

ODD ONE OUT



How to solve this question

These questions are about spotting similarities and differences. Look at the rotational order of the small circles in the figure and see how our odd one out has been flipped over, making it different from the others.

How to approach the 'odd one out' style of problem

Don't rush! There is often more than meets the eye. When you're asked this type of question, start looking for different shading, sizes of shapes, positioning, the order of shading, line styles; in fact anything that may separate one element from another and compare those details across all of the figures. Remember to always look in rotation too, is there a sequence you can see clockwise or anti-clockwise that reveals what separates one from the other?

What do these kinds of tests tell us about ourselves?

Non-Verbal Reasoning tests logic, critical thinking and problem solving skills. Non-Verbal Reasoning tests exist because they aren't limited by your language skills or knowledge of vocabulary and instead, rely on your ability to process visual information. These are very useful skills for engineering, technology, design and strategic planning as you're likely to be someone who: pays attention to detail, remembers and can create strings of information, recognises patterns in data, visualises problems in order to solve them, remembers images and visual details, has creative artistic abilities, spots anomalies in data.

