

SNAP Test December 16, 2012

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 B-schools 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.

The paper had, as declared, four sections with a total 150 questions to be solved in 120 min. Each question of reasoning was given a weightage of 2 marks so reasoning as a testing area became the most important.

The test that was conducted today across 30 cities at various centers all over the country was for admission to the 2013-15 academic session and was taken by thousands of students across India. The paper pattern was same as compared to the previous year and there were no surprises in terms of difficulty level etc.

The question paper was taken away by the examiner, which has made it slightly difficult for the students to calculate their expected scores.

All the questions were multiple choice with 4 options 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

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

Medium of marking – Blue/Black Ball point 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 Pune	103+	SCMHRD	96+
SIIB	85+	SITM	70+
SCIT	60+	SIOM	78+
SIBM Bangalore	86+	SIMC Pune	65+

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	Moderate	25 min.	24 +
II	Analytical and Logical Reasoning	Logical Reasoning and Critical Reasoning	30	60	Moderate to Tough	45 min.	38 +
III	General Awareness	General Knowledge, Business Awareness	40	40	Moderate	15 min.	14 +
IV	Quantitative Ability, Data Interpretation and Sufficiency	QA + DI + DS	40	40	Easy to Moderate	35 min	27 +
Total			150	180		120 min.	103 +

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 topic "Celts Ethnic Group" of approximately 200 words. The other questions were based on a mixed variety of questions which included FIBs, basic grammar, parajumbles, synonyms, spelling etc. The questions on vocabulary were slightly difficult. The questions based on grammar could have been handled easily though.

An attempt of 30 with around 85% accuracy should be good enough to optimise the score.

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 amounting to 60 marks. Around 20 questions out of 30 were easy and should have been attempted.

The questions were based on blood relations, coding-decoding, Cubes, binary operations, FIJs, series, circular arrangement, etc.

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 Economics, Politics, Sports, Science, Current Affairs, etc . 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 14 can be called decent for this section.

QA + DI + DS

Total number of questions : 40

Total Marks : 40

A very easy section with 6 questions from DI and 34 questions from QA. The QA questions were very conventional and most of those types have been covered umpteen times in the study material. These questions were based on Time Speed and Distance , Work and Time , Percentages, Profit and Loss, Partnership, Geometry and Mensuration, Number Systems, Permutation and Combination, Probability, Ratio and Proportion, Set Theory, Statistics, etc.

All in all, a student should have scored at least 27 marks in this section in 35 odd minutes.

Expected Cut-Offs

The cut off for the following institutes in SNAP 2011 was:

SIBM Pune	91
SCMHRD	84
SIIB (MBA-IB)	80
SITM	70

This year, overall difficulty level of the paper was moderate and the cut off marks for various allied institutes as expected by us should be –

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Best Wishes for the upcoming exams!