

# ANALOGY

Analogy means similarity or resemblance of some kind of relationship between two given things. Analogy test, therefore, intends to evaluate one's ability to comprehend the relationship that exists between two objects, things or figures. There are infinite possibilities in establishing a relationship between two objects. However, for our convenience we can chart out some important kinds of relationships.

1. Cause and effect relationship. Example: Education : Development

A) Man: Speech B) Nutrition : Health C) Game : Play D) Child : Growth.

The relationship between development and education is of cause and effect. Education is a cause for development. Among the four choices only (B) nutrition is a cause for health and thus this is the answer.

2. Part and whole relationship. Example: Finger : Hand

A) Struggle: Fight B) Transport: Car C) School: College D) Boy: Man

Finger is a part of Hand. Similarly car is a part of transport system.

3. Part: Part relationship Example: Gill : Fin

A) Salad: Rice B) Sea: Fish C) Kill: Bomb D) Question: Answer

Just as gill and fin are two different parts of a fish so salad and rice are parts of food.

4. Purpose relationship. Example: Glove: Ball

A) Summer: rainy B) Game: study C) Stadium: stands D) Hook: fish

Just as a glove helps catch a ball, so a hook helps catch a fish.

5. Action to object relationship. Example: Break: Pieces

A) Writer: pen B) Bread: bake C) Kick: football D) Muddy: unclear

Just as break is an action that makes pieces, so kick is an action that makes the football move.

6. Worker and tool relationship. Example: Carpenter: Saw

A) Pathology: disease B) Tailor: needle C) Engineer: site D) Time: seconds

Just as Carpenter works with a Saw so a tailor works with a needle.

7. Study and topic relationship. Example: Linguistics: Language  
A) Gardener: harrow B) Hen: chicken C) Scale: length D) Anthropology: man  
Just as linguistics is the science of language, so anthropology is the study of man's life.
8. Worker and working place relationship. Example: Professor: university  
A) Lawyer: Court B) Author: book C) Wine: grapes D) Volume: litre  
Just as a professor works in a university so a lawyer works at a court.
9. Worker and product relationship. Example: Farmer: Crop  
A) Fabric: yarn B) Cat: kitten C) Wish: desire D) Editor: newspaper  
Just as crops are the products of a farmer's work so a newspaper is the product of an editor's work.
10. Product and raw material relationship. Example: omelet: egg  
A) Man: child B) Spoon: feed C) Judge: justice D) Sack: jute  
Just as an egg is the raw material for omelet, so jute is the raw material for a sack.

### Type I

**Directions:** The following questions comprise two words each that have a certain relationship between them, followed by four lettered pair of words. Select the lettered pair that has the same relationship as the original pair of words.

1. Shrub: Prune

- A) Beard: shave B) Hair: trim C) Lawn: mow D) Wool: shear

2. Crèche : Infants

- A) School: pupils B) Bedlam: Lunatics C) Deck: sailors D) Cottage: Beggar

3. Shield: soldier

- A) Stethoscope: doctor B) Book: author C) Advocate: court D) Helmet: rider

4. Fox: Cunning

- A) Cat: playful B) Horse: runner C) Vixen: cute D) Ant: industrious

5. Hillock: Mountain

- A) Hare: animal B) Ant: elephant C) Bush: forest D) Grass: tree

6. Sonnet: poem

- A) Ballad: stanza    B) Murder: crime    C) Chapter: book    D) Lie: falsehood

7. Identity: Anonymity

- A) Flaw: perfection    B) Careless: mistake    C) Truth: lie    D) Fear: joy

8. Revolver: Holster

- A) Book: bag    B) Eye: eyelid    C) School: class    D) String: bead

9. Wrestler: Arena

- A) Cricket: pitch    B) Ring: finger    C) Farmer: field    D) Assistant: bead

10. Restaurant: Menu

- A) Library: catalogue    B) Journal: newspaper  
C) Book: encyclopedia    D) College: account

11. Heart: Cardiology

- A) Brain: Psychology    B) History: histology  
C) Civics: polity    D) fossils: paleontology

12. Donkey: trot

- A) Monkey: waddle    B) Cat: leap    C) Eagle: stride    D) Mouse: scamper

13. Infection: Illness

- A) Satisfaction: appetite    B) Applause: audience  
C) Antidote: disease    D) Rehearsal: performance

14. Bridge: Cards

- A) Dam: river    B) Gamble: money    C) Image: mirror    D) fencing: sword

15. Banyan Tree: Prop roots

- A) Potato: tuber    B) Climbers: tendrils    C) Ginger: stem    D) Spinach: root

