

## **IRMA Entrance Test**

### **November 11, 2012**

The paper-based IRMA entrance test was successfully conducted at 27 centres all over India on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, 2012. The aspirants appeared in the test to prove their worth for a total 120 seats available in this elite 'Institute of Rural Management'.

Note that IRMA written test score is to be used also by the Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar (XIMB), Institute of Rural Management (IRM), Jaipur, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI), Gandhinagar and KIIT School of Rural Management, Bhubaneswar for their rural management programmes (2013).

The paper had four sections viz. **English Comprehension (EC)** – 50 Questions, **Quantitative Ability (QA)** – 50 Questions, **Analytical Reasoning (AR)** – 60 Questions and **Issue of social concern (ISC)** – 40 Questions.

This year IRMA had a different appearance. There was a change in number of questions in the sections. Less weightage was given to ISC. As opposed to last year's paper which contained 60 questions in ISC section, this year there were 40 questions in ISC section. Those 20 questions had been distributed in EC and AR sections. Students who took Prac-IRMA conducted by PT education benefitted since many question fitted into the pattern followed. So far, IRMA entrance is not computer-based.

### **Bird's Eye View**

**Total Number of Questions** – 200

**Total Time** – 120 minutes

**The Marking Scheme** – The weightage for the correct answer was not given in the test paper. Although the sectionwise marks for the test was given in the brochure. Negative marking of 25% of the weightage of the question was mentioned.

**Total Marks** – 200

**Number of Options** – 5

**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.	Ideal Attempt	Ideal Time
I	English Comprehension	50	27+	25
II	Quantitative Ability	50	25+	40
III	Analytical Reasoning	60	40+	40
IV	Issues of Social Concern	40	20+	15

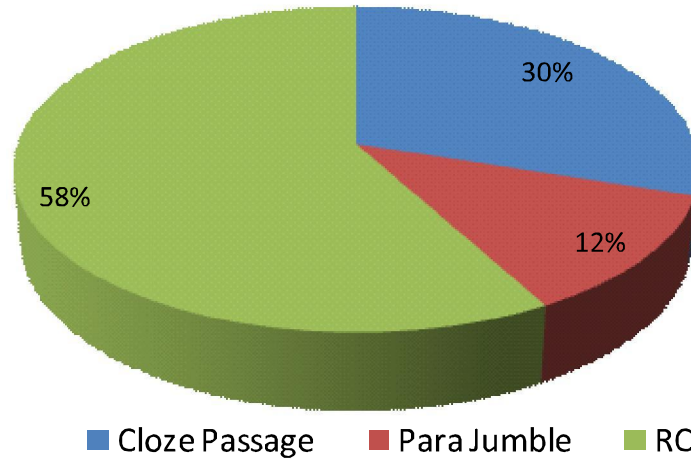
**Expected Cut-Offs** – Call from IRMA - 100+, Call from XIMB (Rural Management) - 90+.

**English Comprehension**  
**Total number of questions : 50**

In this section there were two passages of around **400 words** each based on the “**National Statistics**” and “**Contemplating Policy of India**” .

The other questions in this section were based on Cloze Test, para jumbles etc.

**Breakup**



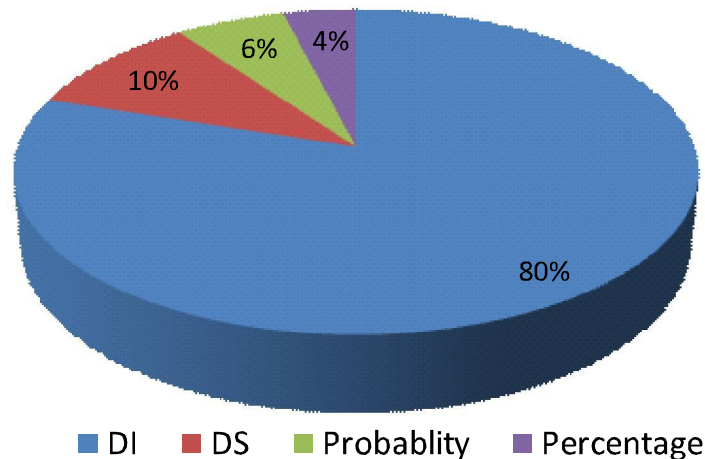
Overall an attempt of 25 to 27 questions in a time span of 25 minutes would have been a fruitful effort.

**Quantitative Ability**  
**Total number of questions : 50**

In QA section, this year, focus was on DI containing 40 questions. Remaining 10 questions were on probability, Data Sufficiency (DS) and percentage.

DI questions were based on Tables, bar graphs, line graph and pie chart where students had to calculate percentage change, ratio, average etc. Some questions could have been answered directly by looking at the values in the graphs.

