

SNAP Test

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The Symbiosis National Aptitude (SNAP) Test, conducted by 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 Bschoools like 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 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 enhances the appeal of this test.

Yet the level of paper was disappointing. Here we aren't talking about the toughness of the paper but the sheer ignorance on the part of question paper making. This can be easily concluded from the very fact, that the test, which meant to be a 120 minutes affair was printed to be of 150 minutes which was the reason of chaos in various centres across the country. Finally the test concluded in 120 minutes only. *Symbiosis continues their tradition by making errors in the test paper across the sections.*

The test that was conducted today across 29 cities at various centers all over the country was for admission to the 2010-12 academic session and taken by thousands of students across India. The paper pattern was slightly changed compared to the previous year. There were 150 questions as opposed to 135 questions last year. Number of sections though was same as last year which was 4.

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

Bird's Eye View

Total Number of Questions – 150

Total Time – 120 minutes

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

Total Marks – 180

Number of Options – 4

Number of sets Available – 4 (J, K, L, M)

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		Marks
		One mark each	Two marks each	
1	General English	40	--	40
2	Quantitative Ability, Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency	40	--	40
3	General Awareness: General Knowledge, Current Affairs, Business	40	--	40
4	Analytical and Logical Reasoning	-	30	60
Total		120	30	180

Expected Cut-Offs –

Institute Name	Expected Cut-offs	Institute Name	Expected Cut-offs
SIBM	100+	SCMHRD	88+
SIIB	80-85	SITM	77-80
SCIT	75+	SIOM	65+
SIMS	60+	SIMC	50+

Detailed Analysis

Section	Topic	Areas Tested	No. of Ques.	No. of Marks	Difficulty Level	Time suggested	Ideal Marks (90% accuracy)
I	General English	English Vocabulary, Grammar and Reading Comprehension	40	40	Easy	25 min.	25 +
II	Analytical and Logical Reasoning	Logical Reasoning and Decision Making	30	60	Easy to Moderate	45 min.	32 +
III	General Awareness	General Knowledge, Business Awareness	40	40	Moderate	20 min.	22 +
IV	Quantitative Ability, Data Interpretation and Sufficiency	QA + DI + DS	40	40	Easy to Moderate	30 min	24 +
	Total		150	180		120 min.	108 +

General English

Total number of questions : 40

Total Marks : 40

This year the section concentrated on Vocabulary, Usage and Grammar. There was only one reading comprehension passage on the title "A way to deal with frozen feelings" of approximately 250 words which was followed by three questions. The paper was a mix of variety of questions which included FIBs, Spelling Correction, Punctuation etc. Refer to the adjacent table for detailed analysis of the section.

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 totalling 60 marks. Around 18 questions out of 30 were easy and should have been attempted. Some of the questions were directly from PT material.

Questions were asked mainly from Coding-Decoding (2), Data Arrangement (2), Visual reasoning (2), Mathematical Reasoning (1), Critical Reasoning (4), Logical Analogies (4), Logical Series (3), DI Table (4), DI Bar (2), DI Pie Chart (2), Logic Based Question(4). Some of the questions were innovative and tough, while others were direct and there was very little requirement of complex reasoning.

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Topic	Question	Difficulty Level
Match the Column	2	Easy
FIBs	9	
Spelling Correction	2	
Punctuation	2	
Synonym	2	
Antonym	2	
Meaning of Phrase	4	
Same Idea	1	
Odd One Out	1	
Grammar Based Question	4	
Correct Usage of Word	4	
Sentence Correction	2	
Sentence Completion	1	
Para Jumble	1	
Reading Comprehension	3	

General Awareness
Total number of questions : 40
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 were asked 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 18 can be called par for the course in this section.

QA + DI + DS
Total number of questions : 40
Total Marks : 40

Moderately tough with 8 questions from DI and 32 questions from QA. The QA questions were based on Sequence and Series (1), Boats and Stream (1), Mensuration (3), Ratio and Proportion (1), Permutation and Combination (2), Statistics (1), Numbers (6), Percentages (3), Mixtures and Alligation (4), SI & CI (1), Set Theory (2), Visual Reasoning (1), Work and Time (2), Logic Based Question (4).

In the DI part, there were two sets out of which one constituted a Table followed by three questions, while the other was based on a Pie chart followed by five questions. All in all, a student should have scored at least 20 marks in this section in 30 odd minutes.

Expected Cut-Offs

Overall the paper was easier than last year and the cut off marks for various allied institutes as expected by us should be –

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Best Wishes for IBSAT!