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Q Which is the 'odd man out' of the following words?

courage leave measles steamer

A Only *courage* has four vowels. Only *leave* has one syllable. Only *measles* is plural. But the correct answer is *steamer* . . . and you'll never guess why.

In this introductory study of intelligence and personality tests, Alice Heim, of the Cambridge Psychological Laboratory, frequently champions the frustrated 'Subjects' of capricious test answers.

Two main themes run through her critical description of intelligence, creativity, and personality tests of various kinds (from the Eysenck Personality Inventory to the Brook Reaction Test): first, that psychological phenomena (including dreams, introspection and feelings) do exist and are worth studying, and secondly, that in the 'oneness' of human nature intelligence and personality are inseparable and cannot truly be assessed in compartments. Much of the blame for present dichotomies in psychology she attaches to the cold and sometimes sadistic behaviour of behaviourists, with their revolting experiments on rats, cats, and monkeys.

This is in places an angry book. But, with its lively comments on the role of heredity or the mediocrity of women, it entertainingly and clearly outlines the specialized field of testing in all its aspects.

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