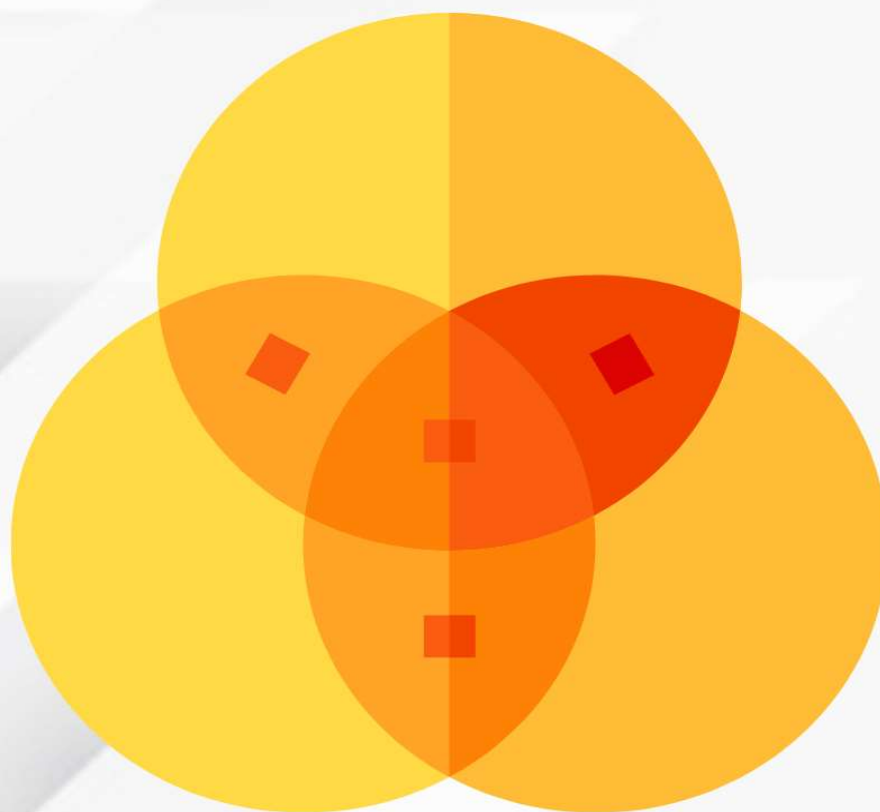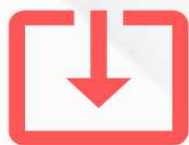PRACTICE MOCK

Syllogism

Only & Few
Concepts & Questions

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Syllogism is generally considered a difficult topic by banking aspirants. From the past banking exams, it's been observed that syllogism questions based on 'Only & Few" are repetitively asked. Some aspirants tend to ignore this topic and lose precious marks. But it should be remembered that even a single mark is very important in banking exams. Therefore to help you with the 'only & few' cases of this topic we have come up with a comprehensive article which will clear all your doubts. We have explained different scenarios of 'only & few' cases of syllogism along with examples. Not only this, but we have also provided you questions (with explanation) for practice.

Let's get started with the different scenarios of only & few cases of syllogism

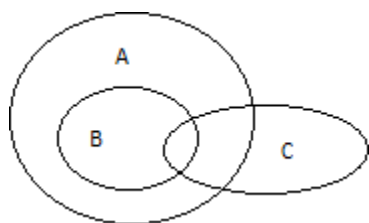## Syllogism- Only & Few- Statements & Valid Conclusions
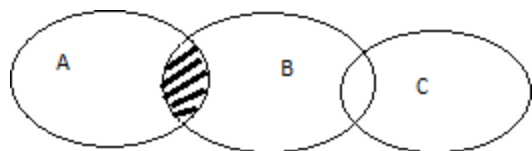
A. Statements:

Only few A are B

Some B are C

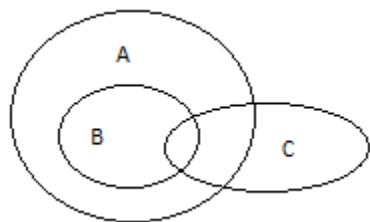**Conclusions:**

I. All A being B is a possibility: Doesn't Follow
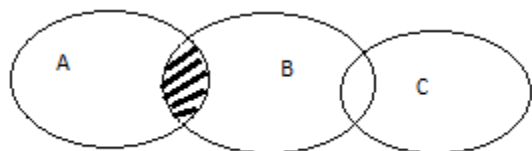

Or

As only few A are B, all A cannot be B.

II. No A being B is a possibility: Doesn't Follow
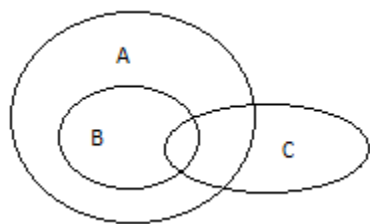

Or

Some A has to be B.

