

SNAP Test December 21, 2008

The Symbiosis National Aptitude (SNAP) Test, conducted by the Symbiosis International University for its constituent Business Colleges is an important event in the crowded test schedule of any MBA aspirant.

The fact that top level B-schools, like the Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Symbiosis Center for Management and Human Resource Development (SCMHRD), Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB), Symbiosis Institute of Mass Communication (SIMC), and Symbiosis Institute of Operations Management (SIOM) among others accept the SNAP test scores make the test a very attractive proposition for the student. The sheer variety of niche specializations on offer from the various colleges - from Mass Communication, to Operations Management; from Telecom Management to Information Technology; from International Business to Human Resource; from Geo-informatics to Agri-business management - again enhances the appeal of this test.

The test that was conducted today across **29 cities** at various centers all over the country was for admission to the 2009-2011 academic session, and taken by thousands of students across India.

The paper pattern was slightly changed compared to the previous year. There were **135 questions** spread across **4 sections**. This year the test takers introduced the differential marking to all the sections instead of only Analytical Reasoning section.

All the questions were multiple choice and objective type with 4 options being given for each question.

There was some amount of confusion after the test regarding whether the students could carry the paper home with them - the instructions seemingly contradicting each other - but as it was allowed at the SNAP centers in Pune where the invigilators were from Symbiosis itself, we believe that students can and should rest easy!!

Bird's Eye View

Total Number of Questions – 135

Total Time – 120 minutes

The Marking Scheme – Three sections sections with 40 marks and one section with 60 marks. 25 % negative marking.

Total Marks – 180

Number of Options – 4

Number of sets Available – 4 (E, F, G, H)

Sections/Sectional Time Limit – There were four sections and there was no sectional time constraint.

Medium of marking – Blue/Black Ballpoint pen

Sectional Break-up–

S No.	Section	No. of Questions		Total	Marks
		Mark one each	Mark two each		
1	General English	30	5	35	40
2	Quantitative and Data Interpretation and Data sufficiency	30	5	35	40
3	General Awareness: General Knowledge, Current Affairs, Business	30	5	35	40
4	Analytical and Logical Reasoning	-	30	30	60
Total		90	45	135	180

Expected Cut-Offs –

Institute Name	Expected Cut-offs	Institute Name	Expected Cut-offs
SIBM	85+	SCMHRD	75 - 80
SIIB	70 - 75	SITM	65 - 70
SCIT	60+	SIOM	60+
SIMS	50+	SIMC	50+

Detailed Analysis

Section	Topic	Areas Tested	No. of Ques.	No. of Marks	Difficulty Level	Ideal Attempts	Time suggested	Ideal Marks (90% accuracy)
I	General English	English Vocabulary, Grammar and Reading Comprehension	35	40	Moderate to Tough	2+ (two marks) 13 + (one mark)	25 min.	15+
II	Analytical and Logical Reasoning	Numerical Ability, Mathematical Ability, Data Interpretation, Data Sufficiency	30	60	Moderate to Tough	18 +	45 min.	34 +
III	General Awareness	Logical Reasoning, Decision Making	35	40	Easy to Moderate	2+ (two marks) 20 + (one mark)	20 min.	21 +
IV	Quantitative and Data Interpretation and Sufficiency	QA + DI + DS	35	40	Moderate to Tough	3+ (two marks) 17 + (one mark)	30 min	20+
Total			135	180		81 +	120 min.	90+

General English

Total number of questions : 35

Total Marks : 40

Like every year this year also the section was concentrated on Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and Grammar. The section consisted of five questions of two marks and 30 questions of one mark. There were total three RC passages containing 12 questions in all. Total 13 questions were based on Vocabulary and rest of the questions were on Grammar. The table showing the detail breakup of the section is as follows.

Passage	Theme	Length (approx.)	Questions	Question type	Difficulty level
I	Tata Nano - Small Cars and challenges	650 words	6	Title, Indirect	Moderate
II	History of census - statistical methods	400 words	3	Tone, Direct	Moderate
III	The Great Depression of 1929	220 words	3	Contextual Antonym, Direct	Easy

Topic	Questions	Difficulty level
Math the column 1. (idiomatic references - parts of human body) 2. (grammatical function-usage) 3. (meaning - usage)	3	Moderate to Tough
FIBs	4	
Sentence conveying the same idea	1	
Small Passage	1	
Vocab. (Singular-Plural, Word used correctly, Meaning, Spelling, Phrases, Antonyms, Odd One Out)	9	
Para Jumble	2	
Sentence Correction	3	

An attempt of 2 (two marks questions) and 13 one mark questions with 90% accuracy will be decent.

Analytical and Logical Reasoning

Total number of questions : 30

Total Marks : 60

This section was the most important section of the paper as there were only 30 questions containing 60 marks. Around 18 questions out of the 30 questions were easy and should have to attempted. **Some of the questions were directly from PT material.**

Questions were asked mainly from **Coding-Decoding, Syllogism, Cubes related, Data Arrangement, Mixtures, Statement Assumption, Linear Arrangement and Ven Diagram areas.** Some of the questions were innovative and tough, while other were direct and there was very little requirement of complex reasoning.

A score between 30 and 40 (remember: each LR question carried 2 marks) was possible and can be considered as good. Following are some of the questions which were directly from PT material –

1. There are two cups, one containing orange juice and one containing an equal amount of lemonade
2. The cells in this grid contain the digits 1 to 9 in random order. Column A contains no odd digits
3. There is a group of 5 persons A, B, C, D and E. In the group there is one badminton player, one chess player and one tennis player. . . .
4. There is a rectangular wooden block of length 4 cm, height 3 cm and breadth 3 cm. The two opposite surfaces of 4 cm × 3 cms are painted red on the outside.
5. In the diagram given below, the circle stands for 'educated', square stands for 'hard working'.

General Awareness

Total number of questions : 35

Total Marks : 40

Since the marks of this section are considered in the final total score, this section cannot and should not have been neglected. Questions asked were mainly from recent happenings in the world of **Business, Politics, Sports and other national and international events.** Those with a regular newspaper and magazine reading would have found many "easy" questions. This section again can prove to be the differentiator as those good with their GK could have scored "easy" marks in very little time indeed! **A score of 20 can be called par for the course in this section.**

QA + DI + DS

Total number of questions : 35

Total Marks : 40

Moderately tough with **10 questions from DI, 24 questions from QA and only one question on DS.**

The QA questions were based on **Sequence and Series, Time, Speed and Distance, Mensuration, Simple application of Trigonometry, Inequality, Ratio and Proportion, Permutation and Combination, Statistics, Stocks and Shares, Numbers, Percentages, Partnerships, Clocks and Profit and Loss.**

There were **four DI** sets out of which the **two sets** was of only **one questions**, the **third and fourth DI** set were containing **four** questions each. All in all, a student should have scored at least 20 marks from this section in 30 odd minutes.

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1. The 288th term of the sequence a, b, b, c, c, c, d, d, d, d, ... is
2. Answer the questions based on the following table
Relative Sweeteners. . . .

Overall the paper was tougher than last year and the cut off marks for various allied institutes should be –

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Best Wishes for the NMAT next sunday!

