

IRMA Entrance Test November 14, 2010

IRMA entrance test successfully conducted at 27 centres all over India on 14th November, 2010. Approx. 15,000 students appeared in the test to prove their candidature for a total 120 seats available in this elite Institute of Rural Management.

As declared in the IRMA brochure, the paper had four sections viz. **English Comprehension (EC)** – 40 Questions/Marks, **Quantitative Ability (QA)** – 50 Questions/Marks, **Analytical Reasoning (AR)** – 40 Questions/Marks and **Issue of social concern (ISC)** – 40 Questions/Marks.

This year also the pattern of questions in the sections were of traditional IRMA type. A lot of the questions from PT material and the pattern of the IRMA was ditto as the Prac IRMA conducted by PT Education.

English Comprehension Total number of questions : 40

In EC section there was one passage of around **500 words** based on the **uses of water and its management**. It comprised of **15 questions** including five based on vocabulary (contextual meaning). The questions based on passage were easy and direct one could attempt 11 to 12 questions from it.

The other questions in the EC section were on Para Jumbles (5), Sentence Corrections (5), Fill in the Blanks (double) (5) and Cloze Tests (10).

The Para Jumble, Fill in the Blank and Cloze test questions were sitters and one could attempt 10-11 questions out of it.

Overall an attempt of 20 to 22 questions in a time span of 25 minutes would be smart enough.

Note: The figure shown in brackets after the topic name represents the number of questions of that particular topic.

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.	No. of Marks
I	English Comprehension	40	40
II	Quantitative Ability	50	50
III	Analytical Reasoning	50	50
IV	Issues of Social Concern	60	60

Expected Cut-Offs – Call from IRMA - 85+, Call from XIMB (Rural Management) - 80+.

Quantitative Ability
Total number of questions : 50

In QA section also comprised of the Data Interpretation (DI) and Data Sufficiency (DS) questions. In all 20 questions were on DI. Five on Line Diagram and two sets of five questions based on tables.

There was a reflection of rural areas in the DI questions. For example all sets were based on rural background like ratio of the earnings of the farmers was given, and the data of a fair in village was given in another etc. DI questions were easy with moderate level of calculations. One could attempt all the four sets and try to maximize the score here because some of the questions in Maths were based on Probability and P & C, which seemed difficult for many students.

Five questions based on Numerical Ability (Approximation), Moderate level of difficulty, Simply based on BODMAS etc. Five questions were based on five option DS.

This year a caselet was asked, which was based on calculation of percentage and ratio. It was moderate. The rest of the questions were on other Maths areas like Ratio & Proportion (2), Simple & Compound Interest (2), Percentage (3), Partnership (1), Probability (3), Permutation & Combination (2), Mensuration (1) . An attempt of 28 to 30 questions would have been decent in a time span of 30 to 35 minutes in this section.

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Analytical Reasoning
Total number of questions : 50

There were questions on Data analysis (decision making) (5), Statement-assumption (5), Statement- Course of Action (5), Degree of Truthness from passage (5), DS based on LR (5), Data Arrangement (5), Cause and Effect analysis (5), Alphabet test (4), Logical Analogies (2), Odd One Out (2) and Coding and Decoding (2). The questions were of moderate level of difficulty, one could attempt the questions from Decision Making, Data Arrangement, DS, Alphabet Test, Logical Analogies, Odd One Out and Coding Decoding. An attempt of 25 to 28 questions in a time span of 30 to 35 minutes would be decent in this section.

Note: The figure shown in brackets after the topic name represents the number of questions of that particular topic.

Issues of Social Concern
Total number of questions : 60

The fourth and the last section was the biggest section of the paper. It contained 60 questions. The **difficulty level of questions in this section was moderate to tough**. 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+ questions in a time span of 20 to 25 minutes with an accuracy level of 90% would have been decent. We have recalled some of the questions which are as follows.

1. What is CARBOSAT-2B?
2. Who has written the book "*Towards the hunger free world*"?
3. Which crop need maximum water?
4. What is yellow revolution?
5. What is Pisciculture?
6. Which of the following is horticulture crop?

Apart from this these were questions from Indian economy, Agriculture policy, Horticulture etc.

Section	Topic	Areas Tested	No. of Ques.	No. of Marks	Difficulty Level	Ideal Attempts	Time suggested	Ideal Marks (Assuming one mark for each question and 90% accuracy)
I	English Comprehension	English Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension	40	40	Easy to Moderate	20+	25 min.	18+
II	Quantitative Ability	Numerical Ability, Mathematical Ability, Data Interpretation, Data Sufficiency	50	50	Easy to Moderate	28+	35 min.	31+
III	Analytical Reasoning	Logical Reasoning, Decision Making	50	50	Easy to Moderate	25 +	35 min.	22+
IV	Issues of Social Concern	General Awareness to current rural and economic panorama	60	60	Moderate to Tough	20+	25 min	15+
Total			200	200		110+	120 min.	90+

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, 40 and 10 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 2008 batch (in marks)	Actual Cut-Off for 2009 batch (in marks)	Actual Cut-Off for 2010 batch (in marks)	Estimate Cut-Off for 2011 batch (in marks)
English Comprehension (40)	16	16	20	22
Quantitative Ability (50)	20	19	25	25
Analytical Reasoning (50)	20	19	25	24
Issues of Social Concern (60)	15	15	24	15
Overall Cut-off (200)	80	85	110	85
Assuming one mark for each question.				

Total number of students appeared	15000(Approx.)
Total No. of seats (PRM)	120
Reservation Status	Yes
Intake ratio for GD/PI	1:4
Cut-Off Marks (Last Year)	85 Marks (overall)
Fees	4 lacs
Average Salary	6.13 lacs
Source: IRMA Brochure 2010	

Expected Cut-Offs

85+ call from IRMA, 80+ call from XIMB (Rural Management)

Best Wishes!