

IIFT Entrance Test November 22, 2009

The second test of MBA entrance test season have been conducted all over India. This year the IIFT entrance test has been conducted before CAT. It was an extra warm up exercise as well for CAT aspirants. The main points of this year's tests are as follows:

1. From last three years it is changing pattern. This year also changes were there.
2. First of all the total number of questions were reduced to 122 compared to 150 last year.
3. The Reading Comprehension (RC) and English Usage (EU) sections were merged. Although there were divided by sub-sections.
4. Similarly the Logical Reasoning (LR) and Data Interpretation (DI) section was merged. And so the total number of sections reduced to 4 compared to 6 last year.
5. The marking scheme has changed this year also.
6. It was clearly given on cover page that there will be sectional cut-off.
7. The difficulty level of DI and LR section was far more easier than last year. Rest of the sections were of same difficulty level as last year.

Bird's Eye View

Total Number of Questions – 122

Total Time – 120 minutes

The Marking Scheme –

| Sections | No. of Questions | Marks per question | Total Marks |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| I | 34 | 1 | 34 |
| II | 20 | 0.4 | 8 |
| III | 28 | 1 | 28 |
| IV - Part I | 15 | 1 | 15 |
| IV - Part II | 25 | 0.6 | 15 |
| | 122 | | 100 |

Negative Marking - 33%

Total Marks – 100

Number of Options – 4

Number of sets Available – 4

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

Medium of marking – Pencil

Sectional Break-up–

| Section | Topic | No. of Ques. | Marks per question | No. of Marks |
|---------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| I | Mathematical Aptitude | 28 | 1 | 28 |
| II | Di + LR | 34 | 1 | 34 |
| III | General Knowledge | 20 | 0.4 | 8 |
| IV | Reading Comprehension | 15 | 1 | 15 |
| | English Usage | 25 | 0.6 | 15 |

Expected Cut-Offs – IIFT, Delhi – 28 + marks. IIFT, Kolkata – 22 + marks

Detailed Analysis

| Section | Topic | No. of Ques. | No. of Marks | Difficulty Level | Ideal Attempts | Time suggested | Ideal Marks (To get a call from IIFT Delhi) |
|----------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| I | Mathematical Aptitude | 28 | 28 | Moderate to Tough | 13 + | 25 min. | 11 + |
| II | Data Interpretation + Logical Reasoning | 34 | 34 | Moderate | 17 + | 35 min. | 12 + |
| III | General Knowledge | 20 | 8 | Moderate | 12 + | 20 min. | 4 + |
| IV | Reading Comprehension | 15 | 15 | Moderate to Tough | 6 + | 20 min. | 4 + |
| | English Usage | 25 | 15 | Easy to Moderate | 12 + | 20 min. | 5 + |
| Total | | 122 | 100 | -- | 60 + | 120 min. | 36 + |

Mathematical Aptitude **Total number of questions : 28**

Like every year the Mathematical Aptitude part of IIFT entrance test was mixture of **higher** and **basic maths** questions. There were questions on **Percentages, Permutation and Combination, Probability, Trigonometry, Progression, Plane Geometry, Logarithm, Equations and Inequations, Time Speed and Distance, Work and Time, Games of Skills, Stocks and shares** and **mensuration**.

Overall the section can be rated as tough and an attempt of 13/14 question with an accuracy of 85 to 90% in a time span of 25 minutes will be considered good.

Data Interpretation + Logical Reasoning **Total number of questions : 34**

There were total 23 questions were distributed in 5 DI sets. On an average 5 questions were on each DI sets. One DI set was based on **Bar Graph**, rest of the sets were on **Tables**. The difficulty level of DI questions were less than last year.

There were total 11 questions on LR in the section. The questions were on **Direction Sense, Blood Relations, Data Arrangement, Quantitative Reasoning** and **Input-Output**. An attempt of 15 to 17 question with 85 to 90% accuracy, in a time span of 35 minutes will be good.

Reading comprehension + English Usage **Total number of questions : 40**

The section was distributed into two subsections. In RC section there were four RC passages containing 15 questions in all. The length of the two of the RC passage was approximately **600 to 700** words while the other two RC passage were of approximately **1200 words** long. The passages was on Independent Directors, Trade Cycles, Global Warming and Sugar. One can read two small RCs containing 3 questions each in a time span of 20 minutes.

In EU section there were questions on **Synonyms, Antonyms, Fill in the blanks, Sentence Correction** and **Paragraph Formation**. Compared to the other sections the section was easy. An attempt of 10 to 12 questions with an accuracy of 80 to 85 % in a time limit of 20 minutes will be good.

General Awareness

Total number of questions : 20

In GK section the pattern of asking the questions were same as last year. The questions were mixture of traditional and dynamic GK. There were questions from **Business, Books-Writers, Current Affairs and Economics**. An attempt of 10 to 12 questions with 85 to 90% accuracy in a time span of 20 minutes will be sufficient.

Expected Cut-Offs

24+ call from IIFT, Delhi
19 + call from IIFT, Kolkata

Best Wishes!