

ICFAI Business School Admission Test December 27, 2009

For admissions into the MBA programme of ICFAI group of colleges the **IBSAT** was conducted in the morning of December 27, 2009 at various test centers across India.

The **MAJOR NEW FEATURES** that were introduced this year (as far as written test is concerned) was –

1. **Elimination of writing of ESSAY in English**, which was introduced last year itself.
2. The rest of the features like the total no. of questions, total time etc. were the same as last year.
3. Like last year, this year also there was no sectional time limit.

Bird's Eye View

Total Number of Questions – 125

Total Time – 120 minutes

The Marking Scheme – Marks per questions were not declared. There was no negative marking.

Total Marks – Not specified

Number of Options – 5

Number of sets Available – 4

Sections/Sectional Time Limit – Four sections without any sectional time limit.

Sectional Cut-Offs – Yes (It was clearly written in the instructions that there will be sectional cut-offs in the paper)

Medium of marking – Pencil

Sectional Break-up–

Section	Topic	Number of Questions	Difficulty Level
I	Verbal Ability	50	Moderate
II	Reading Comprehension	25	Moderate
III	Quantitative Aptitude	25	Moderate
IV	Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency	25	Easy to Moderate
		125	

Expected Cut-Offs – A score of 70 + for good campuses (Assuming one mark for each question)

Please refer to the pages ahead for the detailed analysis of the test.

Detailed Analysis

Section	Topic	No. of Ques.	No. of Marks	Difficulty Level	Ideal Genuine Attempts	Time suggested	Ideal Marks (Assuming one mark for each question and 90% accuracy)
I	Verbal Ability	50	ND	Moderate	28+	25 min.	25+
II	Reading Comprehension	25	ND	Moderate	16+	30 min.	13+
III	Quantitative Aptitude	25	ND	Moderate	17+	35 min.	15+
IV	Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency	25	ND	Easy to Moderate	20+	30 min	18+
	Total	125	ND		81+	120 min.	(71+) + 10 = 81 + marks

1. Since there was no negative marking the ideal attempt should have been ALL 125.

2. + 10 marks average correct marks for accurate / lucky GUESSWORK

Verbal Ability

Total number of questions : 50

Topic	Questions	Difficulty level
Synonyms	5	Tough
Antonyms	5	Tough
Analogies	5	Moderate
Sentence Correction	5	Mix of Easy and Moderate
Replace the underline part	5	Moderate
Para Jumbles	5	Easy
One Word Substitutions	5	Mix of Easy and Moderate
Idiom/Phrases	5	Moderate
Cloze Test	5	Easy
Fill in the blanks (two blanks)	5	Easy

The **Verbal Ability** section had the highest no. of questions. There were questions on **Synonyms, Antonyms, Analogies, Para. Formation, Sentence Correction, Replace the underline part, Correct Meaning of Phrase, Cloze Test, One word substitution** and **Fill in the Blanks**. The words on which the **Synonyms** and **Antonyms** were asked were tough. The questions on **Analogies, Idioms and Phrases, Cloze test** were moderate. The detail breakup of the test is as follows.

Reading Comprehension
Total number of questions : 25

In this section there were three RC passages of medium length. The questions asked on passages were easy/moderate and direct. Detailed breakup of the section is as follows.

Passage	Theme	Length (approx.)	Questions	Question type	Difficulty level
I	Children upliftment laws	700 words	8	Direct	Moderate
II	Architecture of Kapurthala	700 words	8	Direct	Easy
III	Amartya Sen	700 words	9	Direct	Easy

Quantitative Aptitude
Total number of questions : 25

In QA section there were questions on **Numbers, Work and Time, Pipes and Cisterns, Ratio and Proportion, Partnerships, Time, Speed and Distance, Mixtures, Percentages, Probability, Profit and Loss, Mensuration, Plane Geometry and Trigonometry**. Overall the section was moderate level of difficulty. Detail break up of the section is provided in the adjacent table.

Topic	No of Questions	Difficulty level
Pipes and Cisterns	1	Easy to Moderate
Numbers	6	
Calendar	1	
Ratio and Proportion, Partnership	3	
Time, Speed and Distance	1	
Permutation and Combination	1	
Plane Geometry	1	
Mixtures	1	
Probability	2	
Profit and Loss	1	
Mensuration	3	
Trigonometry	1	
Logic Based	3	

Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency
Total number of questions : 25

There were 15 questions DS, five questions each on Pie Chart and Venn diagram in this section. DS questions were based on **Numbers, Plane Geometry, Logarithm, Logical Reasoning, Probability and Co-ordinate Geometry**. The DI sets were easy while the questions from DS were mix of easy and moderate questions. Overall the section can be rated as easy to moderate.

Expected Cut-Offs

70+ for call from the Top ICFAI campuses
(Assuming one mark for each question)

Best Wishes! for XAT next week!!