

BARB Test Instructions

Test 1 – Letter Checking

This is a test to see how quickly and accurately people carry out checking tasks in their head.

Look at this example:

D	P	C	J	
d	x	c	j	
0	1	2	3	4

There are four pairs of letters, reading vertically, in each question, just like this one. You have to decide how many pairs have letters which are the same.

In this test capitals are the same as small letters,

In the example above there are three pairs with letters that are the same so the correct answer is 3. The number 3 has been ticked in the answer box.

Ques.	0	1	2	3	4	5
1				v		

Test 2 – Number Distance

This is a test to measure how quickly and accurately people carry out number tasks in their heads.

Firstly find the highest and lowest numbers in the set of three numbers.

Secondly work out in your head which of these numbers, the highest or lowest, is numerically furthest away from the number that remains.

Thirdly tick the appropriate box on the answer sheet.

Ques	A	B	C
1	3	12	8

The highest number is 12

The lowest number is 3

Which of these two numbers is furthest away from 8?

12 is 4 away from 8

3 is 5 away from 8



The answer is 3.


Box A has been ticked to show the correct answer.

Ques	A	B	C
1	v		

Test 3 – Symbol Rotation





This is a test to see how quickly people can turn shapes around in their heads. The problem is to find how many boxes contain two shapes that are exactly the same.

In this test you will see 2 basic shapes:  and 

The first symbol can be rotated as shown 

The second symbol can be rotated as shown 

In this test you will be given two pairs of symbols as shown

Look at the first pair. Although the bottom shape looks like the one printed above it, no matter how the bottom one is turned around on the page it cannot match the top one exactly. The second pair will match if the bottom symbol is turned around.

Therefore only 1 pair matches so the correct answer is 1. So the answer sheet would be marked with a tick in the box marked 1.

Ques	0	1	2
1		v	

Test 4 – Odd one out

This is a test to measure how quickly you can spot the odd word out in a group of words. You will be given three words. Two of the words will be related in some way, and the other word will be the odd one out. You have to decide which word is the odd one out and place a tick in the appropriate box.

Ques	A	B	C
1	ship	flower	boat

In this example the odd one out is flower because the other two words have the same meaning. So you would place a tick in Box B.

Ques	A	B	C
1		v	

Test 5 – Reasoning

This is a problem solving test. Each question is about two people and who is shorter or taller or something else.

Ram is heavier than Shyam
Who is heavier?

A = Ram or B = Shyam

The correct answer is Ram because he is heavier than Shyam. So you would tick Box A.

Ques	A	B
1	v	