3.2 Two Odd Ones Out: 30-minute Pack

about 30 minutes

Total Marks

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In each question you are given five words. Three of the five words share something in common: they might belong to the same group, hide a smaller word inside them, follow the same spelling rule, or sound like other words. The other two words do not fit that link. Read all five words carefully, work out what links three of them, then choose the option (A to E) that names the two words which do NOT belong. Study the worked example before you begin, then work through the questions in order.

Worked example. Here are five words: LION, TIGER, HAMMER, LEOPARD, CHISEL. Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three? **Answer: HAMMER and CHISEL.** LION, TIGER and LEOPARD are all big cats, so they form the group of three. HAMMER and CHISEL are tools, not animals, so they are the two words that do not belong with the other three.

1 Here are five words:
WATCH, HAT, SACK, SOCKS, CAPE.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) HAT and WATCH
- ☐ B) CAPE and HAT
- ☐ C) SACK and WATCH
- ☐ D) SACK and SOCKS
- ☐ E) SOCKS and WATCH

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2 Here are five words:
WRIST, MARSH, ROWAN, BLUEBELL, SHIELD.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) BLUEBELL and WRIST
- ☐ B) BLUEBELL and SHIELD
- ☐ C) BLUEBELL and ROWAN
- ☐ D) ROWAN and WRIST
- ☐ E) SHIELD and WRIST

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3 Here are five words:
CANYON, OXFORD, EMERALD, APRIL, GOOSE.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) GOOSE and OXFORD
- ☐ B) CANYON and OXFORD
- ☐ C) APRIL and OXFORD
- ☐ D) EMERALD and GOOSE
- ☐ E) CANYON and GOOSE

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4 Here are five words:
CEDAR, TUESDAY, SPRUCE, THURSDAY, PALM.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) PALM and THURSDAY
- ☐ B) PALM and SPRUCE
- ☐ C) THURSDAY and TUESDAY
- ☐ D) SPRUCE and TUESDAY
- ☐ E) CEDAR and TUESDAY

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5 Here are five words:
HUT, OCTAGON, STOOL, HIPPO, EEL.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) HUT and STOOL
- ☐ B) HUT and OCTAGON
- ☐ C) EEL and HUT
- ☐ D) EEL and HIPPO
- ☐ E) HIPPO and OCTAGON

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6 Here are five words:
PINE, CLIFF, HIPPO, HEDGEHOG, LEEDS.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) HEDGEHOG and PINE
- ☐ B) HEDGEHOG and LEEDS
- ☐ C) HIPPO and PINE
- ☐ D) HEDGEHOG and HIPPO
- ☐ E) CLIFF and LEEDS

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7 Here are five words:
CELERY, SQUARE, MOTORBIKE, CAR, TAXI.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) CAR and TAXI
- ☐ B) CAR and CELERY
- ☐ C) CELERY and MOTORBIKE
- ☐ D) SQUARE and TAXI
- ☐ E) CELERY and SQUARE

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8 Here are five words:
FLOWERBED, COMPOST, POND, FARMER, PRISM.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) COMPOST and FLOWERBED
- ☐ B) FARMER and FLOWERBED
- ☐ C) COMPOST and PRISM
- ☐ D) FARMER and PRISM
- ☐ E) POND and PRISM

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9 Here are five words:
ROCKET, THUMB, SPRING, BOXING, LIBRARY.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) LIBRARY and THUMB
- ☐ B) LIBRARY and SPRING
- ☐ C) BOXING and THUMB
- ☐ D) BOXING and LIBRARY
- ☐ E) BOXING and SPRING

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10 Here are five words:
JIG, GARNET, DIAMOND, PEARL, BALLET.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) DIAMOND and GARNET
- ☐ B) BALLET and JIG
- ☐ C) BALLET and GARNET
- ☐ D) BALLET and DIAMOND
- ☐ E) BALLET and PEARL

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11 Here are five words:
EAGLE, CHINA, TOPAZ, CARTON, PIKE.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) CARTON and CHINA
- ☐ B) CHINA and EAGLE
- ☐ C) CARTON and PIKE
- ☐ D) CHINA and PIKE
- ☐ E) EAGLE and PIKE