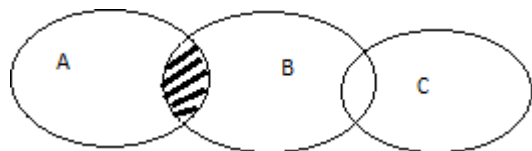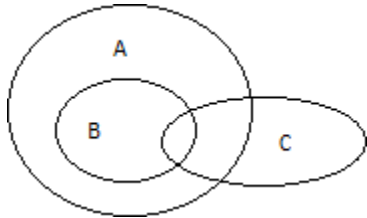III. All B being A is a possibility: Follows

Or

As there are two possibilities, all B may be A.

IV. Some A are not B: Follows

Or
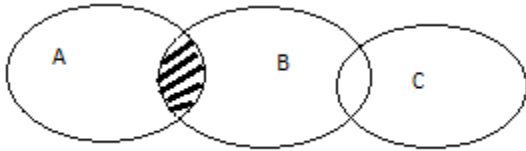
As only few A are B, so some A are definitely not B.

V. Some A not being B is a possibility: Doesn't Follow
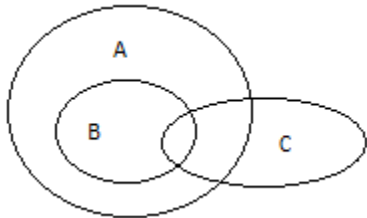
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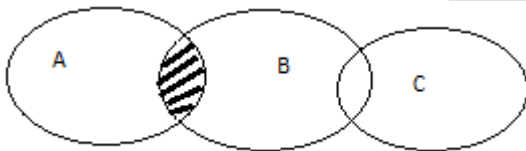
Only few A are B, it means that some A are definitely not B and it is not a possibility, it is definitely true.

VI. Some B are not A: Doesn't Follow

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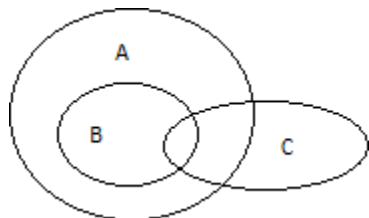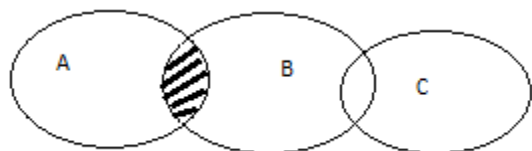
In 1st possibility, all B are A while in 2nd possibility, some B are not A.

VII. Some B not being A is a possibility: Follows

Or
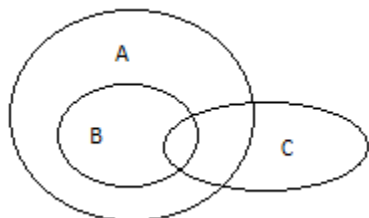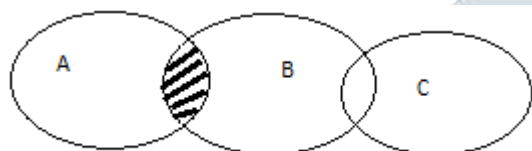
In 1st possibility, all B are A while in 2nd possibility, some B are not A.

VIII. Some A are not C: Doesn't Follow
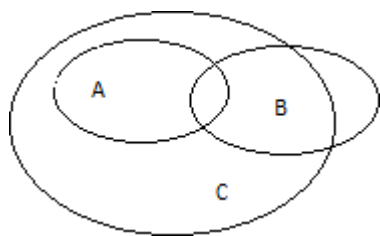
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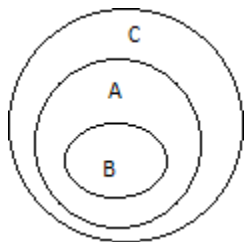
All A are C is 1st possibility. So, it doesn't follow.

B. Statements:

Only C are T (It means that all T are C and no other element is T, and there will be no intersection)

Some C are B

Conclusions:

I. Some B can be T: Doesn't Follow
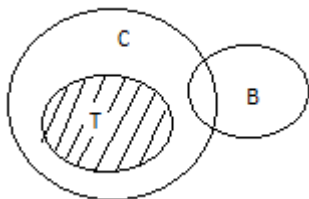
No B is T.

II. All B can be C: Follows
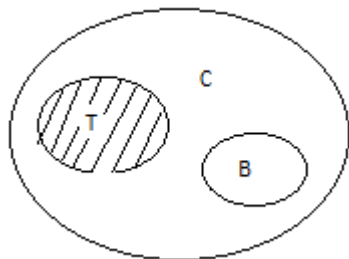
As some C are B, all B can be C.

III. All C can be B: Doesn't Follow
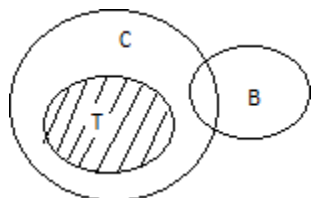
As T cannot be B, so all C cannot be B

IV. Some T not being C is a possibility: Doesn't Follow and is false
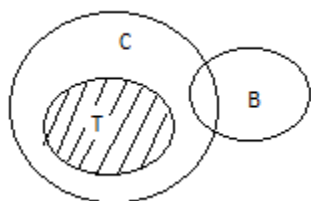
All T are C, so some T not being C is not at all possible.

