



Bubble Sheet Lesson

For many of the tests your young child will take, there will be an element that she will most likely be unfamiliar with: bubble sheets (also called “Scantron sheets”). As a parent, you’ve probably seen these sheets countless times in your life – as a student, when taking standardized tests, or even when filling out a juror questionnaire or DMV form.

Believe it or not, bubble sheets can be troublesome for many children, tripping them up when the stakes are the highest. To complete bubble sheets, children need strong visual-spatial reasoning skills to match the question to the correct line on the bubble sheet where they must fill in the bubble. They need solid working memory skills to remember what letter or number is the answer to the question while they look over and find that letter or number on the answer sheet. They must have well-honed fine-motor skills in order to fill in the bubble. And finally, they must have solid processing speed abilities to complete the bubbles quickly and move on to the next question.

No parent wants their child to lose points on a test because the child doesn’t understand how to use a bubble sheet. With that in mind, we have created this lesson to help teach your child how to properly fill in a bubble sheet.

First, let’s address who actually has to use bubble sheets. If you are worried that your preschooler or kindergartener will have to hold a pencil and fill in bubbles in order to pass his test, don’t fret. Bubble sheets typically aren’t used until first or second grade, at which point most children will be able to use a pen or pencil and successfully shade bubbles.

But no matter what age your child, there is always a great benefit to practicing with a bubble sheet. This way, when your child uses one for the first time, she will feel more confident – and confidence is important to a child taking a test.

Here are some tips to remember as when teaching your child to use a bubble sheet:

1. Have your child use a #2 pencil. Do NOT have her use a pen, mechanical pencil, crayon or marker.
2. Make sure your child works with a pencil that has a fresh eraser and a sharp tip. This will allow her to neatly fill in the bubbles, and cleanly erase if she makes a mistake.
3. Make sure your child fills in each bubble completely and cleanly with dark shading, but not so dark that it can't be erased if necessary. There should be no stray marks outside the bubble and no partially filled bubbles.
4. Some children will spend too much time filling in the bubble perfectly and completely. While it is important to fill in the circle completely, most tests are timed. So, encourage your child to fill in the circle accurately and quickly, and then move on.
5. Teach your child to touch the number next to the question and the number next to the bubble sheet answer at the same time, making sure that the numbers match. THEN, she can fill in the bubble. The classic bubble sheet mistake (that even adults make!) is to fill in answer 12 when you are really on question 11. The other classic mistake is to go to the next question, but fill in a second bubble from the previous answer line. In both cases, all the answers after that mistake will be off by one, and incorrect. Touching the number next to the question and the number next to the answer BEFORE marking a bubble sheet will keep this from happening.
6. Teach your child to stop after each page of the test and make sure he is on the right question in his bubble sheet. This way, if he has made the classic bubble sheet mistake described in #5, he can easily go back and correct it.

Now, **PRINT PAGES 4 - 27**. There are 48 practice questions and a sample bubble sheet for your child to practice with. The questions are at the kindergarten and 1st grade level so they should be super easy for your child. The goal of this exercise is to help your child master the art of filling out bubble sheets – not to practice for any particular test. And there is a lot to this! To correctly fill out a bubble sheet, here is what your child will need to do:

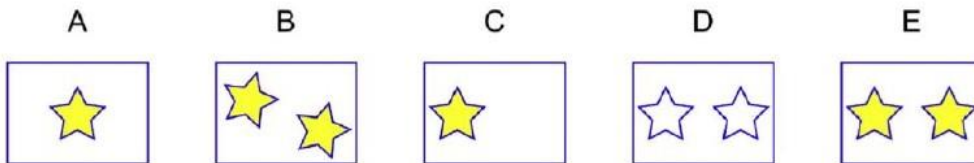
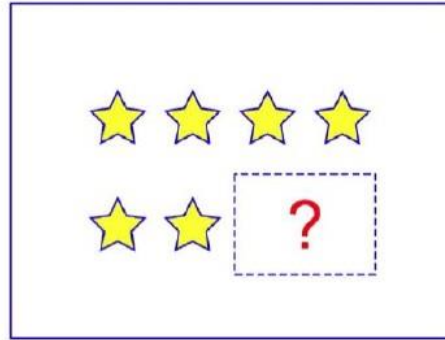
1. Read the question.
2. Decide which answer is correct.
3. Touch the number on the question. Then touch the corresponding number on the bubble sheet. Remember what the correct answer is supposed to be.
4. Fill in the bubble that matches the correct answer choice for the question.
5. Go to the next question and repeat this sequence.
6. Do not skip over any answers on the bubble sheet. Do not accidentally fill in two bubbles on the same line. Fill in each bubble neatly and completely!

This is a lot to ask of a 1st or 2nd grader! So for this exercise, the questions are fairly simple. If your child is able to fill in the answer sheet correctly, you can feel confident that he or she has the skills needed to fill in bubble sheets!

