



NMAT: The major change in NMAT 2012, as announced, is the introduction of timed sections. The three sections are:

- QA - 48 questions - 60 minutes
- VA - 32 questions - 22 minutes
- LR - 40 questions - 38 minutes

The good thing is that NMAT 2012 allows the student to decide the order in which they want to attempt the sections. A section-order screen appears after the tutorial which shows all the six possible permutations: VA-QA-LR, QA-LR-VA, VA-LR-QA, etc. A student has to select one of the six and then the sections are displayed as per the selection. Once the selection is made, it cannot be changed at a later stage.

Since there is no negative marking in NMAT 2012, you should mark all 120 questions. The last 1-2 minutes in each section can be reserved for reviewing the 'Incomplete Questions' and marking them randomly. If you finish a section earlier than the allotted time, you can move on to the next section. However, since the time saved in one section does not get added to the next section, it is advisable not to submit the section earlier and revise the questions instead.

Two major issues in the testing interface of NMAT 2012:

The "Review" button, which is provided to check the unattempted and flagged questions, appears only at the end of a section. So, for e.g., if you are attempting the QA section, you cannot use the Review button before clicking the "Next" button at least 48 times. This reduces the utility of the Review button massively. For e.g., if you finish 24-25 questions in QA in around 30 minutes, you will still not know if you are on the right track since there is no way to check what's in store towards the end of the section. Therefore, it is advisable to keep a buffer and skip any time-consuming questions in the first round and attempt them in the second round if time permits.

In a group question, you cannot see the number of questions in that particular set on the first screen. So if you want to see if the set is worth attempting, you will need to click the Next/Previous buttons a few times and then check. This is quite irritating especially in a speed test like NMAT.

Features of NMAT:

- No technical glitches
- Questions on Assertion & Reason, Syllogisms, implication, judgment etc. are there in LR section
- Questions on DI are based on various graphs like Bar Graph, Tables, Venn diagram. Questions are calculative & Tricky
- Language area comprised of Grammar, RC and EU
- In Maths section, more weight age is given to co ordinate Geometry
- Sectional Time Limit is there
- Candidates have an option of appearing more than once (upto three maximum attempts, including "no shows") in NMAT 2012. This provides candidates with an opportunity that in case they are dissatisfied with their first take, they could have upto two retakes to improve their scores
- There is no negative marking
- Level of Questions is easy to moderate

ALL THE BEST!!