EPSO new competition model  
Sample mock-test  
Part 1 – Reasoning skills
The following questions are used for illustration purposes only. They are not meant to train candidates to pass EPSO selection procedures.

This sample mock-test will help potential candidates have a better understanding of the type of questions that may be asked in a test linked to EPSO selection procedures. Some selection procedures may differ.
Why a Reasoning skills tests?

- Because combined verbal + numerical + abstract testing highly predicts performance
- Pass/fail basis
- Ranking only in rare cases
- All competitions
Reasoning skills questions

- 10-20 questions
- Subject Matter Expert (SME): External provider
- Pre-Published Material (PPM): No
Mock-test: 3 items, 1 minute per item, solutions at the end. Ready?

Reasoning

*Verbal, Numerical, Abstract*

(1 question of each)
Moldavia is a region in north-eastern Romania. A former independent state until its union with Wallachia in 1859, Moldavia now forms much of the modern state of Romania. Moldavia has, at various times in its history, included the regions of Bessarabia and Bukovina. The larger part of Bessarabia is today the Republic of Moldova while the rest of it and the northern part of Bukovina are territories of Ukraine.

Which of the following statements is correct?

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B. Moldova was part of Moldavia until 1859
C. Moldavia covers the same area as the independent state of Moldova
D. Bessarabia and Bukovina are now Moldova and Ukraine respectively
In 2000, what was the ratio of GDP in the Netherlands to that in Finland?

A. 1:3  
B. 2:3  
C. 3:2  
D. 3:1  
E. None of the above
From the options available, please choose which diagram would come next in the series.

A  B  C  D  E

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Abstract Reasoning (3) - solution

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