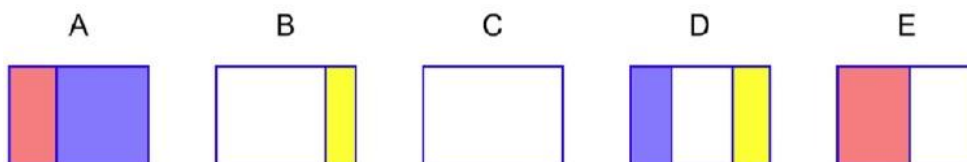
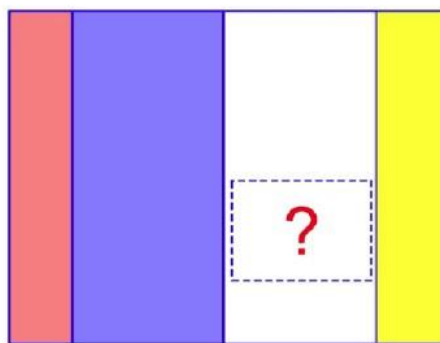
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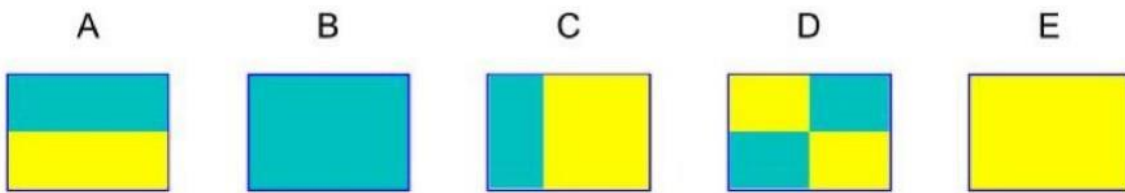
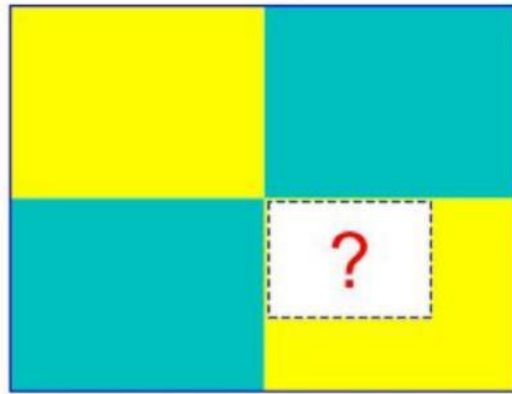
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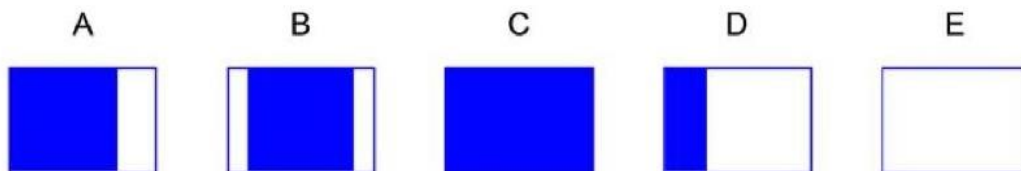
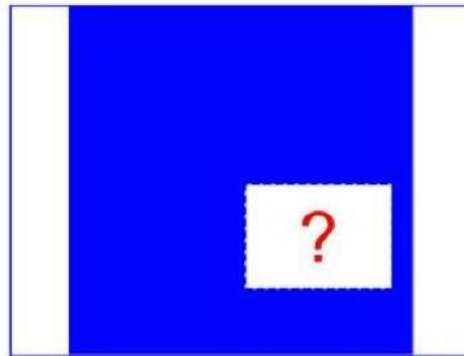
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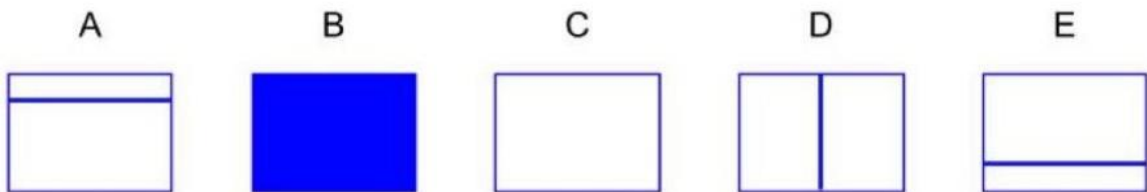
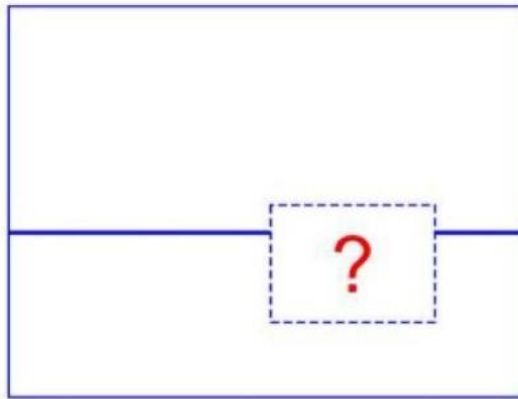
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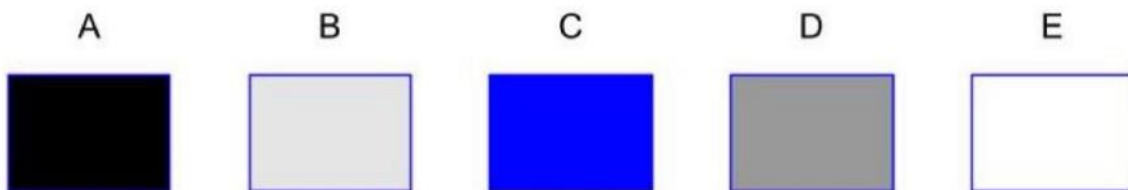
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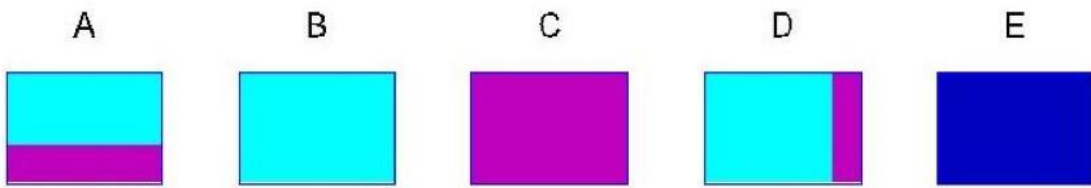
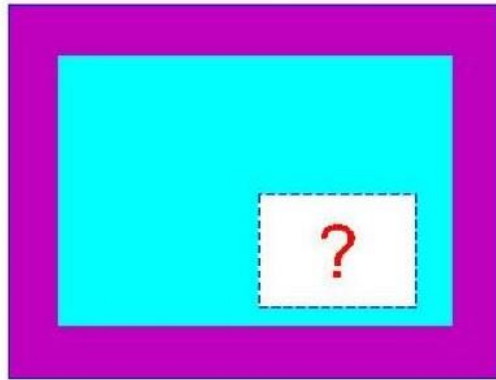
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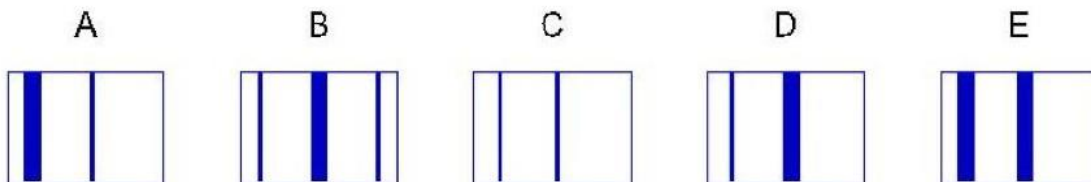
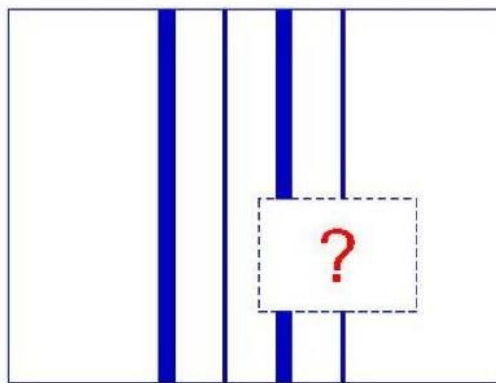
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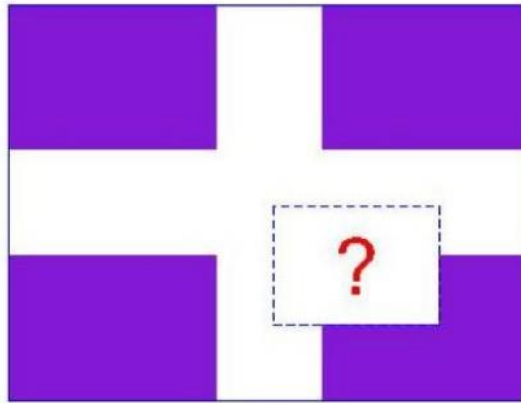
