

# Mathematics in the Modern World

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### WHAT IS MATHEMATICS?

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|   | Mathematics means many things to many people.                                                                                                                              |
| 1 | According to Galileo Galilei, 'The laws of nature are written in the language of mathematics.'                                                                             |
| 2 | Mathematics is unique in that it can be both tangible yet completely abstract (intangible) at the same time.                                                               |
| 3 | One fascinating thing about mathematics is that it is a universal language. Though there are many different tongues on the planet, there's one common form of mathematics. |
| 4 | Mathematics is not the exclusive domain of the human race. It has been shown that some animals, e.g., crows, demonstrate the rudiments of counting.                        |

Media have also played a significant role in popularizing mathematics.

- Oscar-winning film A beautiful Mind
- Dan Brown's Bestseller The Da Vinci Code
- Academy Award-winning film Good Will Hunting
- The Bigbang Theory
- The Man who knew Infinity

→ Note:  $\{ \}$  = the set of / = element of

### LOGIC PATTERNS

Pattern – is an arrangement which helps observers anticipate what they might see or what happens next.

Commonly used patterns today:

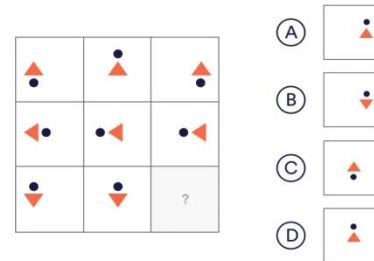
- logic pattern
- number pattern
- nature pattern
- word pattern

### Logic Patterns

- These types of patterns are common in aptitude tests.
- To construct or solve a pattern, find the rule for the pattern, understand the nature of the sequence, analyze the difference between the two successive terms.

Example:

Which of the given shapes would complete the



sequence?

Answer: B

### Number Patterns

→ A **sequence** consists of the elements of a sequence function, listed in order.

→ Finite Sequence Function

Example:  $f(n) = 2n \quad n \in (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$

Corresponding Sequence: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

→ Infinite Sequence Function:

Example:  $g(n) = \frac{1}{n} \quad n \in (1, 2, 3, \dots)$

Corresponding Sequence:  $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots$