

AIMS Test for Management Admissions

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A Credible, Comprehensive and Single-window test for admissions to different postgraduate management programme, including **functional, sectorial and computer management** offered by **212** different institutes and universities, known as '**AIMS Test for Management education' (ATMA)**, held at **30** centres all over India on **February 08, 2009 (Sunday)**. This was the 10th ATMA, the first ATMA was conducted on 20th February, 2000.

The pattern of the test was same as already declared in the ATMA brochure itself.

The test had total 170 questions divided in six sections viz. **Quantitative Skills, Analytical Reasoning Skills, Verbal Skills, Analytical Reasoning Skills, Verbal Skills and Quantitative Skills**. The test had sectional time limits of 30 minutes for each section. The overall break up of the test is shown in the adjacent table.

The test was a mix of tough, moderate and easy questions. Most of the questions in Analytical Reasoning (AR) sections were on inferences, strong and weak arguments, statement-assumption etc. and in the Verbal Skills section most of the questions were on RC, which put the paper on a slightly tougher side. Some of the questions in the AR section were directly from the PT material.

Some important points that should have been kept in mind while attempting the test were:

1. the paper had sectional time limit of 30 minutes for each section.
2. A careful selection of which questions to solve and more importantly, how many questions were needed to be solved from each section.

The sectionwise analysis and strategy is as follows –

Section I - Quantitative Skills - There were total 30 questions in this section to be solved in a time span of 30 minutes. The questions were on topics like – **Numbers (7), Percentages (3), Quadratic Equation (3), Time Speed and Distance (1), Averages (1), Inequalities (1), Mensuration (5), Races (1), Probability (2), Co-ordinate Geometry (1) and Data Sufficiency (5)**.

The best strategy to solve this section would be to start solving questions from the start of the paper. Attempt only those questions, you are sure you will get an answer. Attempt all the five DS questions, they were easy. **An attempt of 18+ questions with 90% accuracy will be sufficient for this section.**

Bird's Eye View

Total Number of Questions – 170

Total Time – 180 minutes

The Marking Scheme – One mark for each correct answer. – 0.33 marks for each incorrect answer.

Total Marks – 170

Number of Options – 4

Number of sets Available – 4

Sections/Sectional Time Limit – six. Sectional time limit of 30 minutes for each section.

Medium of marking – Pencil

Break-up–

| Section | Topic | Number of Questions | Allotted Time (Minutes) |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| I | Quantitative Skills | 30 | 30 |
| II | Analytical Reasoning Skills | 30 | 30 |
| III | Verbal Skills | 25 | 30 |
| IV | Analytical Reasoning Skills | 30 | 30 |
| V | Verbal Skills | 25 | 30 |
| VI | Quantitative Skills | 30 | 30 |
| Total | | 170 | 180 |

Expected Cut-Offs – An score of 85+ (out of 170) should be good to getting top B- Schools.

Section II – Analytical Reasoning – There were total 30 questions in this section to be solved in a time span of 30 minutes. The questions were on topics like – **Sets (5), Syllogism (5), Data Arrangement (7), Strong and Weak Arguments, Assumptions, inference based etc. (10)** and **Misc.(3)**.

The best strategy to solve this section would be start solving **Syllogism question (5)**, after that attempt questions from **Sets (5), Data Arrangement (7)** and then if time remains solve the inference based questions. **An attempt of 20+ questions with 90% accuracy will be sufficient for this section.**

Section III - Verbal Skills – There were total 25 questions in this section to be solved in a time span of 30 minutes. Total 19 questions were based on five RC passages and the remaining six questions were on **Best way of writing (3)** and **Usage of the words given (3)**. The best strategy would have been to first attempt the questions from **Best way of writing (3)** and **Usage of the words given (3)** and after that, attempt the **RC passage containing seven** questions. **An attempt of 10 to 12 questions with 90% accuracy will be decent for this section.**

Section IV - Analytical Reasoning - There were a total of 30 questions in this section to be solved in a time span of 30 minutes. The questions were on topics like – **Syllogism (4), Data Arrangement (7), Critical Reasoning (8)** and **Strong and Weak Arguments, Assumptions, inference based etc. (11)**. The best strategy to solve this section would be start solving **Syllogism and Data Arrangement question (4 + 7)**, and then go for the inference based questions. **An attempt of 10+ questions with 90% accuracy will be sufficient for this section.**

Section V – Verbal Skills – There were total 25 questions in this section to be solved in a time span of 30 minutes. Total 11 questions were on two RC passages and remaining six questions were on **Best way of writing (5), Para Jumble (4), Fill in the Blanks (3)** and **Analogy (2)**. The best strategy would be first attempt the questions from **Para Jumble (3), Fill in the Blanks (3), Analogy (2)** and **Best way of writing (5)**, thereafter if you have time attempt any one of the RC passage. **An attempt of 12 to 17 questions with 90% accuracy will be decent for this section.**

Section VI – Quantitative Skills – There were total 30 questions in this section to solved in a time span of 30 minutes. The questions were on topics like – **Numbers, Percentages, Ratio and Proportion, Probability, Functions, Geometry** and **Permutation and Combination etc.**

The best strategy to solve this section would be start solving questions from the start of the paper. Attempt only those questions, you are sure you will get an answer. **An attempt of 15+ questions with 90% accuracy will be sufficient for this section.**

Overall a score of 85+ should be enough for getting a call from IBA Bangalore, GSBA Noida, IILM Gurgaon, IMS Ghaziabad, Asia Pacific Delhi, JIMS Delhi, Suryadatta Inst. of Mgmt. and Mass Comm., Pune among some of the top ATMA allied B- Schools.

Best wishes, for CET Maharashtra on next Sunday!