

IIFT Entrance Test November 23, 2008

The third test of the "MBA entrance test season" was conducted all over India on November 23, 2008. It was a light of hope for many students, who were broken hearted by their performance in the CAT last Sunday.

Around 35,000+ students appeared in the test from centers all over the country. Since the last two years IIFT has been changing its exam pattern. This year too, a little change was introduced, the sub-sections of IIFT 2007 were removed to create 6 independent sections.

The weightage of DI and LR was increased while that of Maths decreased. The Marking pattern were also pretty balanced compared to last year. The total no. of questions and weightage on General Knowledge and EU + RC was approximately the same as last year. A bird's eye of the test is as follows.

Bird's Eye View

Total Number of Questions – 150

Total Marks – 100

Number of sets Available – 4

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

Medium of marking – Pencil

Marking Scheme and Sectional Break-up–

Total Time – 120 minutes

Number of Options – 4

Section	Topic	No. of Ques.	Marks per question	No. of Marks
I	Mathematical Aptitude	27	0.7	18.9
II	Data Interpretation	26	0.8	20.8
III	Reading Comprehension	12	0.8	9.6
IV	English Usage	23	0.7	16.1
V	General Knowledge	30	0.3	9
VI	Logical Reasoning	32	0.8	26.6

Expected Cut-Offs – IIFT, Delhi – 25 + marks. IIFT, Kolkata – 20 + 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	27	18.9	Moderate to Tough	7 +	22 min.	4 +
II	Data Interpretation	26	20.8	Tough	5 +	22 min.	3 +
III	Reading Comprehension	12	9.6	Moderate to Tough	5 +	16 min.	3 +
IV	English Usage	23	16.1	Moderate to Tough	15 +	20 min.	8.75 +
V	General Knowledge	30	9	Moderate to Tough	10 +	20 min.	2.25 +
VI	Logical Reasoning	32	25.6	Easy to Moderate	12 +	20 min.	7.6 +
	Total	150	100	--	59+	120 min.	28.6 +

Mathematical Aptitude Total number of questions : 27

Like every year the Mathematical Aptitude part of IIFT entrance test was a mixture of **higher** and **basic maths** questions. There were questions on **number theory, permutation and combination, probability, trigonometry, progression, maxima minima, plane geometry, statistics, games of skills, quadratic equations, logarithm, time speed and distance** and **mensuration**. Overall the section can be rated as moderate to tough and an attempt of seven/eight question with an accuracy of 85 to 90% in a time span of twenty to twenty-two minutes will be considered good.

Data Interpretation Total number of questions : 26

There were total 26 questions were distributed in 5 DI sets. On an average 5 questions were on each DI sets. One DI set was based on **Line Graph**, one on **Bar Graph**, rest of the sets was on **Tables**. The questions were calculation intensive and hence time consuming. Attempt of one DI sets, approx. 4-5 questions with an accuracy of 85 to 90% in a time span of 20 to 25 minutes will be sufficient.

Reading comprehension Total number of questions : 12

In RC section there were three RC's containing 4 questions each. The length of the two of the RC passage was approximately **900 to 950** words while the third RC passage was of approximately **700 words** long.

The first passage was **an excerpt of a book on Dell Computers, the theme was on operations management (supply-chain and inventory management)**. The second passage seems to be an excerpt from **an autobiography and the experience of an journey** were there. The third passage was from the book **'20,000 leagues Under the Sea' by Jules Verne**. The questions were True/False type, which are not very difficult to understand but you had to read the whole passage carefully in order to answer them.

One could have read one RC passage and attempted all the five questions in the same in a time of 12-15 minutes.

English Usage

Total number of questions : 23

The questions on **Analogies, Antonyms, Meaning, Fill in the blanks, Sentence Correction** and **Paragraph Formation** were the representative of this section. Compared to other sections the section was easy.

An attempt of 13 to 15 questions with an accuracy of 80 to 85 % in a time limit of 20 minutes will be considered good.

General Awareness

Total number of questions : 30

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, Awards, History, Geography, Sports, Science, International Organisations, Inventions and Discoveries and even the IPL!**

An attempt of 10 to 12 questions with 85 to 90% accuracy in a time span of 20 minutes will be sufficient.

Logical Reasoning

Total number of questions : 32

The LR section was easiest among all the sections. There were questions on **Syllogism, Blood Relations, Data Arrangement, Quantitative Reasoning** and **Input-Output**. The weightage of **Data Arrangement** questions were more than the other questions.

An attempt of 12 to 14 question with 85 to 90% accuracy, in a time span of 20 minutes will be good.

Expected Cut-Offs

25+ call from IIFT, Delhi
20 + call from IIFT, Kolkata

Best Wishes!