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12 Here are five words:
NICKEL, ROBOT, COPPER, SHED, BRONZE.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) COPPER and SHED
- ☐ B) NICKEL and ROBOT
- ☐ C) ROBOT and SHED
- ☐ D) BRONZE and ROBOT
- ☐ E) BRONZE and NICKEL

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13 Here are five words:
SUN, ASTEROID, MEMO, PLAY, METEOR.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) MEMO and PLAY
- ☐ B) MEMO and METEOR
- ☐ C) METEOR and SUN
- ☐ D) METEOR and PLAY
- ☐ E) MEMO and SUN

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14 Here are five words:
EYELASH, PRISM, ADVERB, EXCITED, BELLOW.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) EXCITED and PRISM
- ☐ B) ADVERB and PRISM
- ☐ C) EXCITED and EYELASH
- ☐ D) BELLOW and PRISM
- ☐ E) BELLOW and EXCITED

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15 Here are five words:
DRILL, LOLLIPOP, HIPPO, FENCING, HARMONY.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) FENCING and HIPPO
- ☐ B) FENCING and HARMONY
- ☐ C) HARMONY and LOLLIPOP
- ☐ D) HARMONY and HIPPO
- ☐ E) DRILL and HIPPO

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16 Here are five words:
BOOKSHOP, GROCER, LAWYER, TULIP, CHEMIST.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) GROCER and LAWYER
- ☐ B) GROCER and TULIP
- ☐ C) LAWYER and TULIP
- ☐ D) BOOKSHOP and GROCER
- ☐ E) BOOKSHOP and CHEMIST

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17 Here are five words:
KILOMETRE, METRE, LITRE, TEASPOON, NORWICH.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) NORWICH and TEASPOON
- ☐ B) METRE and NORWICH
- ☐ C) METRE and TEASPOON
- ☐ D) KILOMETRE and METRE
- ☐ E) KILOMETRE and TEASPOON

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18 Here are five words:
KNEE, SPRING, HOE, GUITAR, MONKEY.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) GUITAR and KNEE
- ☐ B) KNEE and MONKEY
- ☐ C) GUITAR and SPRING
- ☐ D) HOE and KNEE
- ☐ E) GUITAR and HOE

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19 Here are five words:
COW, PIE, GOAT, TURKEY, FERRY.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) COW and TURKEY
- ☐ B) PIE and TURKEY
- ☐ C) COW and PIE
- ☐ D) FERRY and TURKEY
- ☐ E) FERRY and PIE

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20 Here are five words:
SYCAMORE, DRIZZLE, NICKEL, LIGHTNING, WIND.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) NICKEL and WIND
- ☐ B) DRIZZLE and NICKEL
- ☐ C) NICKEL and SYCAMORE
- ☐ D) DRIZZLE and SYCAMORE
- ☐ E) DRIZZLE and LIGHTNING

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21 Here are five words:
FROST, BERRY, CHOP, STORY, FOX.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) FOX and STORY
- ☐ B) FROST and STORY
- ☐ C) FOX and FROST
- ☐ D) CHOP and FOX
- ☐ E) BERRY and FOX

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22 Here are five words:
KING, LINER, TUGBOAT, PEASANT, FERRY.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) KING and PEASANT
- ☐ B) LINER and PEASANT
- ☐ C) KING and LINER
- ☐ D) FERRY and KING
- ☐ E) LINER and TUGBOAT

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23 Here are five words:
OUNCE, LIP, ALLIGATOR, BRACKET, ATHLETICS.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) BRACKET and OUNCE
- ☐ B) ATHLETICS and BRACKET
- ☐ C) LIP and OUNCE
- ☐ D) ALLIGATOR and ATHLETICS
- ☐ E) BRACKET and LIP

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24 Here are five words:
SAXOPHONE, BEECH, WILLOW, CHESTNUT, HARP.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) CHESTNUT and SAXOPHONE
- ☐ B) BEECH and WILLOW
- ☐ C) HARP and SAXOPHONE
- ☐ D) HARP and WILLOW
- ☐ E) BEECH and HARP

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25 Here are five words:
GREECE, SPRING, AUNT, MARIGOLD, BEETLE.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) MARIGOLD and SPRING
- ☐ B) BEETLE and GREECE
- ☐ C) AUNT and SPRING
- ☐ D) BEETLE and MARIGOLD
- ☐ E) AUNT and MARIGOLD

