

Management Aptitude Test (MAT)

September 5, 2010

Bird's Eye View

The MAT was held on 5th september, 2010 at various cities across India. Around 200 colleges of all over India are affiliated to this exam.

The was on traditional lines. There were total **200 questions** to be solved in a time span of **150 minutes**. Four alternative were provided for each questions. **There were five sections viz. Reading Comprehension and English Usage (RC and EU), Quantitative Aptitude (QA), Logical Reasoning (LR), Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency (DI and DS) and General Knowledge (GK).** 40 questions were asked in each section.

It was declared in the instructions that each correct answer will carry one mark, while there was a negative marking of 0.25 marks for each incorrect answer.

Total Number of Questions – 200

Total Time – 150 minutes

The Marking Scheme – One mark for each correct answer. – 0.25 mars for each incorrect answer.

Total Marks – 200

Number of Options – 4

Sections/Sectional Time Limit – There were 5 sections

Break-up–

Topic	No. of Ques.	No. of Marks	Difficulty Level
Quantitative Aptitude	40	40	Moderate
Logical Reasoning	40	40	Easy
Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency	40	40	Mix of Easy and Moderate
Reading Comprehension	40	40	Moderate
General Knowledge	40	40	Mix of Easy and Moderate

Expected Cut-Offs – An score of 85+ (out of 160 i.e. excluding GK) should be good to getting AMITY, BIM Tech., Christ and some other top B- Schools.

Detailed Analysis

Section	Topic	No. of Ques.	Marks	Difficulty Level	Ideal Attempts	Time suggested	Ideal Marks to get a call from good college (Out of 160)
I	Quantitative Aptitude	40	40	Moderate to difficult	16 +	35 to 40 min.	16+
II	Data Interpretation + Data Sufficiency	40	40	Moderate	20 +	35 to 40 min.	20 +
III	Reading Comprehension + English Usage	40	40	Moderate	20 +	25 to 30 min.	20 +
IV	Logical Reasoning	40	40	Easy to Moderate	22 +	35 to 40 min.	22+
V	Indian and Global Environment	40	40	Moderate	18+	10 to 12 min.	18 +
	Total	200	200	--	96 +	150 min.	96+

Note: The ideal marks is out of 160, since the marks obtained in Indian and Global environment questions do not include in merit.

Exclusive Analysis

BASIC STRATEGY TO FOLLOW

Overall level of difficulty of the paper can be rated as easy to moderate. Fifteen to Seventeen questions from LR, Fourteen/Fifteen questions from GK, Fifteen/Seventeen questions from QA, Seventeen/Eighteen questions from DI and DS and six to eight questions from EU should have to attempted first. Ideally a student who is good to select the questions to solve, could attempt 68 to 72 questions in the first hour itself.

Section I - Quantitative Aptitude (QA)

The questions on QA were from topics **Time Speed Distance, Work and Time, Pipes and cisterns, Percentages, Profit and Loss, Partnerships, Averages, and Mixtures and Alligations, Trigonometry, Geometry, mensuration, Probability and Permutation & Combination.** The questions were moderate level of difficulty. For a well prepared student on an average **not more than 1.5-2 minutes** would be required to solve one question of this area. The details of the QA questions are as follows –

Topic	Questions	Difficulty Level
Time and distance	4	Easy to moderate
Trigonometry	4	Moderate
Mensuration & Geometry	6	Easy to moderate
Work and time, pipes and cistern	5	Easy to moderate
Percentage, ratio & proportion	4	Moderate
Profit and loss	3	Easy to moderate
Partnership & Average	5	Moderate
Mixture & Alligations	3	Moderate
Probability and P & C	7	moderate to difficult

Section II - Logical and Critical Reasoning (CR)

To check the students' logical and analytical abilities there were questions on **Relations, Linear arrangements, Coding-Decoding, Number and Alphabet Series, Venn Diagram, Assumptions-Statements, Assertion-Reason and Statement-Course of action Etc.** In grid puzzle one missing number were to find Statement-course of action and Assertion-Reason all other questions were easy. One could attempt 24-28 questions in a time span of 35 to 40 minutes from this area. The details of the LR questions are as follows –

Topic	Questions	Difficulty Level
Statement-conclusion	4	moderate
Direction Sense	4	Easy
Data arrangement	4	Easy
Coding-decoding	5	Easy
Number & alphabet series	5	Easy to moderate
Venn diagram	6	Easy
Assertion & reason	4	Moderate
Critical Reasoning	6	Tough
Linear arrangement	4	Easy

Section III - Reading Comprehension and English Usage (RC and EU)

There were total **five RC** passages. Total **20 questions** were asked on these passages. The themes of the RC passages were on **(1) Need of communication skills and foreign language- 450 words (2) passage on to create one's marketing skill and position - 400 words (3) planning and business policies of a company- 400 words (4) Autobiography of author (about adventure and expedition)- 400 words (5) Importance of technology and role of Robot - 200 words.** Some questions were direct and some were inference based.

From EU area there were questions on **Fill in the Blanks, Para Jumble, Sentence Correction and Zist of the Paragraph.** Rest of the questions were of moderate level of difficulty.

Section IV - Data Analysis and Sufficiency

There were 30 questions from Data Interpretation, 5 questions on Data Sufficiency (Four options direct), and 5 questions on Data Comparison. Questions were easy. **This time there was a new variety of Data Interpretation with a triangular bar diagram was there.** The details of the DI questions are as follows –

Type	Questions	Difficulty Level
Line graph	4	Easy
Caselet	5	Moderate
Two pie charts	$4 \times 2 = 8$	Moderate
Bar graph + line graph	4	Moderate
Multiple Bar graph	4	Moderate
Triangular Bar Graph	5	Easy
Data Sufficiency	5	Moderate
Data Comparison	5	

Section V - General Knowledge

The GK questions were a mixture of easy and moderate level of difficulty. The questions were on dynamic as well as traditional GK. There were questions on **Economics, Current Affairs, Awards and Prizes, Indian constitution, Business and Sports**. Since this area was only to pass and the marks of this will not be include in merit, **an attempt of 18-20 questions will be sufficient to achieve the cut-off for this area.**

Some questions were as follows

1. Who is prime minister of UK?
2. Who is first women prime minister of Australia?
3. Who manufactures the 'A-6' cars?

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At the end, as Zig Ziglar said **"It is your attitude, not your aptitude, that determines your altitude."** So keep your attitude right and well prepared for the tests ahead.

Best wishes!

