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Aptitude Tests



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Introduction

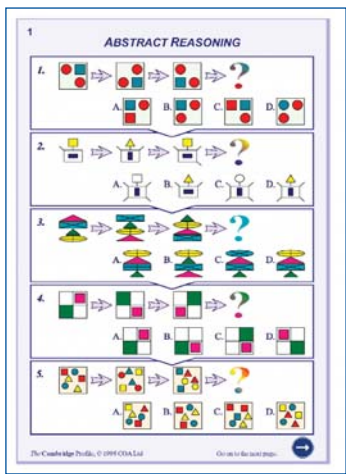
Aptitude tests are increasingly used by both employers and careers advisers. They provide valuable insight into a student's potential and likely performance in a career.

The Cambridge Profile tests comprise:-

- Verbal Reasoning
- Numerical Reasoning
- Abstract Reasoning
- Spatial Reasoning (2D and 3D)
- Arithmetic Calculation
- Spelling
- Working Quickly & Accurately

The tests have been normed using Irish, English and Scottish profiles for ages between 12 and 18 to show how a student compares with others of the same age group.

Important Outcomes

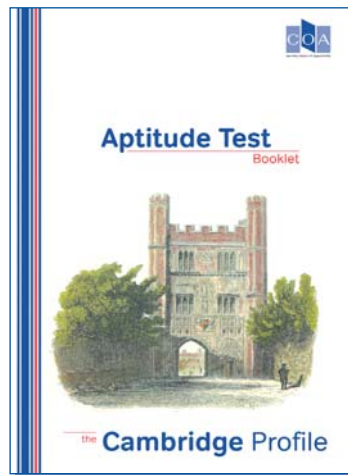


The results are computer scored and included in the careers workbook. They emphasise the meaning and relevance of each aptitude score, and its significance in appropriate careers fields. The result is shown in a triple bar graph format to reveal the aptitude scores as percentiles together with percentage bar graphs showing speed and accuracy in completing each of the tests.

This information is valuable in several ways:

- The tests, particularly those for Verbal, Numerical and Abstract Reasoning, provide an independent assessment of academic potential,

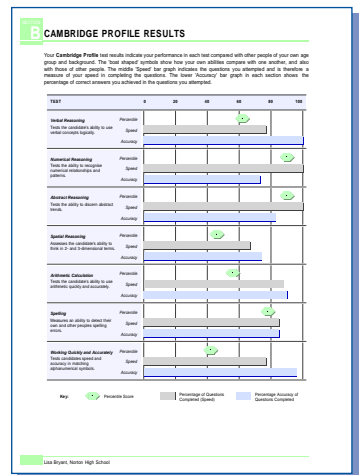
which can supplement the school's estimates of future academic performance.



- Students become aware of their stronger aptitudes and of those occupations where these could prove valuable. They often discover outstanding personal strengths which can give them greater confidence in their academic work and career planning.
- 'Warning notes' can be sounded when important scores are low and where problems may arise in relevant future occupations.

Some Examples

For potential Architects, Civil Engineers or Surveyors for example, Spatial Reasoning results should be taken into account. (These measure performance in 2D and 3D thinking, and also the ability to envisage geometrical shapes and layouts.) A high Spatial score would provide strong support, provided other abilities are adequate, for such careers. Often a student may be unaware that he or she has a strong aptitude of this sort and could be greatly encouraged by the result. In contrast, low scores could sound 'warning notes' for those contemplating such spatially dependant careers.



In almost every careers field, one or more aptitude scores may throw light on a student's suitability. This can bring a greater sense of objectivity and reality during and after their interviews, and help to avoid superficial self-assessment.

Other Languages

The Verbal Reasoning tests are available not only in English but in most other major world languages. Each can be taken in addition to the English test. This allows students to reveal their true academic potential in their own mother tongue and shows how their results compare with their results in the English Language Verbal Reasoning test.