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26 Here are five words:
INCH, OVAL, GUITAR, ELBOW, SOCKS.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) ELBOW and OVAL
- ☐ B) GUITAR and SOCKS
- ☐ C) OVAL and SOCKS
- ☐ D) GUITAR and OVAL
- ☐ E) GUITAR and INCH

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27 Here are five words:
APPLE, ELEVEN, NOTE, FOUR, SIX.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) APPLE and ELEVEN
- ☐ B) ELEVEN and SIX
- ☐ C) ELEVEN and NOTE
- ☐ D) APPLE and NOTE
- ☐ E) NOTE and SIX

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28 Here are five words:
SCIENCE, PURSE, HISTORY, FARMER, DRAMA.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) FARMER and PURSE
- ☐ B) FARMER and HISTORY
- ☐ C) DRAMA and SCIENCE
- ☐ D) FARMER and SCIENCE
- ☐ E) PURSE and SCIENCE

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29 Here are five words:
SCIENTIST, GYMNASTICS, ANXIOUS, RUGBY, CYCLING.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) ANXIOUS and RUGBY
- ☐ B) CYCLING and RUGBY
- ☐ C) ANXIOUS and CYCLING
- ☐ D) RUGBY and SCIENTIST
- ☐ E) ANXIOUS and SCIENTIST

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30 Here are five words:
COAT, KITE, STIR, GRANDMA, PEPPER.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) COAT and PEPPER
- ☐ B) GRANDMA and PEPPER
- ☐ C) COAT and GRANDMA
- ☐ D) KITE and STIR
- ☐ E) KITE and PEPPER

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31 Here are five words:
COTTAGE, FOUR, MUG, SIMMER, MUSSEL.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) MUG and SIMMER
- ☐ B) FOUR and MUG
- ☐ C) COTTAGE and SIMMER
- ☐ D) FOUR and MUSSEL
- ☐ E) COTTAGE and MUG

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32 Here are five words:
FRIDAY, RIPON, LINCOLN, TRURO, MONDAY.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) FRIDAY and MONDAY
- ☐ B) MONDAY and TRURO
- ☐ C) LINCOLN and RIPON
- ☐ D) FRIDAY and LINCOLN
- ☐ E) LINCOLN and MONDAY

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33 Here are five words:
HOUSE, BEETLE, BATHROOM, MOON, LIBRARY.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) BEETLE and LIBRARY
- ☐ B) BATHROOM and LIBRARY
- ☐ C) LIBRARY and MOON
- ☐ D) BEETLE and HOUSE
- ☐ E) HOUSE and LIBRARY

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34 Here are five words:
PIG, RAKE, AXE, DRILL, FLEA.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) FLEA and RAKE
- ☐ B) AXE and DRILL
- ☐ C) AXE and FLEA
- ☐ D) FLEA and PIG
- ☐ E) DRILL and FLEA

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35 Here are five words:
LIBRARY, MAY, SHELF, JEANS, WALTZ.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) JEANS and MAY
- ☐ B) JEANS and LIBRARY
- ☐ C) LIBRARY and MAY
- ☐ D) MAY and SHELF
- ☐ E) JEANS and SHELF

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36 Here are five words:
PEASANT, SQUIRE, BRACKET, SHIELD, DASH.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) DASH and SQUIRE
- ☐ B) DASH and PEASANT
- ☐ C) SHIELD and SQUIRE
- ☐ D) BRACKET and DASH
- ☐ E) BRACKET and PEASANT

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37 Here are five words:
CHINSTRAP, ARMOUR, HIPSTER, ELEPHANT, GIRAFFE.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) CHINSTRAP and ARMOUR
- ☐ B) CHINSTRAP and HIPSTER
- ☐ C) ARMOUR and HIPSTER
- ☐ D) CHINSTRAP and ELEPHANT
- ☐ E) ELEPHANT and GIRAFFE

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38 Here are five words:
OAK, ROSE, MAPLE, TULIP, BIRCH.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) OAK and MAPLE
- ☐ B) ROSE and TULIP
- ☐ C) OAK and BIRCH
- ☐ D) MAPLE and BIRCH
- ☐ E) OAK and ROSE

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39 Here are five words:
BARGAIN, CANDID, CARPET, PENCIL, MARKET.
Three of these five words share something in common. Which TWO words do NOT belong with the other three?