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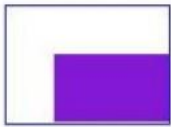
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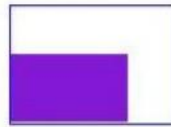
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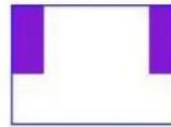
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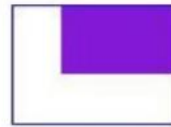
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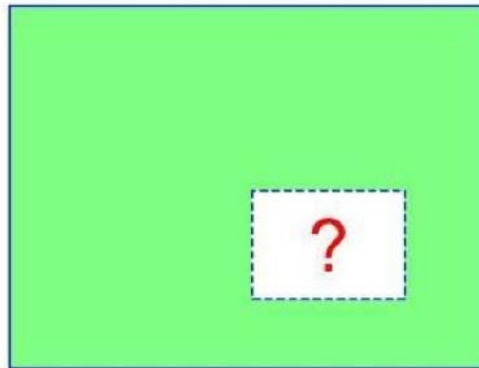
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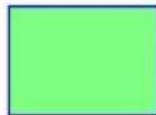
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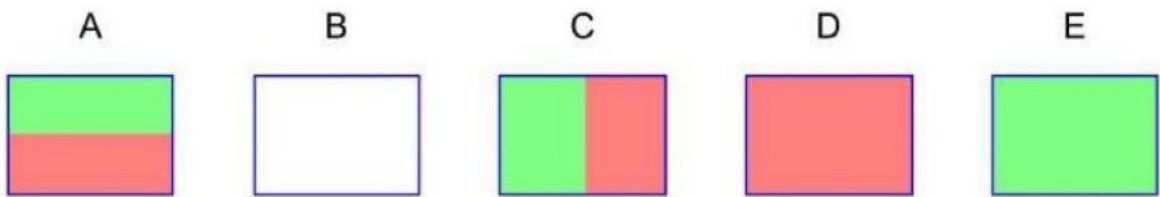
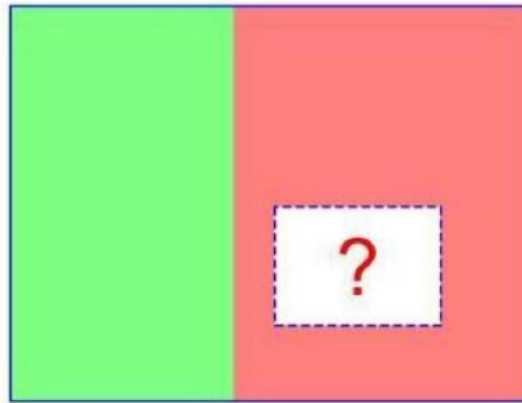
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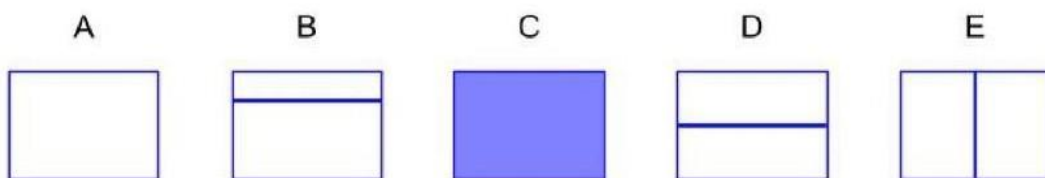
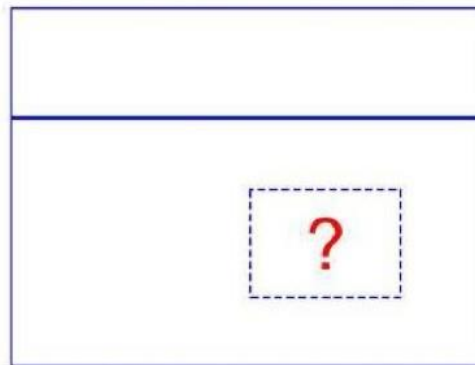
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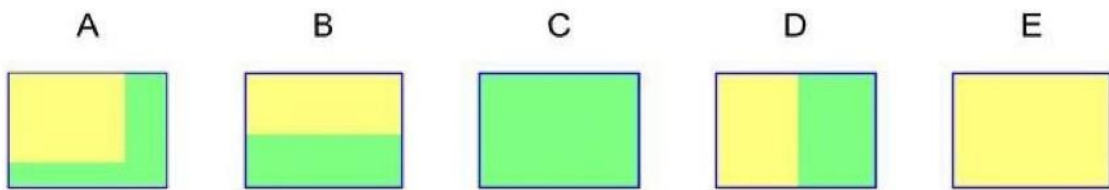
