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A) 5
B) 8
C) 7
D) 6
Each of the 23 boxes in the picture below represents a product manufactured by one of the following three companies: Alfa, Bravo and Charlie. The area of a box is proportional to the revenue from the corresponding product, while its centre represents the Product popularity and Market potential scores of the product (out of 20). The shadings of some of the boxes have got erased.

The companies classified their products into four categories based on a combination of scores (out of 20) on the two parameters - Product popularity and Market potential as given below:

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The following facts are known:
1. Alfa and Bravo had the same number of products in the Blockbuster category.
2. Charlie had more products than Bravo but fewer products than Alfa in the No-hope category.
3. Each company had an equal number of products in the Promising category.
4. Charlie did not have any product in the Doubtful category, while Alfa had one product more than Bravo in this category.
5. Bravo had a higher revenue than Alfa from products in the Doubtful category.
6. Charlie had a higher revenue than Bravo from products in the Blockbuster category.
7. Bravo and Charlie had the same revenue from products in the No-hope category.
8. Alfa and Charlie had the same total revenue considering all products.

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A) No-hope
B) Doubtful
C) Promising
D) Blockbuster

Q2) Which of the following is the correct sequence of numbers of products Bravo had in No-hope, Doubtful, Promising and Blockbuster categories respectively?
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A) 32  
B) 38  
C) 34  
D) 36

Q2) If the number of Old visitors buying Gold tickets was strictly greater than the number of Young visitors buying Gold tickets, then the number Middle-aged visitors buying Gold tickets was [TITA]

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Seven candidates, Akil, Balaram, Chitra, Divya, Erina, Fatima, and Ganeshan, were invited to interview for a position. Candidates were required to reach the venue before 8 am. Immediately upon arrival, they were sent to one of three interview rooms: 101, 102, and 103. The following venue log shows the arrival times for these candidates. Some of the names have not been recorded in the log and have been marked as ‘?’.

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Chitra: I was the last person to enter the room I was allotted to.
Erina: I was the only person in the room I was allotted to.
Fatima: Three people including Akil were already in the room that I was allotted to when I entered it.
Ganeshan: I was one among the two candidates allotted to Room 102.

Q1) What best can be said about the room to which Divya was allotted?
- A) Either Room 101 or Room 102
- B) Definitely Room 103
- C) Definitely Room 101
- D) Definitely Room 102

Q2) Who else was in Room 102 when Ganeshan entered?
- A) No one
- B) Akil
- C) Divya
- D) Chitra

Q3) When did Erina reach the venue?
- A) 7:45 am
- B) 7:10 am
- C) 7:15 am
- D) 7:25 am

Q4) If Ganeshan entered the venue before Divya, when did Balaram enter the venue?
- A) 7:25 am
- B) 7:45 am
- C) 7:10 am
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According to a coding scheme the sentence, Peacock is designated as the national bird of India is coded as 5688999 35 1135556678 56 458 13666689 1334 79 13366. This coding scheme has the following rules:
1. The scheme is case-insensitive (does not distinguish between upper case and lower case letters).
2. Each letter has a unique code which is a single digit from among 1,2,3,.....,9.
3. The digit 9 codes two letters, and every other digit codes three letters.
4. The code for a word is constructed by arranging the digits corresponding to its letters in a non-decreasing sequence.
Answer these questions on the basis of this information.

Q1) What best can be concluded about the code for the letter L?
   A) 6
   B) 8
   C) 1 or 8
   D) 1

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   A) 1 or 3 or 4
   B) 1
   C) 3
   D) 3 or 4

Q3) For how many digits can the complete list of letters associated with that digit be identified?
   A) 2
   B) 1
   C) 0
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Q4) Which set of letters CANNOT be coded with the same digit?
   A) S, U, V
   B) X, Y, Z
   C) S, E, Z
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Set 8: Currency Exchange

The base exchange rate of a currency X with respect to a currency Y is the number of units of currency Y which is equivalent in value to one unit of currency X. Currency exchange outlets buy currency at buying exchange rates that are lower than base exchange rates, and sell currency at selling exchange rates that are higher than base exchange rates.

A currency exchange outlet uses the local currency L to buy and sell three international currencies A, B, and C, but does not exchange one international currency directly with another. The base exchange rates of A, B and C with respect to L are in the ratio 100:120:1. The buying exchange rates of each of A, B, and C with respect to L are 5% below the corresponding base exchange rates, and their selling exchange rates are 10% above their corresponding base exchange rates.