- ☐ A) BARGAIN and CANDID
- ☐ B) BARGAIN and CARPET
- ☐ C) CANDID and CARPET
- ☐ D) PENCIL and MARKET
- ☐ E) BARGAIN and PENCIL

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Mark scheme · 3.2 Two Odd Ones Out: 30-minute Pack

Question 1

C) SACK and WATCH - SACK and WATCH do not fit; CAPE, HAT, SOCKS are all clothes **B1**

Answer: C) SACK and WATCH

Question 2

B) BLUEBELL and SHIELD - BLUEBELL and SHIELD do not fit; MARSH, ROWAN, WRIST all have 5 letters **B1**

Answer: B) BLUEBELL and SHIELD

Question 3

E) CANYON and GOOSE - CANYON and GOOSE do not fit; APRIL, EMERALD, OXFORD all begin with a vowel **B1**

Answer: E) CANYON and GOOSE

Question 4

C) THURSDAY and TUESDAY - THURSDAY and TUESDAY do not fit; CEDAR, PALM, SPRUCE are all trees **B1**

Answer: C) THURSDAY and TUESDAY

Question 5

B) HUT and OCTAGON - HUT and OCTAGON do not fit; EEL, HIPPO, STOOL all contain a double letter **B1**

Answer: B) HUT and OCTAGON

Question 6

A) HEDGEHOG and PINE - HEDGEHOG and PINE do not fit; CLIFF, HIPPO, LEEDS all contain a double letter **B1**

Answer: A) HEDGEHOG and PINE

Question 7

E) CELERY and SQUARE - CELERY and SQUARE do not fit; CAR, MOTORBIKE, TAXI are all road and rail vehicles **B1**

Answer: E) CELERY and SQUARE

Question 8

D) FARMER and PRISM - FARMER and PRISM do not fit; COMPOST, FLOWERBED, POND are all things found in a garden **B1**

Answer: D) FARMER and PRISM

Question 9

A) LIBRARY and THUMB - LIBRARY and THUMB do not fit; BOXING, ROCKET, SPRING all have 6 letters **B1**

Answer: A) LIBRARY and THUMB

Question 10

B) BALLET and JIG - BALLET and JIG do not fit; DIAMOND, GARNET, PEARL are all gemstones **B1**

Answer: B) BALLET and JIG

Question 11

C) CARTON and PIKE - CARTON and PIKE do not fit; CHINA, EAGLE, TOPAZ all have 5 letters **B1**

Answer: C) CARTON and PIKE

Question 12

C) ROBOT and SHED - ROBOT and SHED do not fit; BRONZE, COPPER, NICKEL are all metals **B1**

Answer: C) ROBOT and SHED

Question 13

A) MEMO and PLAY - MEMO and PLAY do not fit; ASTEROID, METEOR, SUN are all things in space **B1**

Answer: A) MEMO and PLAY

Question 14

D) BELLOW and PRISM - BELLOW and PRISM do not fit; ADVERB, EXCITED, EYELASH all begin with a vowel **B1**

Answer: D) BELLOW and PRISM

Question 15

B) FENCING and HARMONY - FENCING and HARMONY do not fit; DRILL, HIPPO, LOLLIPOP all contain a double letter **B1**

Answer: B) FENCING and HARMONY

Question 16

C) LAWYER and TULIP - LAWYER and TULIP do not fit; BOOKSHOP, CHEMIST, GROCER are all shops **B1**

Answer: C) LAWYER and TULIP

Question 17

A) NORWICH and TEASPOON - NORWICH and TEASPOON do not fit; KILOMETRE, LITRE, METRE are all units of measurement **B1**

Answer: A) NORWICH and TEASPOON

Question 18

D) HOE and KNEE - HOE and KNEE do not fit; GUITAR, MONKEY, SPRING all have 6 letters **B1**

Answer: D) HOE and KNEE

Question 19

E) FERRY and PIE - FERRY and PIE do not fit; COW, GOAT, TURKEY are all farm animals **B1**