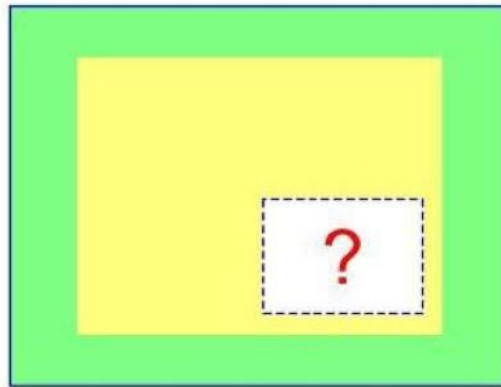
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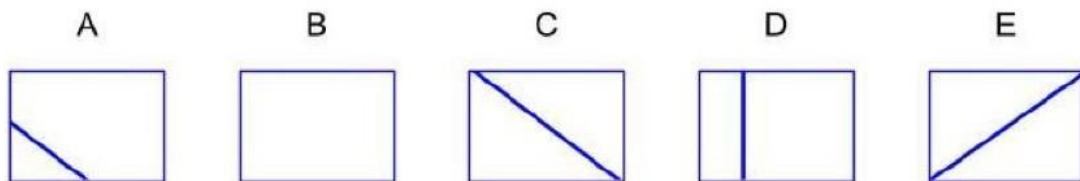
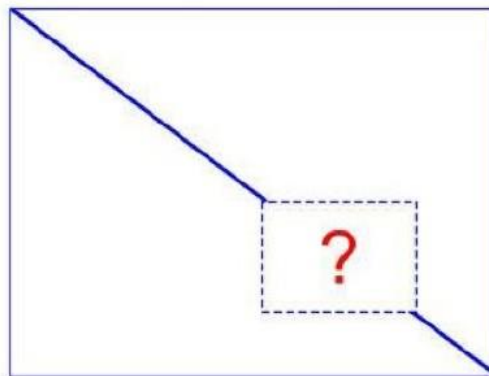
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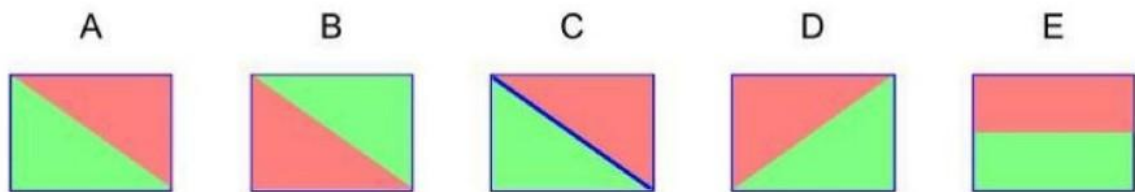
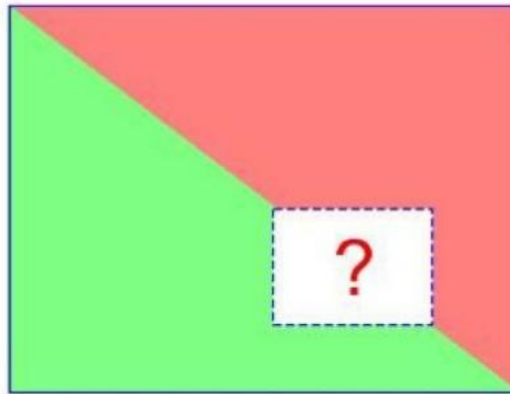
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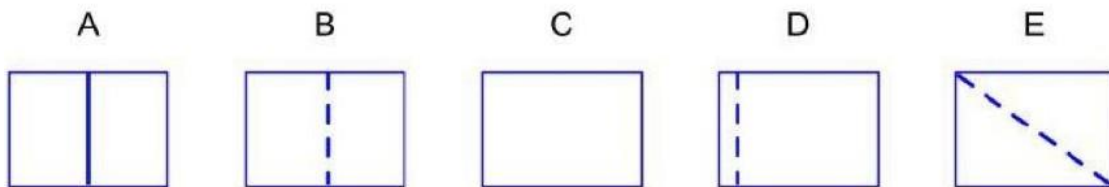
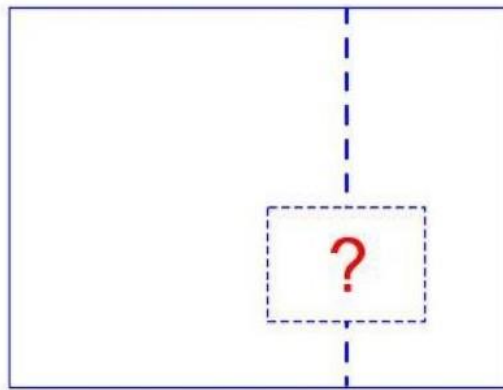
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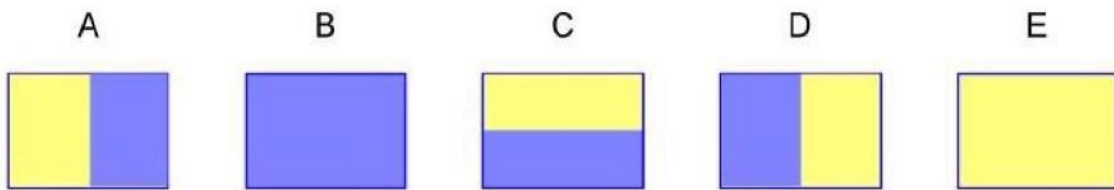
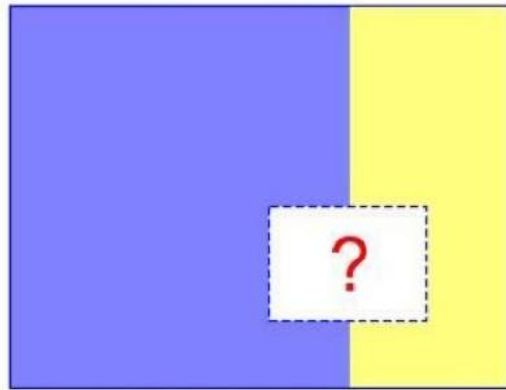
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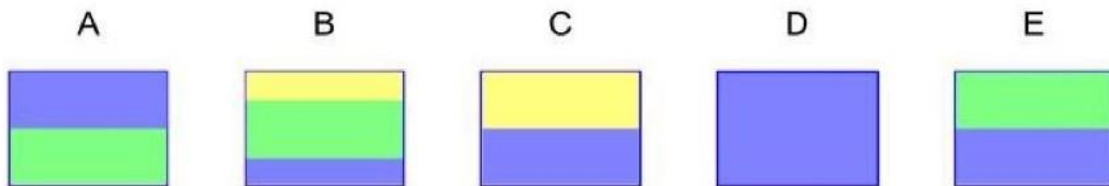
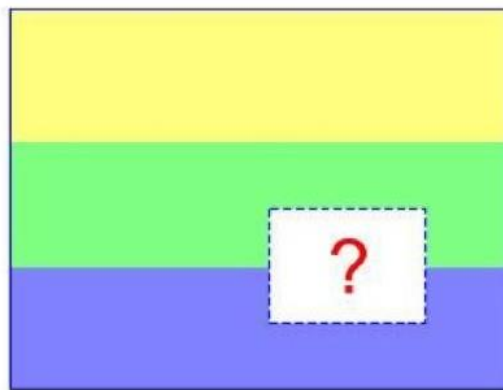
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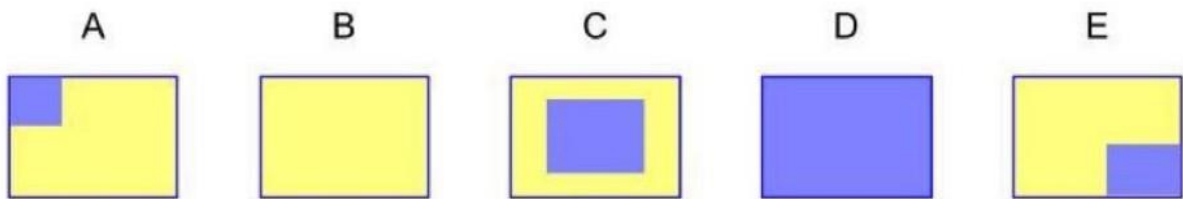
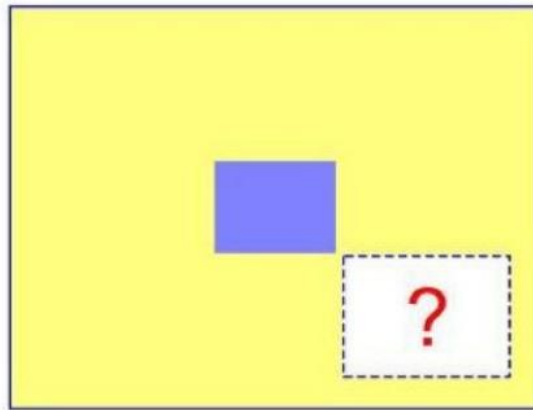
