

SNAP Test December 18, 2011

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 2012-14 academic session and taken by thousands of students across India. The paper pattern was same as compared to the previous year and there were no surprises as such in terms of difficulty level etc.

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

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 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	98+
SIIB	94+	SITM	85+
SCIT	60+	SIOM	80+
SIBM Bangalore	92+	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	Easy to Moderate	25 min.	24 +
II	Analytical and Logical Reasoning	Logical Reasoning and Decision Making	30	60	Moderate to Tough	45 min.	30 +
III	General Awareness	General Knowledge, Business Awareness	40	40	Moderate	20 min.	24 +
IV	Quantitative Ability, Data Interpretation and Sufficiency	QA + DI + DS	40	40	Easy to Moderate	30 min	25 +
	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 title "Alive and Kicking" of approximately 160 words which was followed by six questions. The paper was a mixed variety of questions which included FIBs, Analogy, Grammar, Parajumbles etc. Refer to the adjacent table for detailed analysis of the section.

Topic	No. of Questions	Difficulty Level
Analogy	2	Moderate
FIBs	2	
One word substitution	1	
Synonym	8	
Antonym	2	
Odd One Out	1	
Grammar Based Questions	15	
Para Jumble	3	
Reading Comprehension	6	

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.

Analytical reasoning (2), Blood relations (3), Cubes and dice(3), Directions (2), Logical series (5), Data arrangement (5), Critical reasoning (8), Analogy (1), Mathematical reasoning (1). Some of the questions were innovative and tough, while others were direct and there was very little requirement of complex reasoning.

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 24 can be called par for the course in this section.

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

Moderately tough with 9 questions from DI and 31 questions from QA. The QA questions were based on Time, Speed and Distance (5), Work and Time (5), Averages (1), Percentages (2), Profit and Loss (1), Mixtures and Alligation (1), Partnership (1), Linear Races (1), Geometry and Mensuration (7), Number Systems (2), Permutation and Combination (1), Probability (2), Logarithm (1), Linear and Quadratic Equation (1).

In the DI part, there were two sets out of which one constituted a bar graph followed by four questions, while the other was based on a Pie chart followed by five questions. All in all, a student should have scored at least 25 marks in this section in 30 odd minutes.

Expected Cut-Offs

SNAP Cut - off for the top four B-Schools last year was :

SIBM Pune 118
SCMHRD 109
SIIB (MBA-IB) 107.5
SIBM Bangalore 105.75 for open category

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

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Best Wishes for IBSAT!