LATERAL THINKING & RIDDLES

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8 Classic Paradoxical Brain Teasers * Divergent Reasoning & Deductive Write-In

SOLVER TIME & SCORE
Start: ___:___ Stop: ___:___
Difficulty: [ ] Easy [ ] Med [ ] Hard

1. THE UNLIT ROOM

A man pushes his car to a hotel and tells the owner he is bankrupt. Why? (Think outside conventional driving scenarios).

YOUR LATERAL HYPOTHESIS & SOLUTION:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Clue

2. THE DIVERGENT SURGEON

A father and son are in a car crash. At the ER, the surgeon looks at the boy and gasps: 'I can't operate, he is my son!' How is this possible?

YOUR LATERAL HYPOTHESIS & SOLUTION:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Clue

3. THE RAINY NIGHT WALKER

A man walks outside in a heavy downpour without an umbrella, hat, or coat. Not a single hair on his head gets wet. How?

YOUR LATERAL HYPOTHESIS & SOLUTION:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Clue

4. THE SILENT ELEVATOR

A man lives on the 30th floor. On sunny days he rides the elevator to floor 20 and walks the rest. On rainy days he rides all the way to 30. Why?

YOUR LATERAL HYPOTHESIS & SOLUTION:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Clue

5. THE MIDNIGHT BROADCAST

A man turns off the lamp, goes to bed, and falls asleep. Next morning he reads the newspaper and is horrified to learn he caused a shipwreck. Why?

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Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Clue

6. THE DESERT MATCHSTICK

A man is found dead in the desert holding half a burnt matchstick, surrounded by luggage. What tragic decision occurred?

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Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Clue

7. THE TWO COINS PARADOX

Two coins total 30 cents, and one of them is not a nickel. What are the two exact coins? (Carefully parse the statement).

YOUR LATERAL HYPOTHESIS & SOLUTION:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Clue

8. THE FROZEN LAKE CABIN

A cabin on top of a mountain is found locked from the inside with 10 dead people and no signs of violence. What is the cabin?

YOUR LATERAL HYPOTHESIS & SOLUTION:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Clue