Answer: E) FERRY and PIE

Question 20

C) NICKEL and SYCAMORE - NICKEL and SYCAMORE do not fit; DRIZZLE, LIGHTNING, WIND are all types of weather **B1**

Answer: C) NICKEL and SYCAMORE

Question 21

D) CHOP and FOX - CHOP and FOX do not fit; BERRY, FROST, STORY all have 5 letters **B1**

Answer: D) CHOP and FOX

Question 22

A) KING and PEASANT - KING and PEASANT do not fit; FERRY, LINER, TUGBOAT are all boats and ships **B1**

Answer: A) KING and PEASANT

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Question 23

E) BRACKET and LIP - BRACKET and LIP do not fit; ALLIGATOR, ATHLETICS, OUNCE all begin with a vowel **B1**

Answer: E) BRACKET and LIP

Question 24

C) HARP and SAXOPHONE - HARP and SAXOPHONE do not fit; BEECH, CHESTNUT, WILLOW are all trees **B1**

Answer: C) HARP and SAXOPHONE

Question 25

E) AUNT and MARIGOLD - AUNT and MARIGOLD do not fit; BEETLE, GREECE, SPRING all have 6 letters **B1**

Answer: E) AUNT and MARIGOLD

Question 26

B) GUITAR and SOCKS - GUITAR and SOCKS do not fit; ELBOW, INCH, OVAL all begin with a vowel **B1**

Answer: B) GUITAR and SOCKS

Question 27

D) APPLE and NOTE - APPLE and NOTE do not fit; ELEVEN, FOUR, SIX are all number words **B1**

Answer: D) APPLE and NOTE

Question 28

A) FARMER and PURSE - FARMER and PURSE do not fit; DRAMA, HISTORY, SCIENCE are all school subjects **B1**

Answer: A) FARMER and PURSE

Question 29

E) ANXIOUS and SCIENTIST - ANXIOUS and SCIENTIST do not fit; CYCLING, GYMNASTICS, RUGBY are all sports **B1**

Answer: E) ANXIOUS and SCIENTIST

Question 30

B) GRANDMA and PEPPER - GRANDMA and PEPPER do not fit; COAT, KITE, STIR all have 4 letters **B1**

Answer: B) GRANDMA and PEPPER

Question 31

B) FOUR and MUG - FOUR and MUG do not fit; COTTAGE, MUSSEL, SIMMER all contain a double letter **B1**

Answer: B) FOUR and MUG

Question 32

A) FRIDAY and MONDAY - FRIDAY and MONDAY do not fit; LINCOLN, RIPON, TRURO are all UK cities **B1**

Answer: A) FRIDAY and MONDAY

Question 33

E) HOUSE and LIBRARY - HOUSE and LIBRARY do not fit; BATHROOM, BEETLE, MOON all contain a double letter **B1**

Answer: E) HOUSE and LIBRARY

Question 34

D) FLEA and PIG - FLEA and PIG do not fit; AXE, DRILL, RAKE are all tools **B1**

Answer: D) FLEA and PIG

Question 35

C) LIBRARY and MAY - LIBRARY and MAY do not fit; JEANS, SHELF, WALTZ all have 5 letters **B1**

Answer: C) LIBRARY and MAY

Question 36

D) BRACKET and DASH - BRACKET and DASH do not fit; PEASANT, SHIELD, SQUIRE are all things from the Middle Ages **B1**

Answer: D) BRACKET and DASH

Question 37

E) ELEPHANT and GIRAFFE - ELEPHANT and GIRAFFE hide no body part, whereas CHINSTRAP, ARMOUR and HIPSTER each hide a body part (CHIN, ARM, HIP). **B1**

Answer: E) ELEPHANT and GIRAFFE

Question 38

B) ROSE and TULIP - ROSE and TULIP are flowers, whereas OAK, MAPLE and BIRCH are all trees. **B1**

Answer: B) ROSE and TULIP

Question 39

D) PENCIL and MARKET - PENCIL and MARKET do not split into two smaller real words, whereas BARGAIN, CANDID and CARPET split exactly into two smaller real words (BAR+GAIN, CAN+DID, CAR+PET). **B1**

Answer: D) PENCIL and MARKET

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