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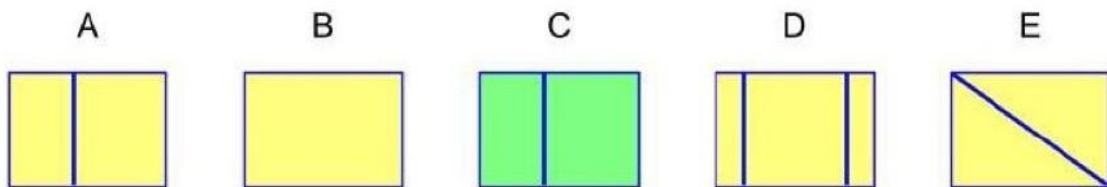
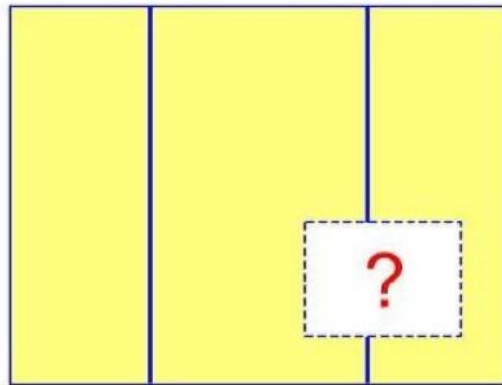
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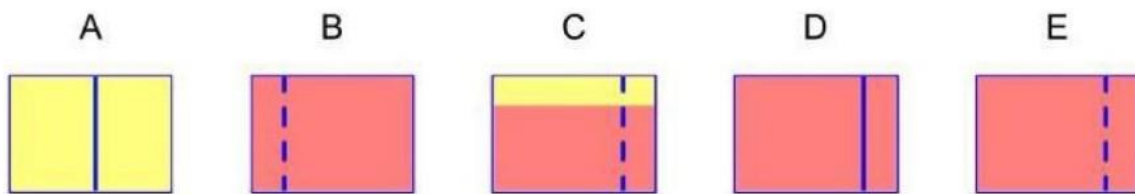
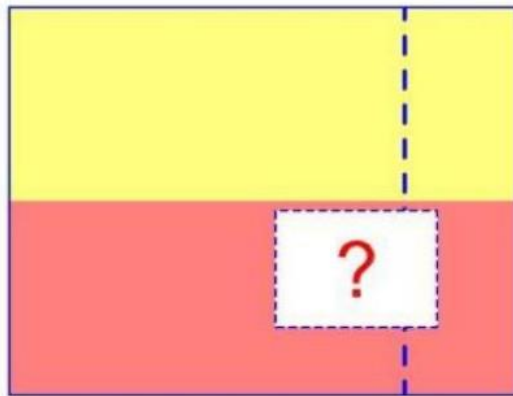
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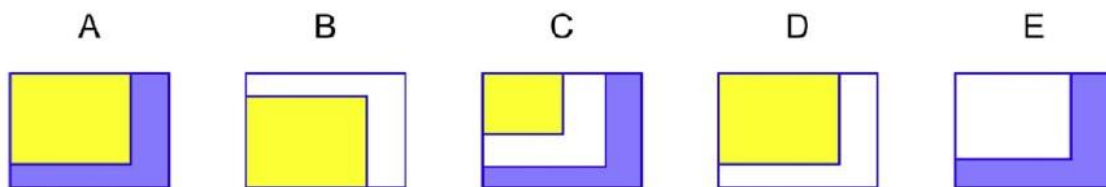
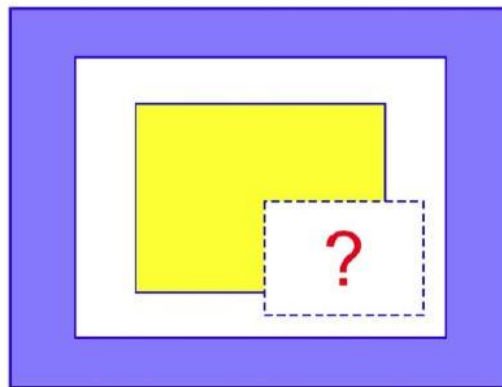
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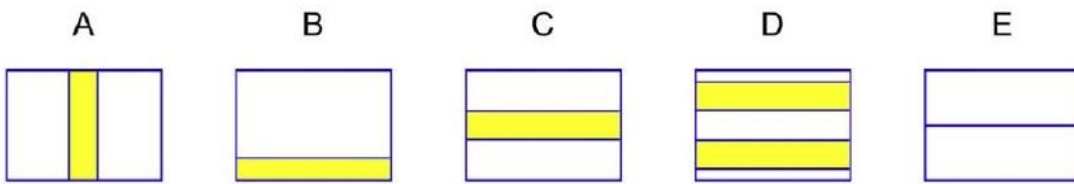
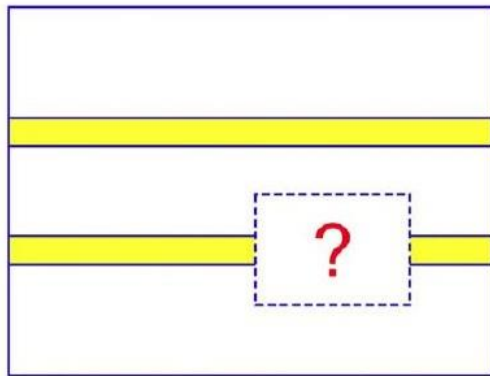
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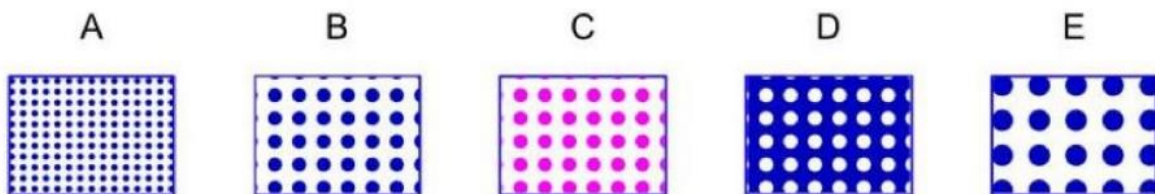
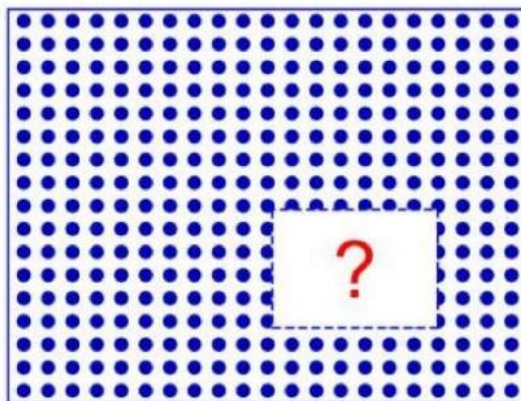
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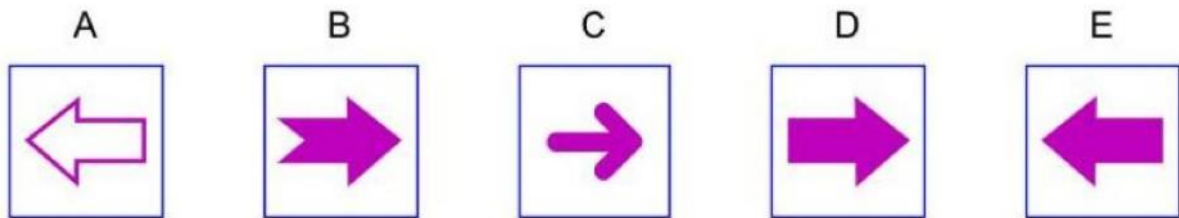
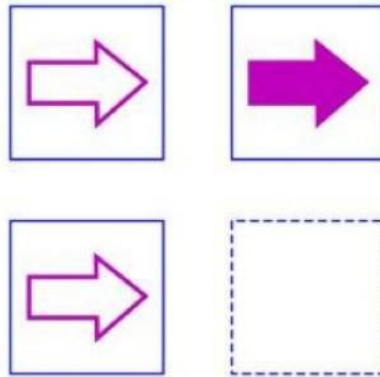
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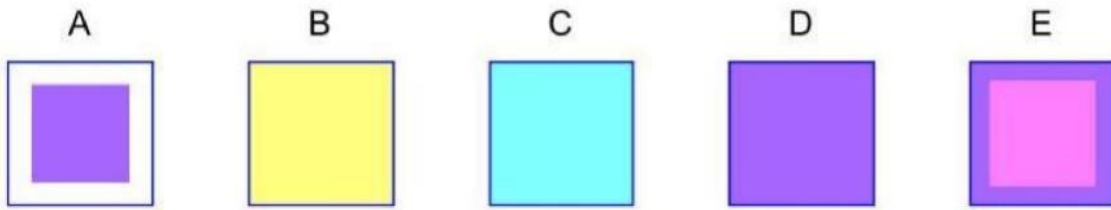
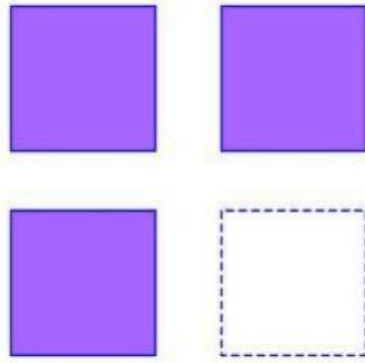
Questions 25 - 37

