Make a generalization that is supported by the data.

You can use the following shortcuts to answer syllogism questions:

- Identify the major and minor premises of the syllogism.
- Draw a that follows logically from the premises.
- Eliminate answer choices that are not consistent with the premises.

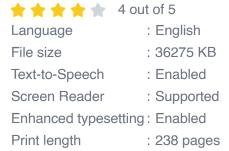
#### **Critical Reasoning**

Critical reasoning questions test your ability to evaluate

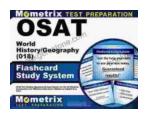


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