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# EPSO new competition model Sample mock-test

## Part 1 – Reasoning skills

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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?

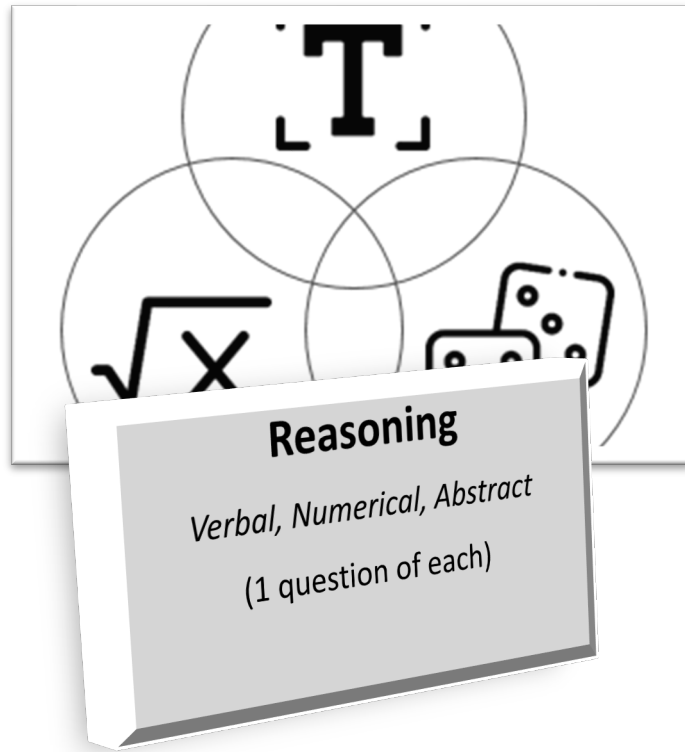
- Because combined verbal + numerical + abstract testing highly predicts performance
- Pass/fail basis
- Ranking only in rare cases
- All competitions

# 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?



# Verbal reasoning (1)

**01:00**

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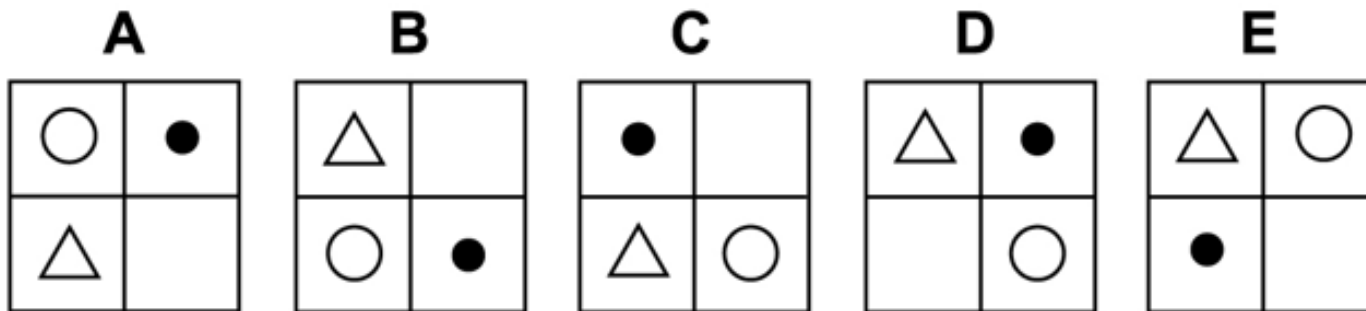
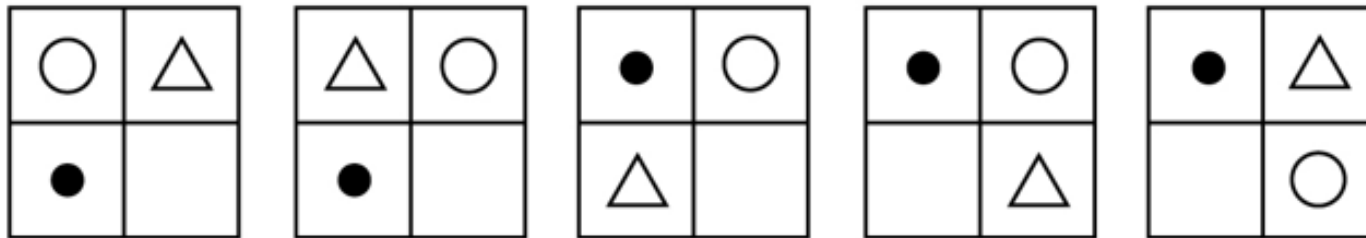
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# Abstract reasoning (3)

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