

SNAP Test December 15, 2013

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 2014-16 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	110+	SCMHRD	100+
SIIB	90+	SITM	80+
SCIT	70+	SIOM	80+
SIBM Bangalore	92+	SIMC Pune	73+

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.	28 +
II	Analytical and Logical Reasoning	Logical Reasoning and Critical Reasoning (some like DI)	30	60	Easy to Moderate	45 min.	41 +
III	General Awareness	General Knowledge, Business Awareness	40	40	Moderate	15 min.	15 +
IV	Quantitative Ability, Data Interpretation and Sufficiency	QA + DS (No Question on DI)	40	40	Easy to Moderate	35 min	28 +
	Total		150	180		120 min.	112 +

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

An attempt of 33 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 data arrangement, clocks, blood relation, 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 2 questions from DS and 38 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, Ratio and Proportion, Set Theory, Statistics, etc.

All in all, a student should have scored at least 28 marks in this section in 35 odd minutes.

Expected Cut-Offs

The cutoffs for the following institutes in **SNAP 2012** were:

SIBM Pune	102
SCMHRD	89
SIIB (MBA-IB)	85
SITM	76

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!

Some memory based questions are:

Some GK Questions:

1. Who selects the speaker of Lok Sabha? (Answer : members of the Lok Sabha)
2. In 2010 there was a change in interest rate calculation on saving account. What was it? (Answer : on daily basis)
3. By whom was the Panchtantra written? (Answer : Pandit Vishnu Sharma)
4. India signed the Kyoto protocol in which year? (Answer : 2002)
5. Which bank was the first to establish the ATM? (Answer : HSBC)
6. How many chromosomes does the human body have? (Answer : 23 pairs)
7. Which of the following are twin siblings? (options given : Answer was Williams sisters)
8. Which committee gave its report on Banking Reforms? (Answer : Narsimhan Committee)
9. Which blood group type is a universal donor? (Answer : O negative)
10. Passport seva kendra was given to which IT firm? (Answer : TCS)
11. What does the first part of union budget represent? (Answer : Economic Survey of the preceding year)
12. DBT in India is similar to which country model? (Answer : Brazil)
13. IRDA is a regular of which sector? (Answer : Insurance)
14. The largest dam, The Three Gorges dam, is being build in which country? (Answer : China)
15. Largest newspaper circulation is in which country? (Answer : China)
16. The Oscar winning movie "The life of Pi" is written by whom? (Answer : Yann Martel)
17. Find the odd one out - Shikha Sharma, Kiran Muzumdar Shaw, Shubhalakshmi Parse, Chanda Kochher (Answer : Shubhalakshmi)
18. Nationalisation of which sector is not done so far? - Banking, Insurance, Coal, None (Answer : None)
19. Bretton Woods twins are ? (Answer : IMF and World Bank)
20. Dronacharya award related question.

Some Quants Questions:

- Q.1 Santosh can complete a piece of work in 15 days, Pravin can complete it in 12 days. When Santosh, Pravin and Rajesh all three did the work together they were able to complete it in 4 days. In how many days will Rajesh alone complete the work?
- Q.2 If $X + Y = 15$ and $XY = 30$, where X and Y are two numbers, calculate the sum of the reciprocals of the two numbers.
- Q.3 From a particular amount Gopal could be given wages for 18 days and Sankalp can be given wages for 12 days. How many days will the amount last if both Sanlkalp and Gopal are given the wages together?
- Q.4 In a triangle ABC, angle A = 50 degree and the externals bisectors of angle B and angle C meet at point O. Calculate the measure of the angle BOC.
- Q.5 H.C.F of two numbers is 8 and their L.C.M is 96. One of the two numbers is 32, find the value of the other number
- Q.6 In a village of population 2000, where males are 1100 and females are 900 the literacy rate is 95%. If only 3% of the males are illiterate, than calculate the literacy rate in females.
- Q.7 In a class of 42 students in which 20 were girls and 22 were boys teacher wanted to make two monitors one from girls and one from boys. How many ways are there in which this can be done?
- Q.8 If Anand and Baluram are standing at two points which are at 20 km from each other. When Anand and Baluram were travelling in opposite directions, they were able to meet in half an hour and when they travelled in same direction they met after 2 hours. If it is known that Anand's speed was greater than Baluram's speed than calculate the speed of Anand.
- Q.9 If X alone can complete a work in 15 days and Y alone can complete it in 12 days. If X did the work for 5 days alone and then Y joined X to complete the work. They together worked for 3 days and then X has to leave. In how many will Y be able to complete the rest of the work?
- Q.10 There were two mixtures of milk and choco powder, the ratio of water and choco powder in one of the mixture was 2:3 and in the other mixture it was 5:9. In what ratio should both mixtures be mixed to have a resultant ratio of 6:11?
- Q.11 Anna sold his car to Brajesh at a profit of 10% who then sold it to Chiranjeev at a profit of 10%. Chiranjeev then sold that car to a mechanic at a loss of 8.33% who then repaired it by investing 105 of his buying price. He then sold it back to Anna at a profit of 15%. How much profit or loss did Anna have?
- Q.12 If X is 81 percent of Y. How much percent of X is Y.
- Q.13 Two taps can fill a tank in 15 and 10 hours respectively. If a third tap is there which can empty the in 20 hours. All the three taps were turned on together and then after 2 hours the tap which was emptying the tank was turned off. Calculate the time in which the tank will get filled?
- Q.14 Ten years ago average age of 25 professors was 45 years four year ago one professor whose age was 58 years he left and after whose one year another professor joined age of whose was 54 years. Calculate the average of present ages of the professors?

Some LR Questions:

1. At 8.35 PM, what is the angle between minute hand and hour hand?
2. If "7" is coded as CRBT343 then "9" will be coded as
3. There were question based on dice, some nos was given on dice then they asked which no on the face opposite to 1?
4. Five friends Rama, Sapna, Tina, Uma - typical data arrangement questions
5. A 3 x 3 grid was given with alphabets in each cell. Some missing cell had to be found out as per conditions given.
6. Choose the odd one out from 4 options - 3 were having 3 vowels in them, 1 was having 4 vowels.

Some Language Questions:

1. Synonyms questions (Rectitude, Invidious etc.)
2. A sentence with underlined words was given. The part of the speech of the underlined had to be identified.
3. One RC passage of moderate toughness.