

Hi! We are pleased to present a comprehensive analysis of XLRI Admission Test (XAT) held on January 08, 2012 at 38 cities across India and 4 International locations.

This year, the test was not less challenging as compared to the previous year and was designed to primarily check the decision making skills of future managers in a pressure-cooker atmosphere. With different marks (1,1.5,2) allotted to each question, some decision making gets built in. Negative marking was constant throughout the paper with deduction of one-fourth of the mark allotted for each question.

XAT 2012 came up with many changes. First of all, this time, one had to mark the answers on the OMR sheet with a pen; so no chance of changing an answer at the last moment. This is dangerous for the less prepared! The total number of questions came down from 101 to 85. The Decision Making Section had no Analytical Reasoning questions and this was the trickiest section. The questions here were of a higher difficulty level and test-takers needed to look for questions from his/her area of comfort. The English Language Ability and Logical Reasoning section and the Quantitative Ability sections were manageable and easy as compared to last year. Analytical writing was replaced by Essay writing. Thus, the paper was full of surprises, which came to light section-by-section in 2 hours and 20 additional minutes for essay writing.

Bird's Eye View - XAT 2012

Total Number of Questions – 85

Total Time – 120 minutes + 20 minutes for Essay writing

The Marking Scheme – Questions in each section were allocated different marks, with the marks mentioned on right side of the question. One-fourth of the marks allotted for each question will be deducted for answering any question incorrectly

Number of Options – 5

Sections/Sectional Time Limit – Three sections and no sectional time constraint

Essay Writing Topic –

Statement I – Poverty is the major problem that is plaguing India. Because of the magnitude and complexity of this problem, government policies are not successful.

Statement II – Poverty is a consequence of the government policies. Instead of trying to address the problem, the government should concentrate on the root causes of the problem.

Support one of the statements. Justify it with examples.

Essay (administered after the 2 hour paper), Total time allotted is 20 mins and word limit- 350 words

Medium of marking – Blue or Black pen, last year it was Pencil.

Sectional Break-up –

Sections	Marks	1 mark questions	1.5 mark questions	2 mark questions
Quantitative Ability	35	19	4	5
English Language Ability & Logical Reasoning	35	27	4	1
Decision Making	30	16	8	1
Total	100	62	16	7

Sections	Topic	Areas Tested	Questions	Difficulty Level	Time Suggested	Ideal Marks (Assuming 75% accuracy)
I	Quantative Ability	Mathematical Ability and Data Interpretation	28	Moderate-Tough	35 min.	10+
II	English Language Ability & Logical Reasoning	English Usage and Reading Comprehension	32	Moderate-Tough	45 min.	13+
III	Decision Making	Decision Making skills	25	Tough	40 min.	11+
	Total		85		120 min.	34+

Quantitative Ability

Topic	No. of Questions	Easy	Moderate	Tough
Number Systems	4	2	1	1
Statistics	1		1	
Bar Graph	3	1	1	1
Geometry and Mensuration	6	1	3	2
Simple Interest/Compound Interest	1		1	
Mixtures & Alligations	3	1	1	1
Equations	1		1	
Ratio, Proportion & Variation	2	1	1	
Time, Speed & Distance	3	1	1	1
Venn Diagrams	1	1		
Pie Chart	2	1	1	
Percentages, Profit & Loss	1		1	
Total	28	9	13	6

English Language Ability & Logical Reasoning

Areas Tested	Questions	Questions Types	No. of Questions	Difficulty Level
RC	9	Two Passages	Passage 1 - 4 Qs.	Tough
			Passage 2 - 5 Qs.	
Verbal Reasoning	4	Parajumbles	3	Tough
		Fill in the Blanks	1	
LR	11	Strengthen/weaken the Argument	3	Tough
		Argument/Sentence Based	8	
Vocab	5	Analogy	1	Moderate
		Synonyms/Meanings/Antonyms	3	
		Fill in the Blanks	1	
Grammar	3	Fill in the Blanks	1	Easy
		Identify Incorrect Option	1	Tough
		Identify Correct Option	1	Easy

RC Passage	No of Que.	DIFFICULTY LEVEL
Agency and well-being	5	Difficult
Proliferation of SEZs	4	Moderate

Expected Cut-offs:

34+ marks XLRI Jamshedpur (BM), 30+ marks XLRI Jamshedpur (PM and IR), 27+ marks XIM B, 26 + SP Jain, 25 + GIM and LIBA, 20 + KIAMS, IBA, XISS etc.