

CET Maharashtra February 21, 2010

An important fete in the season of MBA entrance examinations is CET Maha. which was held on held on February 21, 2010 and we are pleased to present you the detailed analysis of it. Thousands of students appeared in the test seeking admission into 298 colleges of Maharashtra.

The test was on traditional lines and there was no surprise element for the students. There were no sections and the paper was jumbled.

The paper had 200 questions from different test areas viz. **English Language, Quantitative Ability, Logical Reasoning** and **Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency**.

The paper was easier as compared to the last year's test. The questions on Quantitative Ability, Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency were not very calculative and time consuming and questions from these areas were less. Compared to the last year's pattern, the number of questions in Logical Reasoning were more while those on Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency were less.

All the questions were quite similar to the ones in Prac CETs.

Once again, Logical Reasoning was the soul of the CET paper. A total of around 100 questions from this area can enhance the chances of selection of the candidate who is well versed with Reasoning.

Bird's Eye View

Total Number of Questions – 200

Total Time – 150 minutes

The Marking Scheme – The marks per questions were not explicitly declared, but it is understood that each question will be of equal mark(s). No information about negative marking was given.

Number of Options – 5

Number of sets Available – 4

Sections/Sectional Time Limit – No Sections (Jumbled Paper)

Medium of marking – Black Ball Point Pen

Sectional Break-up–

Test Area	No. of Ques.	No. of Marks
English Language	55	55
Quantitative Ability	20	20
Logical Reasoning	100	100
Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency	25	25

Expected Cut-Offs – A score of 145 + marks should be enough to get a call from the good institutes.

Note: Marks are given assuming one mark per question

Detailed Analysis

English Usage and Reading Comprehension

Total number of questions : 55

There was only one RC Passage containing 15 questions and there were a total of 40 questions on verbal ability.

Theme of the passage	Length (approx.)	Questions	Question type	Difficulty level
Brain Drain - Advantages and Disadvantages	900 words	15	Comprehension, Synonyms and Antonyms	Easy to Moderate

The questions were based on Fill in the Blanks, Para Jumble, Sentence Correction, Parenthesis and Critical Reasoning.

Topic	Questions	Difficulty level
Sentence Correction Type 1	5	Moderate
Sentence Correction Type 2	10	Easy
Fill in the Blanks	5	Moderate
Para Jumble	5	Easy
Parenthesis	10	Easy
Critical Reasoning - Two Passages containing 2 and 3 questions respectively	5	Moderate

Quantitative Ability

Total number of questions : 20

There were 10 questions on simplification and approximation and the rest of the questions were based on General Arithmetic topics as Partnerships, Interest, Averages, Time, Speed & Distance etc.

Topic	Questions	Difficulty level
Simplification and Approximation	10	Easy to Moderate
General Arithmetic	10	Easy to Moderate

Logical Reasoning
Total number of questions : 50

In the Logical Reasoning area, there were questions from Data Arrangement (including Circular Arrangement), Visual Reasoning, Input & Output, Statement – Course of Action, Data Analysis, Coding and Decoding, Series, Syllogism, Cause & Effect, Business Judgement and Misc. LR questions. The questions were easy to moderate. Overall about 75 – 80 questions could be easily attempted.

Topic	Questions	Difficulty level
Data Arrangement	8	Moderate
Statement - Course of Action	5	Moderate
Cause and Effect	4	Easy
Data Analysis	10	Easy
Input and Output	5	Moderate
Coding - Decoding	5	Easy
Series	5	Difficult
Syllogism	5	Moderate
Misc.	17	Moderate
Visual Reasoning	30	Moderate to Tough
Business Judgement	6	Moderate

Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency
Total number of questions : 25

There were 20 questions on Data Interpretation based on Bar Graph, Tables and Line Graph. All the questions were easy to moderate in difficulty level.

There was one set of questions on Data Sufficiency and it was of moderate difficulty level.

Topic	Questions	Difficulty level
Tables (2 sets)	10	One set was Easy and one was Moderate
Bar Graph	5	Moderate
Line Graph	5	Easy
Data Sufficiency	5	Moderate

Overall the paper was good and an **attempt of 165 to 170 questions with 85 – 90% accuracy** will be ideal to get a call from **the best institutes**. Final selection will be done on the basis of overall performance in Written Test, GD and PI. The test score comprises 200 marks (assuming one mark per questions) and there are 40 marks for GD, PI, Work Experience etc.

Expected CutOffs [Written Test + (GD, PI, etc.)]

Name of the Institute	Maharashtra State		Other than Maharashtra State
	Home University	Other Than Home University	
JBIMS	180+	185+	190+
Sydenham	175+	175+	185+
K.J. Somaiya	170+	170+	180+
Welingkar	165+	168+	175+
PUMBA	150+	175+	175+

