

How's My Common Sense?

(I want to acknowledge the creator of this assessment.
If I knew your name, it would appear right here!)

Take this test to learn how much "common sense" you have. Using only the information in the question, select one of the two choices given. Yes, it is a mind twister and unlike the other 51 assessments, this one has a right answer. Think it through – consider only the information that is provided.

1. You are about to cross a busy intersection as you walk home, but the walk light is out of order. What should you do?
 - A. Cross with caution
 - B. Don't cross
2. Tuna is your favorite food, and you love all varieties equally. Today, you find the fancy grade on sale at half-price. Now it costs only twice as much as the less fancy grade. You are always short of cash. What should you do?
 - A. Buy the fancy kind
 - B. Buy the less fancy kind
3. You need a warm winter coat, and you have found two on sale. One is twice as warm as the other, but the other one looks much better. Which should you buy?
 - A. The warmer one
 - B. The one that looks better
4. You should get a haircut before you go on a job interview tomorrow, but you don't have enough money. What should you do?
 - A. Go to the interview
 - B. Cancel the interview
5. Your favorite shoes are wearing out. They can be repaired as good as new for \$50. A new pair costs \$100. What should you do?
 - A. Repair the shoes
 - B. Buy a new pair

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6. You are starting to take a test. One of the directions notes that there is a penalty for guessing. What should you do?
 - A. Guess
 - B. Don't guess

7. You are looking for an apartment and find two that you can afford. One has a view of the park. The other has a view of a flashing neon sign. You love flashing neon signs. Which apartment should you rent?
 - A. The one with the park view
 - B. The one with the view of the flashing neon sign

Answers:

1. Cross the street with caution. This is what you do routinely at intersections that don't have walk lights (and never had walk lights). The present intersection is now one of them.
2. Buy the less fancy kind. You are short of cash, and you love all varieties equally, so you shouldn't spend more for any one of them.
3. The warmer one. If you buy the one that looks much better, you will still need a warm winter coat.
4. Go to the job interview. You need a job, and canceling will not help you get one: your hair will only grow longer.
5. Repair the shoes. They will be just as good as new shoes for only half of what it would cost to buy another pair. Your financial circumstances are not significant.
6. Do not guess. You have two choices for action. One carries a penalty, and one does not. If you choose the action with a penalty, your score will likely suffer. That is why you were warned.
7. The one with the view of the flashing neon sign. If the question had noted that you love parks, you would have chosen the apartment with the park view.

What did this assessment reveal to you?

What action can you take with this new knowledge?

How will you benefit from knowing this about yourself?



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