V. No T is B: Follows
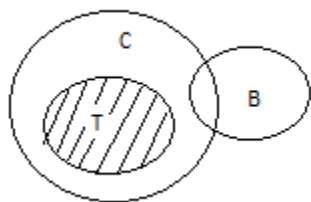
Only C are T, so T is not B.

Syllogism- Only & Few- Questions for Practice (with Explanatory Answers)

Question 1: In the question below there are three statements followed by two conclusions I and II. You have to take the three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which

of the given conclusions logically follows from the four statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Statements:

No fingers are legs

Mostly legs are hands

Only a few hands are hairs

Conclusions:

I. Some legs are not hairs

II. All hands being fingers is a possibility.

a. Only conclusion II follows

b. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

c. Only conclusion I follows

d. Both conclusion I and conclusion II follow.

e. None of the above

Answer: b

Solution:

Following figure can be formed:
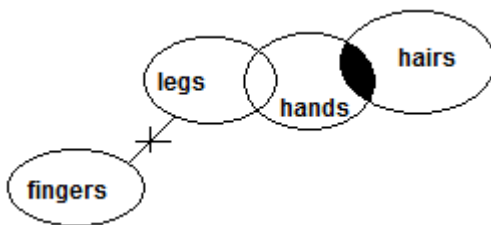
From the figure, neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

Hence, option b.

Question 2: In the question below there are three statements followed by two conclusions I and II. You have to take the three given statements to be true even

if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the four statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Statements:

Few bottles are mugs.

All mugs are jugs.

Mostly jugs are buckets

Conclusions:

I. Only mugs are buckets

II. Few bottles are jugs

a. Both conclusion I and conclusion II follow.

b. Only conclusion II follows

c. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

d. Only conclusion I follows

e. None of the above

Answer: b

Solution:

Following figure can be formed:

From the figure, only conclusion II follows

Hence, option b.

Question 3: In the question below there are three statements followed by two conclusions I and II. You have to take the three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the four statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Statements:

Only rivers are seas

Few lakes are rivers

Few oceans are lakes

Conclusions:

I. Some seas being lakes is a possibility

II. Some rivers being oceans is a possibility

a. Only conclusion II follows

b. None of the above

c. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

d. Both conclusion I and conclusion II follow.

e. Only conclusion I follows

Answer: a

Solution:

Following figure can be formed:

From the figure, only conclusion II follows

Hence, option a.

Question 4: In the question below are given three statements followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Statements:

Only a few rides are trips.

No trip is mountain.

All mountains are trees.

Conclusions:

I: Some trees are not trips.

II: All rides being trips is not a possibility.

a. Only conclusion I follows

b. Only conclusion II follows

c. Either conclusion I or II follows

d. Both conclusions I and II follow

e. Neither conclusion I nor II follows

Answer: d

Solution:

The figure deduced from the statements,
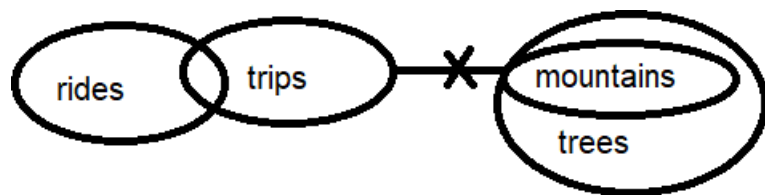
Therefore, both conclusions I and II follow.

Hence, option d.

Question 5: In the question below there are three statements followed by two conclusions I and II. You have to take the three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the four statements disregarding commonly known facts.
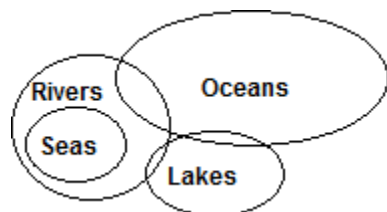
Statements:

Mostly pets are cats

Only cats are dogs

No cats are rabbits

Conclusions:

I. Some pets are rabbits.

II. All pets being rabbits is not a possibility.

a. Both conclusion I and conclusion II follow.

b. Only conclusion I follows

c. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

d. Only conclusion II follows

e. None of the above

Answer: d

Solution:

Following figure can be formed:

From the figure, only conclusion II follows.

