

Understanding the Questions

The following is a list of the most common questions you'll encounter on the Wonderlic Personnel Test. It's important to familiarize yourself with the question varieties you'll encounter on the test, so that you understand how to approach each question as well as how to avoid some of the most common pitfalls.

1) General Knowledge Questions

General knowledge questions generally make up anywhere between 15% - 25% of the test, and tend to be some of the simplest questions you'll encounter. Mainly focused on simple mathematics and basic memorized knowledge, these questions are relatively simple in an untimed environment, but can feel daunting with the clock running.

A common pitfall for people on the general knowledge questions is simply moving too quickly. If you rush through the question because it seems easy, you might end up making a mistake you don't realize. Another common, and somewhat contradictory pitfall is overthinking the problem. Some people might come across a seemingly *too easy* problem and assume they're reading a trick question. It's important to remember that the Wonderlic test isn't written in a way that's meant to trick or deceive you, but it's very important to read each question thoroughly before answering.

Some examples of general knowledge questions are:

What is the 13th letter of the English alphabet?

- a) G
- b) J
- c) M
- d) N
- e) P

18/7 is equal to:

- a) $1-\frac{8}{7}$
- b) $2-\frac{4}{7}$
- c) $2-\frac{1}{7}$
- d) $1-\frac{3}{7}$

Test 1 – 50 Questions in 12 Minutes

1) What is the missing number?

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, __, 21, 34

Answer: _____

2) Which identical three-letter word, when placed in front of the following words, forms a new word?

FUSE, CLAIM, DUCT, CREATE, FIT, FOUND, LONG

Answer: _____

3) Bruce likes 324 but not 325. He likes 2500 but not 2400. He likes 121 but not 122. Which does he like?

a) 900

b) 800

Answer: _____

4) What is the next letter in this sequence?

A B A C B C B D C

Answer: _____

5) Counting from 1 to 100, how many 6s will you encounter?

a) 10

b) 11

c) 18

d) 19

e) 20

Answer: _____

Test 1 Answers

1) What is the missing number?

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, __, 21, 34

Answer: 13

Each number is the sum of the previous two.

2) Which identical three-letter word, when placed in front of the following words, forms a new word?

FUSE, CLAIM, DUCT, CREATE, FIT, FOUND, LONG

Answer: PRO

The words created are profuse, proclaim, product, procreate, profit, profound and prolong.

TIP

For questions that require you to create new words by adding a prefix to a list of existing ones, it's always a good idea to begin by focusing on one word. Once you have several prefixes that fit for that word, check to see if they're a fit for the rest of the words. Don't be worried if you don't know the meaning of every new word created. Chances are that if the prefix sounds correct for most of the words, it's correct for all of them.

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