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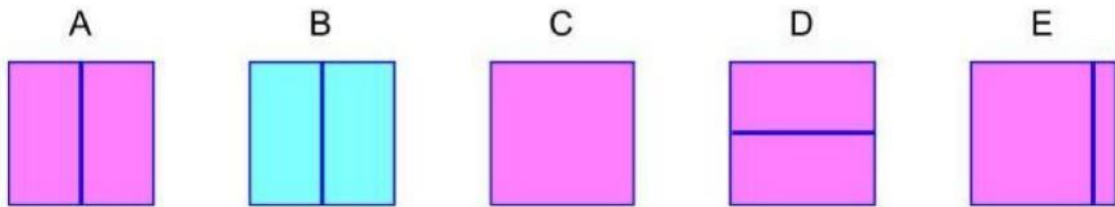
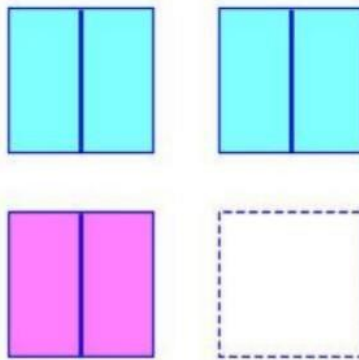
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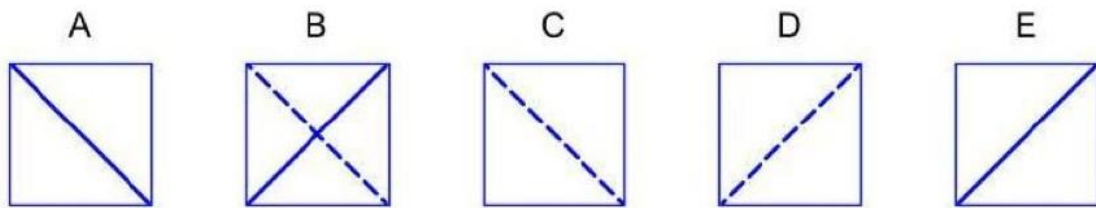
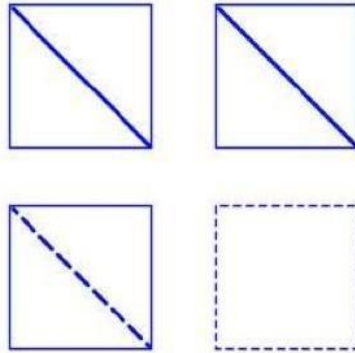
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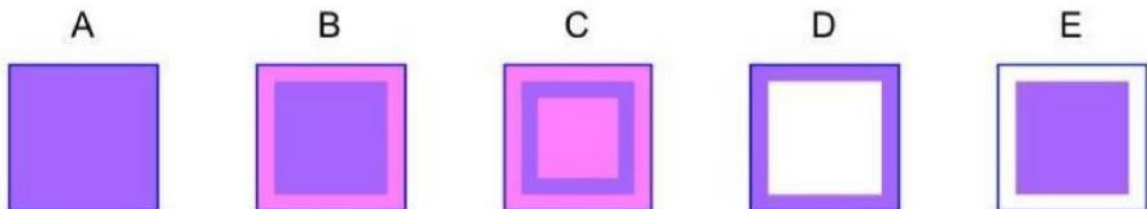
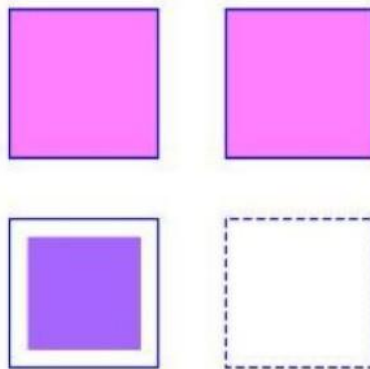
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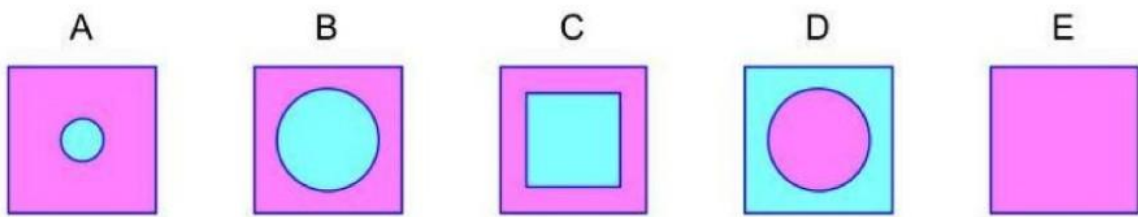
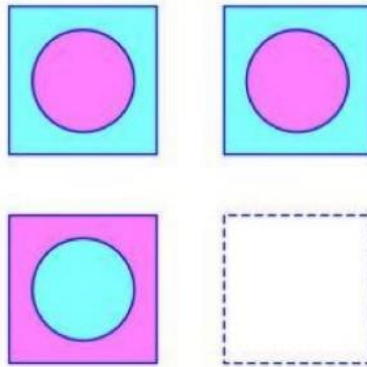
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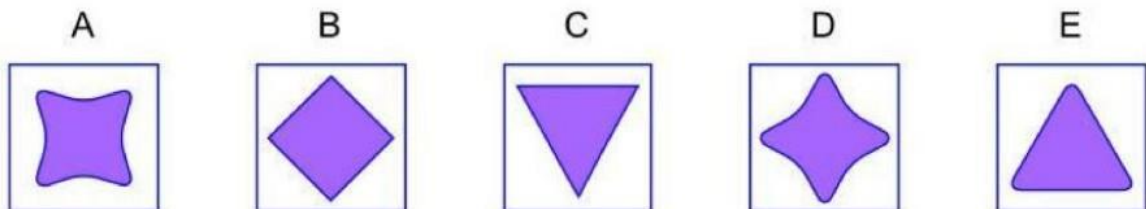
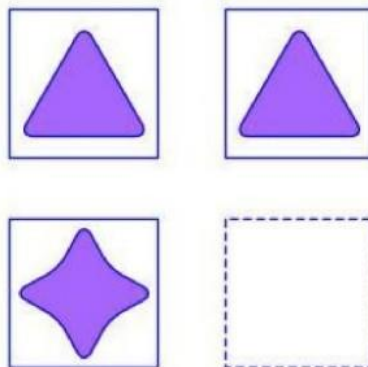
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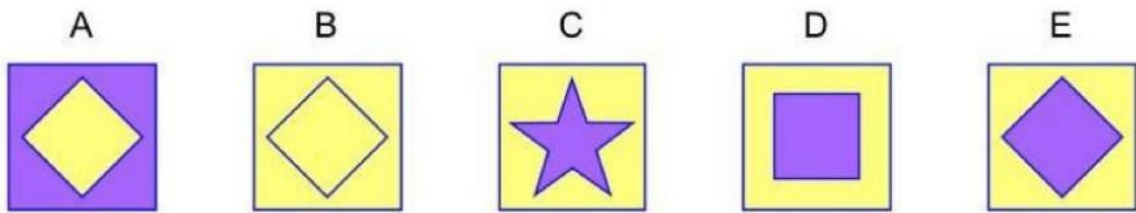
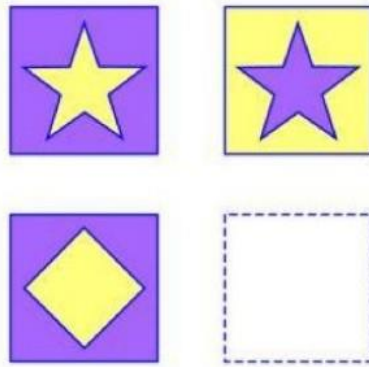