16. Ashes: Fire

- A) Building: debris    B) Current: bygone  
C) Relics: civilisation    D) Bullet: barrel

17 Embryo: Child

- A) Fruit: rind    B) Sprout: plant    C) Seed: fruit    D) Leaf: chlorophyll

18. Love: Adore

- A) Affection: indifference    B) Pride: prejudice    C) Fight: war    D) Hit: suffer

19. Needle: Thread

- A) Leader: follower    B) Prick: sew    C) Bat: ball    D) Pin: cushion

20. Wet: Dry

- A) Worse: worst   B) Weather: temperature   C) Scold: praise   D) Rise: walk

21. Hard work: Wealth

- A) Drought: famine   B) Fight: peace   C) Horrible: happy   D) Drill: excess

22. Prosperity: Happiness

- A) Fight:tight   B) Success: Joy   C) Horrible: pleasant   D) Dare: coward

23. Fire: burn

- A) Spin: dizzy   B) Leg: piece   C) Burn: cool   D) Mouth: talk

24. Brick: wall

- A) Paper: pen   B) Ink: bottle   C) Page: book   D) Success: sorrow

25. Ornithology: birds

- A) Suicide: murder   B) Pig: pen   C) Geriatrics: old age   D) Petals: sepals

26. Doctor: hospital

- A) Nurse: syringe   B) Clergy: church   C) Pediatrics: child   D) Dare: dire

**ANSWERS:**

1. B;   2. B;   3. D;   4. D;   5. C;   6. B;   7. A;   8. A;  
9. C;   10. A;   11. C;   12. D;   13. D;   14. D;   15.B;   16.C;  
17. C;   18. C;   19. D;   20. C;   21. A;   22. B;   23. A;   24.C;  
25. C;   26. B

**Type II**

**Directions:** In the following sets of analogies one word is missing. Select that word from the lettered words (A), (B), (C), (D), which exhibits the same analogy as established among the three words:

1. Bow: Rifle: Hourglass: ?

- A) Clock tower   B) Bullet   C) Diameter   D) Chronometer

2. Halcyon: ? : Placid : Serene

- A) Calm   B) Irritated   C) Harmful   D) Peaceful

3. Errata: ? : Flaws: Jewels

- A) Manuscripts   B) Books   C) Literature   D) Prints

4. Truculent: Agitator: : Pacifier?

- A) Powerful   B) Amenable   C) Subversive   D) Feeble

5. Inoculation: ? : Exposure: Toughening

- A) Immunity                      B) Punctuality                      C) Vulnerability                      D) Contagious

6. Breeze: Cyclone:: Drizzle: ?

- A) Earthquake                      B) Storm                      C) Flood                      D) Downpour

7. Oxygen: Burn : : Carbon dioxide: ?

- A) Isolate                      B) Foam                      C) Extinguish                      D) Explode

8. Genuine: Authentic : : Mirage: ?

- A) Image                      B) Transpiration                      C) Reflection                      D) Illusion

9. Drill: Bore : : Sieve: ?

- A) Thresh                      B) Sift                      C) Pry                      D) Rinse

10. Country: President: : State: ?

- A) Governor                      B) Minister                      C) Chief Minister                      D) Citizen

11. Bread: Yeast: : Curd: ?

- A) Fungi                      B) Bacteria                      C) Germs                      D) Virus

12. Chromite: Chromium: :Ilmenite: ?

- A) Limestone                      B) Cobalt                      C) Manganese                      D) Titanium

13. Steel: Rails: Alnico: ?

- A) Aircraft                      B) Machinery                      C) Silverware                      D) Magnets

14. Naphthalene: Coal tar: : Dyes: ?

- A) Petroleum                      B) Oils                      C) Chemicals                      D) Carbon

15. Tree: Forest : : Grass:?

- A) Lawn                      B) Field                      C) Garden                      D) Farm

16. Conscience: Wrong: : Police: ?

- A) Thief                      B) Law                      C) Discipline                      D) Crime

17. Tehran: Iran: : Beijing: ?

- A) China                      B) Japan                      C) Turkey                      D) Malaysia

18. Porcupine: Rodent: : Mildew: ?

- A) Fungus                      B) Germ                      C) Insect                      D) Pathogen

19. Pigeon: Peace: : White Flag: ?

- A) Friendship                      B) Victory                      C) Surrender                      D) War

**ANSWERS:** 1. D; 2. D; 3. B; 4. B; 5. A; 6. D; 7. C; 8. D; 9. B; 10. A; 11. B; 12. D; 13. D; 14. A; 15. A; 16. D; 17. A; 18. A; 19. C