

IIFT Entrance test November 27, 2005

We are very pleased to present you the detailed analysis of IIFT entrance test held on November 27, 2005 on various centres all over India. This year IIFT has taken some changes, in total number of questions, marking pattern, negative marking and in sectional break-ups. This year the paper had 185 questions compared to 196 of the last year. The English Language section was divided into two sections, viz Reading Comprehension and English Usage and the weightage for the questions of both sections were different. Some new type of questions were introduced in EU part, which was related to the part of speech and the origin of words. The negative marking changed to 33% from 20% of last year. The difference between the marking pattern and in number of questions compared to last year will be clear by following table :

Section No.	Topic	Number of Questions		Weightage		Total Marks	
		2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
I	Data Interpretation + Logical Reasoning + Critical Reasoning	48	40	0.6 marks	0.75 marks	$48 \times 0.6 = 28.8$	$40 \times 0.75 = 30$
II	Reading Comprehension + English Usage	50	Divided in to two sections I. RC : 20 II. EU : 45	0.55 marks	I. RC : 0.75 marks II. EU : 0.33 marks	$50 \times 0.55 = 27.5$	I. $20 \times 0.75 = 15$ II. $45 \times 0.33 = 15$
III	General Knowledge	50	40	0.4 marks	0.25 marks	$50 \times 0.4 = 20$	$40 \times 0.25 = 10$
IV	Mathematical Aptitude	48	40	0.6 marks	0.75 marks	$48 \times 0.6 = 28.8$	$40 \times 0.75 = 30$
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Bird's eye view :

Total Number of Questions : 185
 Total Time : 120 minutes.

The Marking Scheme :

S. No.	Section	No. of questions	Weightage	Total marks	Difficulty level
I.	General Knowledge	40	0.25	10	Moderate
II.	Reading Comprehension	20	0.75	15	Tough
III.	English Usage	45	0.33	15	Moderate
IV.	Mathematical Aptitude	40	0.75	30	Moderate
V.	Data Interpretation + Logical and Critical Reasoning	40	0.75	30	Moderate

33% Negative marking.



Detailed Analysis

In the following pages we have provided some of the actual test questions with their solutions for your reference.

SECTION I GENERAL AWARENESS

Most of the questions were from static GK from History, Geography, Science and Constitution. Some questions were on Foreign trade. While questions on Business Awareness and Current affairs reduced drastically and only two questions were on these topics. Overall the General Knowledge sections was moderate.

An attempt of 23-25 questions in and 10 minutes will be a decent one.

SECTION II READING COMPREHENSION

There were five passages in the paper, on which 20 questions were asked. This section was tough.

The detail break-up of the section is as follows :

Passage	Topic	Number of questions	Approx. length
I	Economics Review : Indian-China	5	450 words approx.
II	Business Process Outsourcing	5	450 words approx.
III	New Trends in literature	4	300 words approx.
IV	Analysis of an author's writing style	4	300 words approx.
V	--	2	150 words approx.

An attempt of 10-12 questions in a time span of 20 minutes will be decent one.

SECTION III ENGLISH LANGUAGE

In English Usage sections there were two new types of questions were introduced. One was related to the origin of words and the other was related to part of speech. The detail break-up of this section is as follows.

Passage	Number of questions
Antonyms	6
Synonyms	6
Correct spelling	6
Cloze Test	5
Prepositions	5
Sentence correction	3
Sentence Completion	3
Parts of Speech	6
Origin of words	5

An attempt of 28-32 questions in a time span of 20 minutes will be decent one.

SECTION III
MATHEMATICAL APTITUDE

Lots of higher mathematics question were in the paper this year. Apart from this all other questions from Arithmetic. The detail break up is as follows.

Topics	Number of questions
Numbers	6
Time and work	3
Time, Speed and Distance	3
Pipes and Cisterns	2
Allegation	2
Linear and Quadratic Equations	2
Plain Geometry	2
Mensuration	1
Logarithms	1
Sequence and Series	1
Permutation and Combination	2
Probability	2
Trigonometry	1
Vector	1
Three Dimension Geometry	1
Matrices	2
Exponential	3
Conic Section	3
Standard Deviation	2

An attempt of 20-25 questions in a time span of 35 minutes will be decent one.

SECTION III
DATA INTERPRETATION AND LOGICAL
& CRITICAL REASONING

In this section there were two questions on Data Sufficiency, 22 questions on Data Interpretation and 16 questions on Reasoning. In Reasoning there were six single questions on Data Arrangement, six were on coding and decoding and two were on miscellaneous type. In Data Interpretation there were three sets based on table and one other set based on the data given of a logistic of a jewelry shop.

An attempt of 15-17 questions in a time span of 35 minutes will be decent one.



Overall Analysis

A score of approx. 43 + should be a very good score to get a call from IIFT, Delhi.