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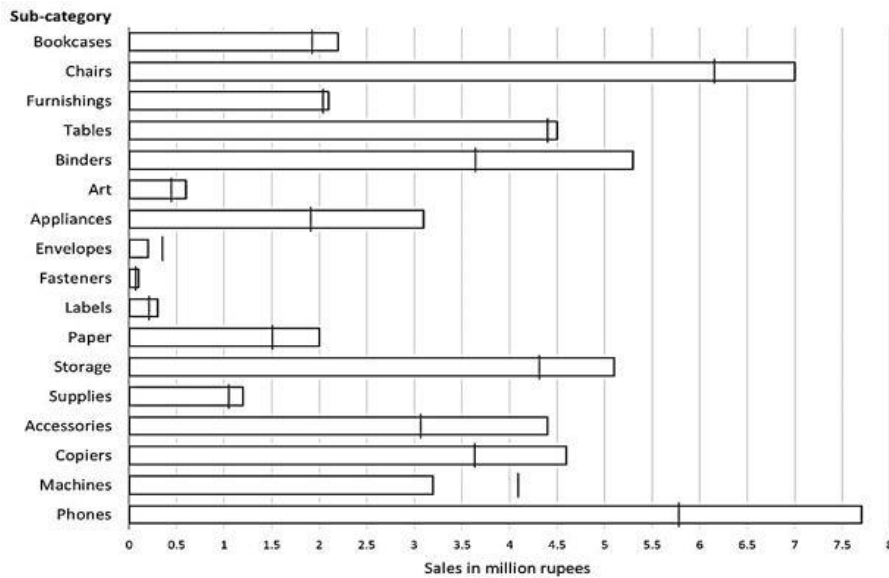


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C) office supply, furniture, technology
D) furniture, technology, office supply

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4. Every friend of Amudha is an acquaintance of Bharatan, and every acquaintance of Bharatan is a friend of Amudha.
5. Every friend of Bharatan is an acquaintance of Amudha, and every acquaintance of Amudha is a friend of Bharatan.

	No. of Friends	No. of Acquaintances	No. of Strangers
Amudha		1	4
Bharatan			
Chandran		1	
Dhinesh			2
Ezhil			1
Fani	1		
Gowtham		3	2

1. Who are Gowtham's acquaintances?

- A) Amudha, Bharatan and Fani
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C) Amudha, Dhinesh and Fani
D) Bharatan, Dhinesh and Ezhil

2. Which of these pairs share the same type of relationship?

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B) (Chandran, Ezhil) and (Dhinesh, Gowtham)
C) (Amudha, Gowtham) and (Ezhil, Fani)
D) (Bharatan, Ezhil) and (Fani, Gowtham)

3. Who is an acquaintance of Amudha?

- A) Dhinesh
B) Fani
C) Ezhil
D) Gowtham

4. Who is an acquaintance of Chandran?

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B) Bharatan
C) Fani
D) Dhinesh

5. How many friends does Ezhil have?

6. How many people are either a friend or a friend-of-a-friend of Ezhil?

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One unit of milk, mango, apple, and banana cost ₹5, ₹3, ₹2, and ₹1 respectively. Each unit of a finished product is sold for a profit equal to two times the number of raw materials used to make that product. For example, apple smoothie is made with two raw materials (apple and milk) and will be sold for a profit of ₹4 per unit. Leftover raw materials are sold during the last business hour of the day for a loss of ₹1 per unit.

The amount, in rupees, received from sales (revenue) for each woman in each of the four business hours of the day is given in Table-2.

Table 2

Business Hour	Ganga	Kaveri	Narmada
Hour 1	23	19	31
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The following additional facts are known.

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- No one had any banana leftover.

1. What BEST can be concluded about the number of units of fruit salad sold in the first hour?

- A) Either 0 or 1 or 2
 B) Exactly 1.
 C) Exactly 2.
 D) Either 1 or 2.

2. Which of the following is NECESSARILY true?

- A) Narmada sold one unit of leftover milk.
 B) Kaveri sold one unit of leftover mangoes.
 C) Ganga did not sell any leftover apples.
 D) Ganga did not sell any leftover mangoes.

3. What BEST can be concluded about the total number of units of milk the three women had in the beginning?

- A) Either 18 or 19 or 20 units.
 B) Either 17 or 18 or 19 units.
 C) Either 19 or 20 units.
 D) Either 18 or 19 units.

4. If it is known that three leftover units of mangoes were sold during the last business hour of the day, how many apple smoothies were sold during the day?

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C) Both the statements D) Only Statement B

4. Which of the following statements is FALSE?

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Answer

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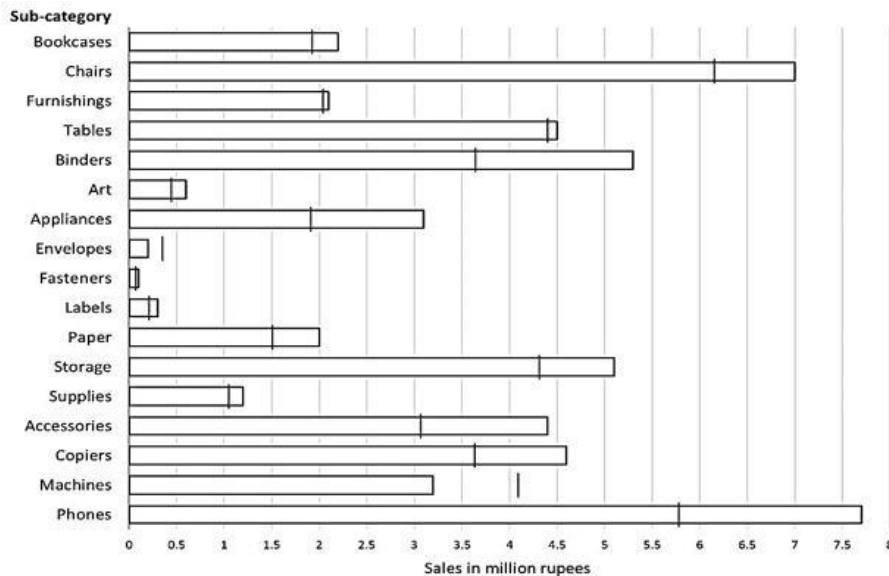
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Correct Answer: **1**

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5. How many friends does Ezhil have?

Correct Answer: 3

6. How many people are either a friend or a friend-of-a-friend of Ezhil?

Correct Answer: 4

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