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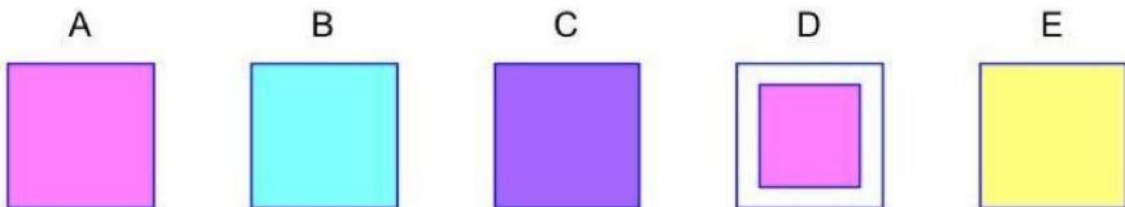
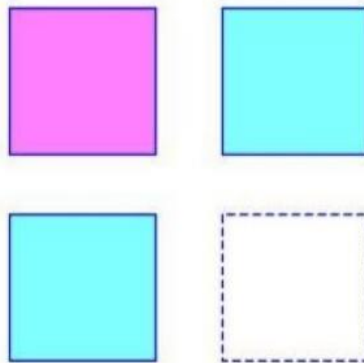
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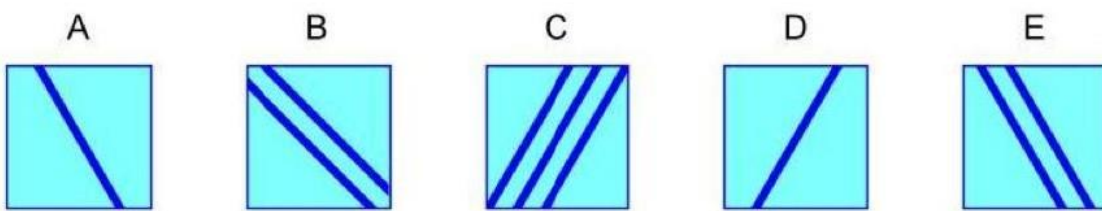
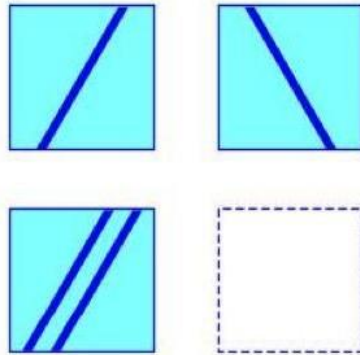
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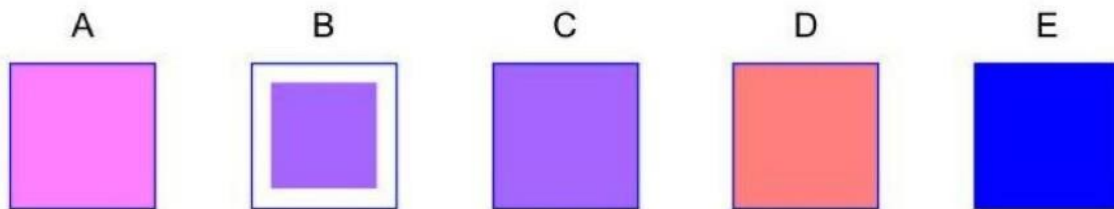
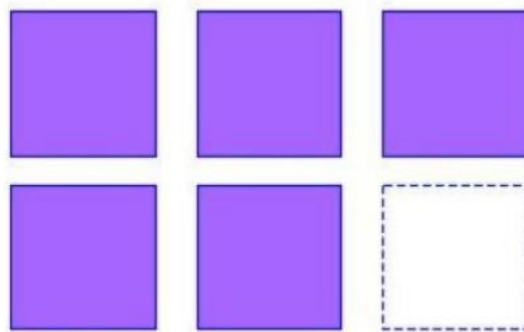
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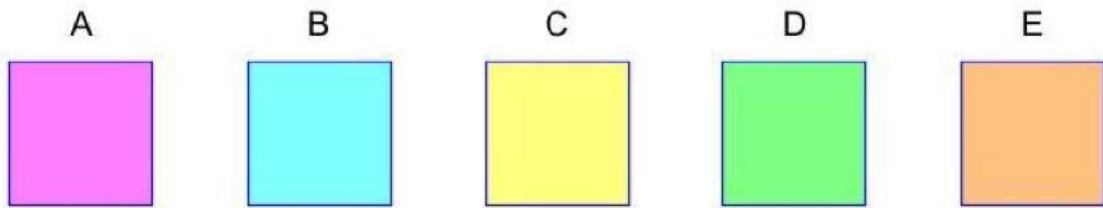
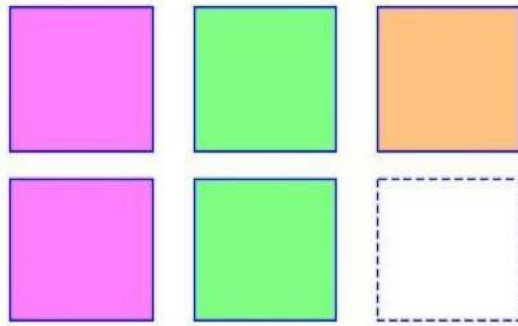
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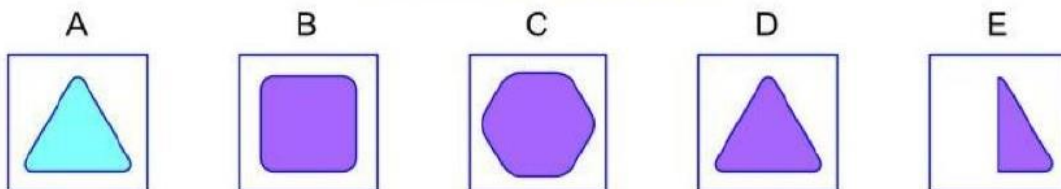
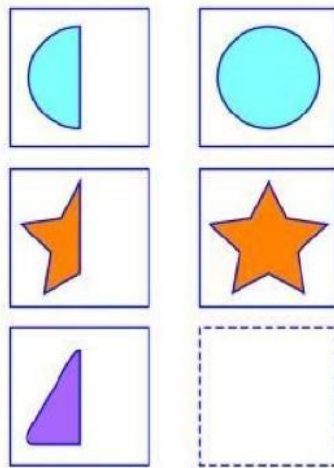
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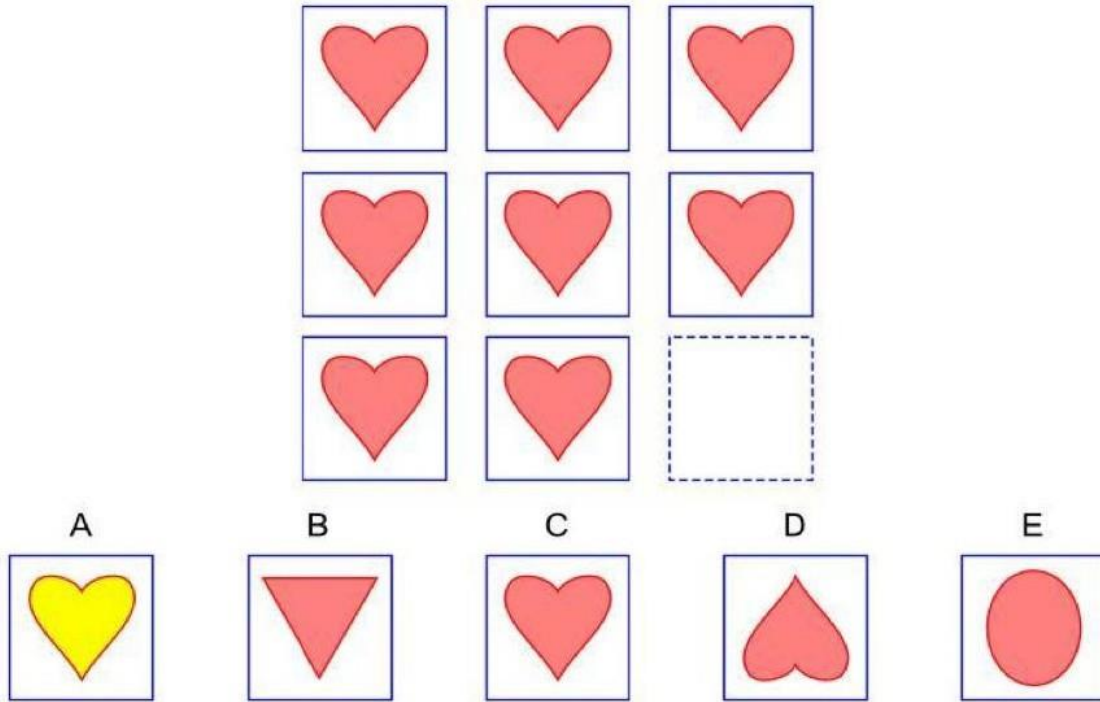
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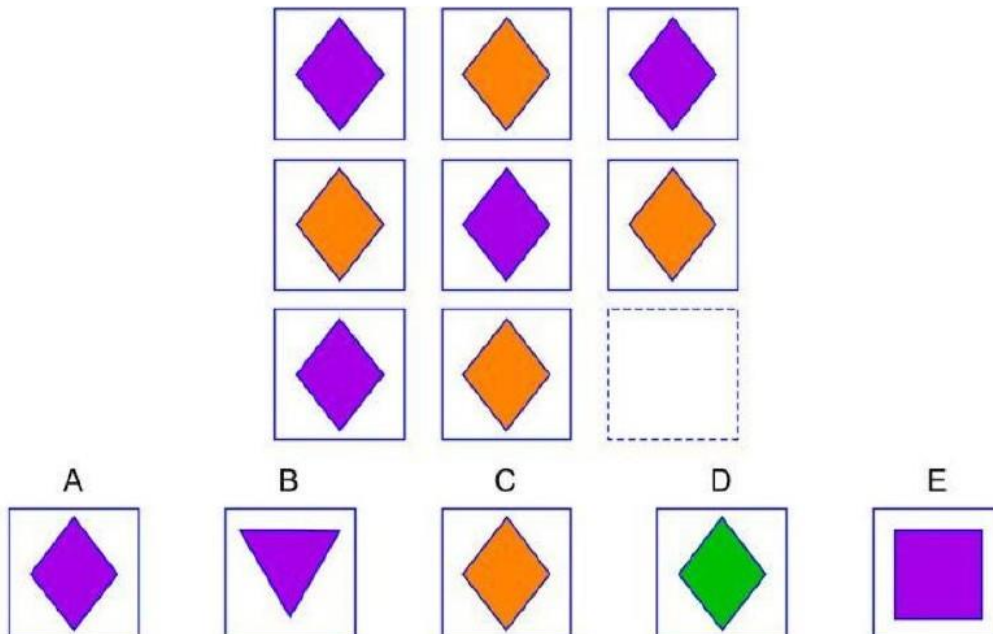
Questions 38 - 40

