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# UCAT Workshop: Abstract Reasoning & Verbal Reasoning

20 minutes discussion  
25 Minutes Q&A from students

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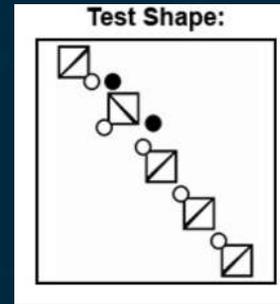
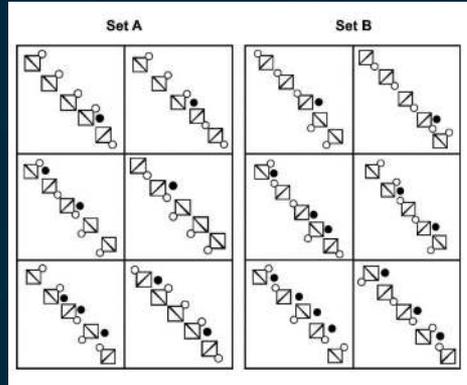
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# Housekeeping and Introductions:

- This webinar will finish before 8pm
- We will send a recording and slides out within 48 hours
- Q&A section at the end
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# Introduction to Abstract Reasoning

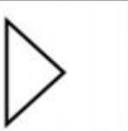
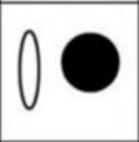
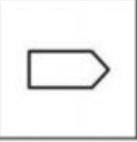
- 'Assesses your use of convergent and divergent thinking to infer relationships from information'
- 55 questions
- 13 minutes
- Remember: there's no negative marking!



# SCANS

- Shape
- Colour
- Arrangement
- Number
- Size and symmetry

In which set does the test box belong?

Set A		Set B	
			
			
			



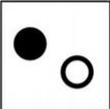
**OPTIONS**

- A) Set A
- B) Set B
- C) Neither

# SCANS

- **Shape** - Set A all have curved edges, whereas set B all have sharp, straight edges. The test shapes both have curved edges.
- **Colour** - Counting the number of black and number of white shapes in each, there seems to be no indication that colour is a governing aspect
- **Arrangement** - Each box contains different shapes so we can assume the same shapes aren't moving or changing and their placement in the box has no significance.
- **Number** - Both sets contain 10 shapes. In set A there are 2 boxes consisting of 2 shapes, whereas there are no boxes in set B with 2 shapes
- **Size (+ symmetry)** - Seems to be no pattern regarding the size of the shapes

Answer: Set A

Set A		Set B		
				
				
				

**OPTIONS**  
A) Set A  
B) Set B  
C) Neither

# Verbal Reasoning

- 'Assesses your ability to critically evaluate information presented in a written form'
- 11 passages of text
- 4 questions on each text
- Total of 44 questions
- 21 minutes
- Approximately 30 seconds per question

\*Historically the lowest scoring section on the UCAT (past 5 year average 570)

# Verbal Reasoning

## Common techniques:

1. **Skimming** - skim through the text to get an overview of what the text is about
2. **Pinpointing a keyword** - try to locate a keyword/phrase that is included in the question and locate it in the text. Then read that part of the text and answer the question.
3. **In-depth reading** - read the text in-depth to get a deep understanding of what is the text about. This is a great tactic for a question like 'Which of the following would be a great title for the article provided' - other than that is usually too slow to use.

Q1: Tax avoidance is one of the issues Margaret Hodge has been opposing for a long time now.

- A. True
- B. False
- C. Can't tell

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In fact, the unit was granted €56m in tax credits it can use to offset any future tax bills should it turn a profit. The company has €2.7bn worth of carried forward losses stored up, which can be used against any tax payable on future profits.

The Luxembourg unit – which handles sales for the UK, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and Sweden – employs just 5,262 staff meaning that the income per employee amounts to €8.4m.

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“Amazon’s revenues have soared under the pandemic while our high streets struggle, yet it continues to shift its profits to tax havens like Luxembourg to avoid paying its fair share of tax. These big digital companies all rely on our public services, our infrastructure, and our educated and healthy workforce. But unlike smaller businesses and hard-working taxpayers, the tech giants fail to pay fairly into the common pot for the common good.

Source: The Guardian: Amazon had sales income of €44bn in Europe in 2020 but paid no corporation tax

Q2: Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Amazon sales to the UK, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and Sweden is handled by exactly 5262 employees.
- B. The Luxembourg unit handles sales only to some European countries.
- C. Amazon sales to the UK is handled exclusively by the Luxembourg unit.
- D. The whole Luxembourg unit made an income of €8.4m.

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Q3: Which of the following statements **cannot** be inferred from the passage?

- A. The Labour party in the UK is against tax avoidance.
- B. The high streets have been struggling under the pressure of the recent pandemic
- C. Amazon EU Sarl has made a loss of over €1bn
- D. Amazon's revenue has been higher during the pandemic than it was before the pandemic.

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# Answers

- Q1: True
  - Look for keywords: Margaret Hodge or tax avoidance
- Q2: B
  - A - Doesn't say these countries are served exclusively by this unit, may be other staff in other units
  - C - As for A
  - D - The £8.4m was calculated per employee not for the whole unit
- Q3: A
  - Text only mentions 1 MP against tax avoidance
  - Remember to work with only what's in the text! Although the Labour party are against tax avoidance, we shouldn't use our own knowledge to answer the question
- Those without economic backgrounds may struggle to understand the second paragraph, however all the questions can still be answered despite this

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