The following facts are known about the outlet on a particular day:
1. The amount of L used by the outlet to buy C equals the amount of L it received by selling C.
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3. The amounts of L the outlet received from the sales of A and B are in the ratio 5:9.
4. The outlet received 88000 units of L by selling A during the day.
5. The outlet started the day with some amount of L, 2500 units of A, 4800 units of B, and 48000 units of C.
6. The outlet ended the day with some amount of L, 3300 units of A, 4800 units of B, and 51000 units of C.

Q1) How many units of currency A did the outlet buy on that day? [TITA]

Q2) How many units of currency C did the outlet sell on that day?

A) 3000  
B) 22000  
C) 6000  
D) 19000

Q3) What was the base exchange rate of currency B with respect to currency L on that day? [TITA]

Q4) What was the buying exchange rate of currency C with respect to currency L on that day?

A) 1.10  
B) 0.95  
C) 2.20  
D) 1.90
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Balaram: I was the third person to enter Room 101.
Chitra: I was the last person to enter the room I was allotted to.
Erina: I was the only person in the room I was allotted to.
Fatima: Three people including Akil were already in the room that I was allotted to when I entered it.
Ganeshan: I was one among the two candidates allotted to Room 102.

Q1) What best can be said about the room to which Divya was allotted?
   A) Either Room 101 or Room 102
   B) Definitely Room 103
   C) Definitely Room 101
   D) Definitely Room 102

Q2) Who else was in Room 102 when Ganeshan entered?
   A) No one
   B) Akil
   C) Divya
   D) Chitra

Q3) When did Erina reach the venue?
   A) 7:45 am
   B) 7:10 am
   C) 7:15 am
   D) 7:25 am

Q4) If Ganeshan entered the venue before Divya, when did Balaram enter the venue?
   A) 7:25 am
   B) 7:45 am
   C) 7:10 am
   D) 7:15 am
According to a coding scheme the sentence, Peacock is designated as the national bird of India is coded as 5688999 35 113556678 56 458 13666689 1334 79 1336
This coding scheme has the following rules:
1. The scheme is case-insensitive (does not distinguish between upper case and lower case letters).
2. Each letter has a unique code which is a single digit from among 1,2,3,......,9.
3. The digit 9 codes two letters, and every other digit codes three letters.
4. The code for a word is constructed by arranging the digits corresponding to its letters in a non-decreasing sequence.
Answer these questions on the basis of this information

Q1) What best can be concluded about the code for the letter L?
   A) 6
   B) 8
   C) 1 or 8
   D) 1

Q2) What best can be concluded about the code for the letter B?
   A) 1 or 3 or 4
   B) 1
   C) 3
   D) 3 or 4

Q3) For how many digits can the complete list of letters associated with that digit be identified?
   A) 2
   B) 1
   C) 0
   D) 3

Q4) Which set of letters CANNOT be coded with the same digit?
   A) S , U , V
   B) X , Y , Z
   C) S , E , Z
   D) I , B , M
The base exchange rate of a currency X with respect to a currency Y is the number of units of currency Y which is equivalent in value to one unit of currency X. Currency exchange outlets buy currency at buying exchange rates that are lower than base exchange rates, and sell currency at selling exchange rates that are higher than base exchange rates.

A currency exchange outlet uses the local currency L to buy and sell three international currencies A, B, and C, but does not exchange one international currency directly with another. The base exchange rates of A, B and C with respect to L are in the ratio 100:120:1. The buying exchange rates of each of A, B, and C with respect to L are 5% below the corresponding base exchange rates, and their selling exchange rates are 10% above their corresponding base exchange rates.

The following facts are known about the outlet on a particular day:
1. The amount of L used by the outlet to buy C equals the amount of L it received by selling C.
2. The amounts of L used by the outlet to buy A and B are in the ratio 5:3.
3. The amounts of L the outlet received from the sales of A and B are in the ratio 5:9.
4. The outlet received 88000 units of L by selling A during the day.
5. The outlet started the day with some amount of L, 2500 units of A, 4800 units of B, and 48000 units of C.
6. The outlet ended the day with some amount of L, 3300 units of A, 4800 units of B, and 51000 units of C.

Q1) How many units of currency A did the outlet buy on that day? [TITA]
Answer: 1200

Q2) How many units of currency C did the outlet sell on that day?

A) 3000
B) 22000
C) 6000
D) 19000

Q3) What was the base exchange rate of currency B with respect to currency L on that day? [TITA]
Answer: 240

Q4) What was the buying exchange rate of currency C with respect to currency L on that day?

A) 1.10
B) 0.95
C) 2.20
D) 1.90
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