

Faculty of Management Science, Entrance Test January 10, 2010

One of the management education pioneers in India - **FMS, Delhi**, conducted its entrance test on **10th, January 2010**.

Apart from its unique curriculum and high standards of education, FMS is famous for the maximum return on investment with total fees at the time of admission to be paid is **Rs. 10,000 approx.** only compared to the average placement of Average Domestic Salary of **Rs. 12.04** for MBA and **Rs. 10.55** for MBA (MS) programmes. (Source: FMS website)

The FMS, Delhi is perceived as a low profile, quiet, solid institute. This is reflected in the entrance test paper also. At the same time when the CAT and XAT papers are primarily designed to check the decision making capabilities of the management career aspirants under pressure, the FMS paper was designed to test the actual knowledge of the students across various Management Skills like Mathematics, English Language, Data Interpretation and Logical and Analytical Reasoning.

The predeclared number of questions(which was 200) reduced the margine of surprise that the paper could have offered.

By comparing on the basis of difficulty level of the questions asked the FMS entrance test paper 2010 could be termed as Moderate on account of its having questions from Basic Mathematics,coupled with some Long Passages in RC section, and moderate vocabulary.

Bird's Eye View

Total Number of Questions – 200

Total Time – 120 minutes

The Marking Scheme – Four marks for each correct answer with negative marking of one mark for each incorrect answer.

Total Marks – 800

Number of Options – 4

Number of sets Available – 4 (11, 13, 16, 20)

Sections/Sectional Time Limit – There were four sections and there was no sectional time constraint.

Medium of marking – Pencil

Sectional Break-up–

Section	Topics	Number of Questions	Difficulty Level
1	Quantitative Aptitude	50	Easy to Moderate
2	Logical and Analytical Reasoning	50	Easy to Moderate
3	Reading Comprehension	50	Moderate
4	English Usage	50	Moderate
Total		200	

Remarks – In FMS brochure it is clearly mentions that a student must get more than 50 percentile scores in each of the four sections to qualify the test and call letters to the students will be issued on the basis of overall percentile score.

Expected Cut-Offs – MBA - 285 +, MBA (MS) - 280+.

Detailed Analysis

Section	Topic	Areas Tested	No. of Ques.	No. of Marks	Difficulty Level	Ideal Attempts	Time suggested	Ideal Marks
I	Quantitative Aptitude	Arithmetic, Algebra, Coordinate Geometry, Higher Maths etc.	50	200	Easy to Moderate	22+	35 min.	80+
II	Analytical and Logical Reasoning	Data Arrangement, Puzzles, Argumentative Reasoning etc.	50	200	Easy to Moderate	25+	35 min.	88+
III	Reading Comprehension	Reading and Comprehensive skills	50	200	Moderate	15+	30 min.	48+
IV	English Usage	Verbal Ability, Vocabulary, Grammar	50	200	Moderate	20+	20 min	60 +
Total			200	800		80+	120 min.	285+

Mathematical Aptitude **Total number of questions : 50**

This section can be rated as somewhere between Easy to Moderate. There were some very easy questions from the areas of arithmetic, algebra and co-ordinate geometry. This year also saw questions from logarithms being asked which were intended to check nothing more than basics of the candidate. Some of the quant questions should have been solved using the options. Conventionally this section was Mathematical Aptitude and Data Interpretation but this year the Data Interpretation part was absent from this section. The detailed section-wise analysis of this section is

	Topic	No. of questions	Difficulty Level
1	Numbers	1	Easy
2	Arithmetic	16	Easy-Moderate
3	Algebra+ Graphs/ Logs+ equations	22	Easy-Moderate
4	Geometry	3	Easy-Moderate
5	Co-ordinate Geometry + Higher Maths + miscellaneous	8	Easy-Moderate
Total		50	

An attempt of 22+ questions in a time span of 35 min. with 90% accuracy will be equivalent to best performance.

Analytical and Logical Reasoning and Data Interpretation

Total number of questions : 50

This section of the paper can again be rated as Easy to Moderate. The questions were on **Data Arrangement, Puzzles, Mathematical Reasoning**, and **finding the true statement**. The Data Interpretation was also included into this section this year. The detailed analysis of the section is :

	Topic	No. of questions	Difficulty Level
1	Blood-Relations	7	Easy-Moderate
2	AR	21	Moderate
3	Coding - Decoding, Arrangement of Alphabets	13	Easy-Moderate
4	Data Interpretation (Tables)	6	Moderate- Difficult
5	Directions	1	Easy
6	Jumbled words	2	Difficult
	Total	50	

An attempt of 25+ questions in a time span of 35 min. with 90% accuracy will be equivalent to best performance.

Reading Comprehension

Total number of questions : 50

The RC section of FMS 2010 will be remembered for its yet characteristic long RC passages. There were **four** passages with one being more than **four** pages long. One of the RC, though with easy language, contained **24** question and those who have attempted it needed not to attempt any other RC further. All other RC passages also were not very difficult to comprehend and the questions were also more or less direct with moderate level of difficulty. Basically the RC section was designed to check the reading speed of the candidate. The themes and the difficulty level of the passages are as follows –

	Topic	Area	No. of questions	Difficulty Level
1	Business Strategy	Management	24	Easy-Moderate
2	Discourse on Philosophy	Philosophy	6	Moderate-Difficult
3	FDI	Economics	7	Easy-Moderate
4	Change	Management	13	Moderate
	Total		50	

An attempt of 15 + questions in a time span of 30 minutes would have been sufficient in this section.

English Usage
Total number of questions : 50

The EU section was of Easy to Moderate difficulty level. This year too FMS emphasised on vocabulary though this time the level of vocabulary asked was not as difficult as the one in year 2009. The overall break-up of section is as follows :

S No.	Topic	No. of questions	Difficulty level
1	Analogies	4	Moderate-difficult
2	Synonyms	10	Moderate-difficult
3	Antonyms	10	Easy-Moderate
4	Origin of words	2	Difficult
5	Classification of words	2	Moderate-Difficult
6	Sentence correction	10	Moderate-difficult
7	Sentence Completion	2	Difficult
8	miscellaneous	10	Moderate
	Total	50	

An attempt of 20+ questions in a time span of 20 min. with 90% accuracy will be equivalent to best performance.

**Expected Cut-Offs
(In marks)**

285+ (MBA), 280+ MBA (MS)

Best Wishes!