Parent, tell your child this: Look at the shapes in the boxes across the rows and up and down the columns. Do you see how they are related to each other? Can you find the answer that goes in the empty box so the designs inside the rows and columns follow a pattern?

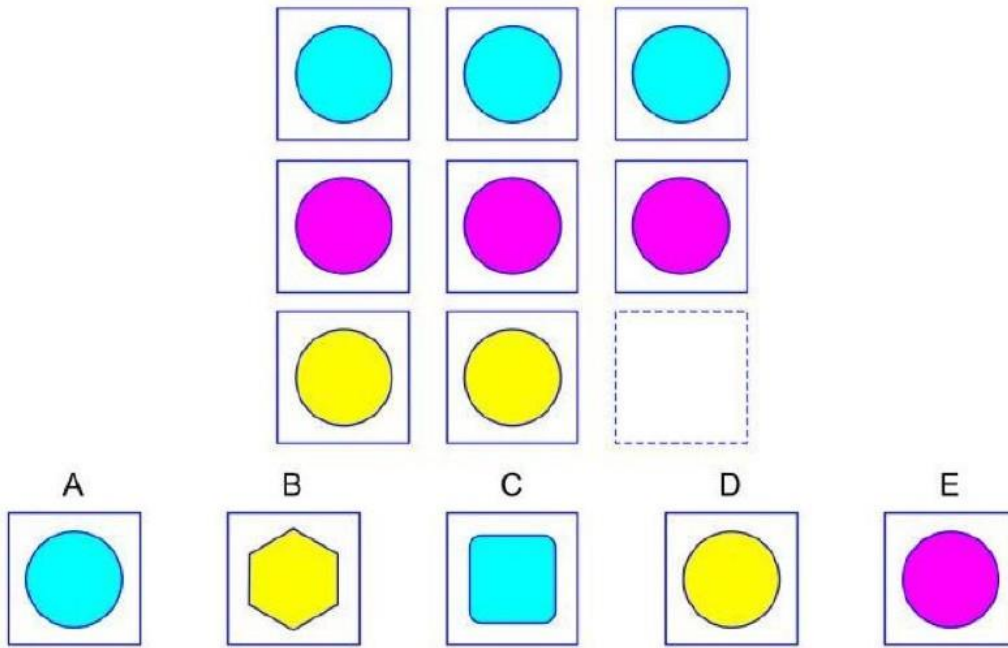
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41. A penny is to one as a dime is to_____.

- A) cent
- B) five
- C) ten
- D) coin
- E) twenty-five

42. Betty has three pairs of jeans and two shirts. If she wears one pair of jeans and one shirt to school, how many pairs of jeans does she have left at home?

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4
- E) 5

43. What should you wear on your hands on a snowy day?

- A) pants
- B) shirt
- C) hat
- D) gloves
- E) shoes

44. What should you say after someone gives you a gift?

- A) Thank you
- B) Sorry
- C) Excuse me
- D) Bless you
- E) Help!

45. $5 + 4 = ?$

- A) 7
- B) 8
- C) 9
- D) 10
- E) 11

Questions 46 - 48

Parent, ask your child this: Which word completes the sentence?

46. The dentist checked Sam's_____.

- A) foot
- B) tooth
- C) hair
- D) ear
- E) phone

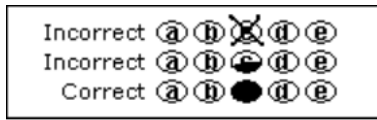
47. Ben led the _____ into the barn.

- A) fly
- B) horse
- C) bear
- D) snake
- E) ship

48. The bird laid her _____ in the nest.

- A) chicks
- B) fish
- C) song
- D) beak
- E) eggs

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