Hence, option d.

Question 6: In the question below there are three statements followed by two conclusions I and II. You have to take the three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the four statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Statements:

Few bulbs are tubelights

No tubelights are fans

Few fans are lights.

Conclusions:

I. Few lights are tubelights

II. All bulbs may be fans.

a. Only conclusion II follows

b. Both conclusion I and conclusion II follow.

c. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

d. Only conclusion I follows

e. None of the above

Answer: c

Solution:

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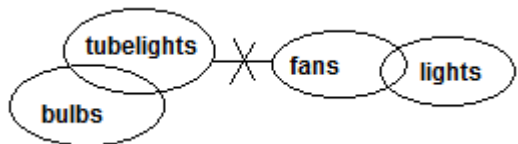
From the figure, none of the conclusions follow.

Hence, option c.

Question 7: In the question below there are three statements followed by two conclusions I and II. You have to take the three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the four statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Statements:

Only a few Sundays are Mondays.

Some Mondays are Tuesdays

No Tuesdays are Fridays

Conclusions:

I. Some Sundays are not Mondays

II. Some Sundays are not Fridays.
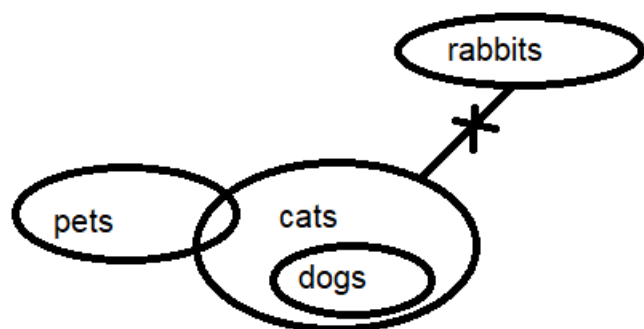
a. Both conclusion I and conclusion II follow.

b. Only conclusion I follows

c. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

d. Only conclusion II follows

e. None of the above

Answer: b

Solution:

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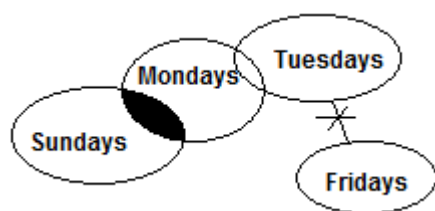
From the figure, only conclusion I follows

Hence, option b.

Question 8: In the question below there are three statements followed by two conclusions I and II. You have to take the three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the four statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Statements:

Some pencils are pens

Only pens are colours

Few pencils are erasers

Conclusions:

I. Few colours may be pencils

II. Few erasers are pens

a. Only conclusion II follows

b. None of the above

c. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

d. Both conclusion I and conclusion II follow.

e. Only conclusion I follows

Answer: c

Solution:

Following figure can be formed:

From the figure, neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

Hence, option c.

Question 9: In the question below there are three statements followed by two conclusions I and II. You have to take the three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which

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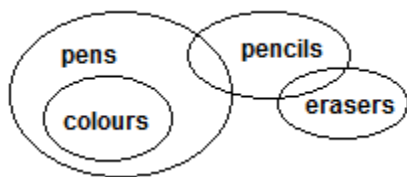
Statements:

Only few laptops are computers

No computers are keys

Few keys are mobiles

Conclusions:
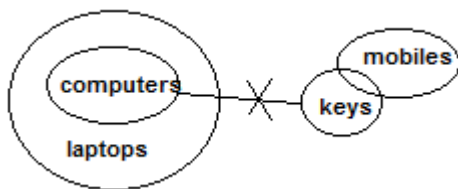
I. Some mobiles are computers

II. All computers being laptops is a possibility

a. Only conclusion II follows

b. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

c. Only conclusion I follows

d. Both conclusion I and conclusion II follow

e. None of the above

Answer: a

Solution:

Following figure can be formed:

From the figure, only conclusion II follows.

Hence, option a.

Question 10: In the question below there are three statements followed by two conclusions I and II. You have to take the three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the four statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Statements:

Few rivers are ponds.

All ponds are oceans

No oceans are seas

Conclusions:

I. Few ponds can be seas

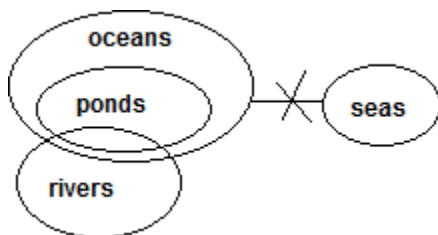II. All rivers are oceans

a. Only conclusion II follows

b. None of the above

c. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

d. Both conclusion I and conclusion II follow.

e. Only conclusion I follows

Answer: c

Solution:

Following figure can be formed:

From the figure, neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

Hence, option c.

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