**Breakup**



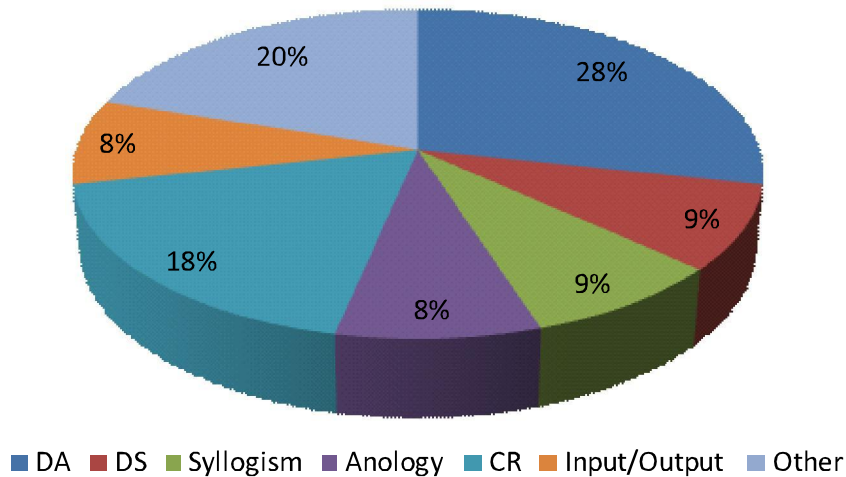
Proper time that should have been given to this section is 40 min and ideal attempts are 30.



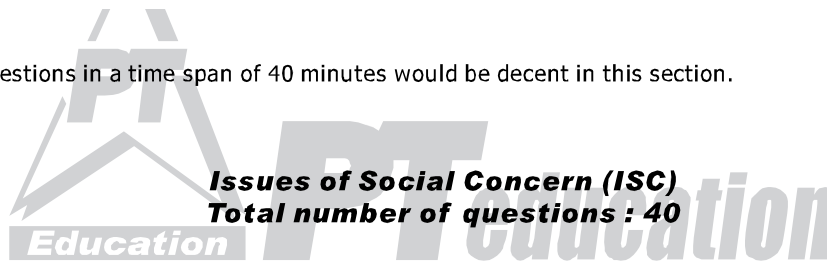
**Analytical Reasoning**  
**Total number of questions : 60**

Difficulty level of this section was moderate to difficult this year. There were questions on Data analysis, Statement-assumption, Statement- Course of Action , DS based on LR , Data Arrangement , Odd One Out and Coding and Decoding . Some questions, particularly of data arrangement, were time consuming. One could attempt questions from Alphabet Test, Odd One Out, DS and Coding Decoding to maximise attempts.

**Breakup**



An attempt of 37 to 40 questions in a time span of 40 minutes would be decent in this section.



**Issues of Social Concern (ISC)**  
**Total number of questions : 40**

The fourth and the last section contained 40 questions. The **difficulty level of questions in this section was easy to moderate.** The questions were based on Agriculture, Government Policies, Planning and Strategy regarding the rural sector, Agriculture, Environment, Union Budget, Awards, Book-Writer, etc. An attempt of 20 to 24 questions in a time span of 15 minutes with an accuracy level of 90% would have been decent.

Some memory based questions, asked in IRMA GK section were-

1. Who among the following is associated with Green Revolution ?
2. Which of the following books is written by M.S. Swaminathan ?
3. Which among the following does not come under BIMARU states ?
4. What is the full form of FDI ?
5. What is the full form of PPP ?
6. Which of the following is the largest milk producing state ?
7. What does RBI do to reduce inflation ?
8. Dr. Verghese Kurien is associated with.....
9. What is the main purpose of Kisan Credit card ?
10. For which reason Koodankulam was in news recently ?
11. What is the main reason to stipulate KYC by RBI ?
12. Which of the following is not related to money market ?
13. Who monitors the fiscal policy in India ?
14. Which of the following schemes is related to adolescent girls ?
15. Which of the following is not a basic feature of India as a country of developing economy ?

Overall the paper was moderate and an **attempt of 110 to 115 questions with 85-90% accuracy will be ideal to get a call for GD/PI**. Final selection will be done on the basis of overall performance in Written Test, PI and GD. The marks obtained in PI and GD will be normalized across evaluating panels. The marks obtained in the Written Test and the normalised marks obtained in PI and GD will be reduced to equivalent marks out of **50, 30 and 20 marks**, respectively. An overall merit list will be prepared based on total marks obtained out of these 100 marks. Such listing will be done separately for different categories of the applicants and the required number of candidates will be selected from different categories in their order of merit.

The cut off marks used for final selection of candidates and some general facts are shown below.

Section	Actual Cut-Off for 2012 batch (in percentile)	Accepted cut off for 2013 Batch
English Comprehension	<b>58.5</b>	<b>19+</b>
Quantitative Ability	<b>76.3</b>	<b>22+</b>
Analytical Reasoning	<b>80.7</b>	<b>27+</b>
Issues of Social Concern	<b>50.4</b>	<b>18+</b>
<b>Overall Cut-off (200)</b>	<b>76.3</b>	<b>100+</b>

Total No. of seats (PRM)	120
Reservation Status	No
Intake ratio for GD/PI	1:4
Fees	4-5 lacs
Average Salary	8 lacs
Source: IRMA Brochure	

### Expected Cut-Offs

**100+ call from IRMA, 90+ call from XIMB (Rural Management)**

**Best Wishes!**