Management Aptitude Test
December 07, 2008

Enthusiastic, confident, happy, smart, over smart, depressed, nervous, serious, careless, discussing the coming tests, giggling with friends, mature, childish, discussing the MAT, up-to-date, rough and tough, intelligent, sincere, curious, chewing the bubble gum, shivering with cold, drops of sweat on the forehead, clever, with attested photographs, without attested photographs, before time, on time, late, friends wishing best of luck to each other, hi and byes . . . .

This is how we can define the Young and Fresh faces gathered on the Sunday morning to write the MAT.

The common thing was the hope and dreams in the eyes for the future. The MAT held on 07 December, 2008 (Sunday) was not just a written test, but an effort made to make the future better, for the youth assembled at various centres of 72 different cities, all over India.

MAT was the fourth entrance test of the MBA entrance test season after, IRMA, CAT and IIFT. Lakhs of students prepare and appear for the test each year. More than 400 institutes are affiliated with the test. Considering December 2008 MAT particularly there are 288 institutes that taking this MAT scores.

The evolution of MAT is clear - after removing sections in December 2007, the September 2008 MAT was with jumbled questions. December 2008 MAT was on similar line of September 2008 MAT. There were total **200 questions** to be solved in a time span of **150 minutes**. Four alternative were provided for each questions. **40** questions each on **Reading Comprehension and English Usage (RC and EU)**, **Quantitative Aptitude (QA)**, **Logical Reasoning (LR)**, **Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency (DI and DS)** and **General Knowledge (GK)**. The questions were jumbled-up.

Bird's Eye View

Total Number of Questions – 200

Total Time – 150 minutes

The Marking Scheme – One mark for each correct anwer. – 0.25 mars for each incorrect answer.

Total Marks – 200

Number of Options – 4

Number of sets Available – 13 (A-M)

Sections/Sectional Time Limit – There were no sections and the paper was jumbled.

Medium of marking – Pencil

Break-up–

Topic	No. of Ques.	No. of Marks	Difficulty Level
Quantitative Aptitude	40	40	Moderate
Logical Reasoning	40	40	Easy
Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency	40	40	Mix of Easy and Moderate
Reading Comprehension	40	40	Moderate
General Knowledge	40	40	Mix of Easy and Moderate

Expected Cut-Offs – An score of 105+ (out of 160 i.e. excluding GK) should be good to getting AMITY, BIM Tech., Christ and some other top B- Schools.

It was declared in the instruction provided in the paper at the last page that each correct answer will carry one mark, while there was a negative marking of 0.25 marks for each incorrect answer. Total thirteen different sets of test booklets were available there.

Overall level of difficulty of the paper was easy. 18-20 questions from LR, 15-17 questions from GK, 15-17 questions from QA, 15-17 questions from DI & DS and 6-8 questions from EU should have to attempted first. Ideally a student who is good to select the questions to solve, could attempt 71 to 75 questions in the first hour itself.

Disclaimer: All this information has been memorised by PT students. We are merely reproducing it here in fragments to ensure that the huge community of students eagerly waiting to see an objective comparison of their performance gets the right picture.

The questions from the areas like **Numbers (4)**, **Fractions (2)**, **SI and CI (1)**, **Time Speed and Distance (including Trains and Boats & Streams) (6)**, **Races (3)**, **Averages (2)**, **Percentages (4)**, **Work and Time (including Pipes and Cisterns) (3)**, **Profit and Loss (1)**, **Mixtures, Profit and Loss (3)**, **Calendar (1)**, **Ratio and Proportion (1)**, **Mensuration (3)**, **Simple Applications of Trigonometry (4)**, **Probability (1)**, **Application of Derivatives (1)** were the representative of QA area. The questions were of moderate level of difficulty. For a well prepared student on an average **not more than 1-1.5 minutes** would be required to solve one question of this area.

To check the students' logical and analytical abilities there were questions on **Direction Sense (4)**, **Calendar (1)**, **Relations (2)**, **Linear and Matrix arrangements (6)**, **Conclusions-Statements (4)**, **Assumptions-Statements (4)**, **Coding-Decoding (5)**, **Course of Action-Statements (3)**, **Inferences-Statements (5)**, **Visual Reasoning (4)** and **series (2)**. Excluding the questions based on relations, course or action-statements, inference-statements and two questions of visual reasoning all other questions were of easy. One could attempt 28-30 questions in a time span of 25 to 30 minutes from this area.

There were total **four RC** passages. Total **20 questions** were asked on these passages. The themes of the RC passages were on **Recent Recession and the Economy of India**, **World Wide Economic Slowdown**, **Body Clocks & ageing** and **Experience and Arts.** The length of the passages was of approx. **1100, 400, 450 and 900 words respectively** and **6, 5, 6 and 4 questions were asked on the passages respectively**. The questions asked were direct and easy.

From EU area there were questions on **Fill in the Blanks - two blanks (4)**, **Identify the Best way of Writings (4)**, **Analogies (4)**, **Para Jumble (4)** and **Critical Reasoning (4)**. The questions were of moderate level of difficulty.

Note: The figures in the bracket after the topic is representing the number of questions of that particular topic in the paper).
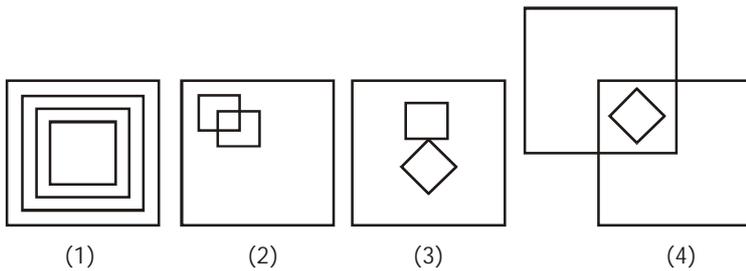
The GK questions were a mixture of easy and moderate level of difficulty. The questions were on dynamic as well as traditional GK. There were questions on Economics, Current Affairs, Awards and Prizes, Business and Appointments. Some of the questions like; who is the present president of USA?, Who is the brand ambassador of BSNL?, TATA's Nano project is shifted to which state from West Bengal?, Question of Nobel Peace Prize award, "Pure Banking, Nothing else" is a punchline of etc. were easy questions. While some of the questions were subject specific like; What is 'Financial Inclusion'?, Question on Article 19? etc. **Some of the GK questions were directly from the PT education material.** Since this area was only to pass and the marks of this will not be include in merit, **an attempt of 20-22 questions will be sufficient to achieve the cut-off for this area.**

We have recalled some of the questions which are as follows –
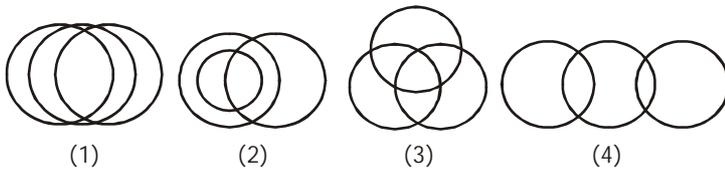
1. What is S & P 500?
2. Which is Nodal Union ministry - Biodiesel utilisation
3. EU adopted which of the following common currency - Euro
4. Full form of IPO
5. Which of the following country is not a part of SAARC?
6. Which of the following is not a public services undertaking?
7. What is the full form C in the word BRIC.
8. Financial Inclusion means -
9. Apart from USA which of the following countries India signed Civil Nuclear Agreement
10. Who is the recipient of Forbes Lifetime Achievement Award 2008?
11. Nobel Peace price 2008 winner - Martti Ahrisavi is from which country
12. Tata's 'Nano' is shifted from West Bengal to which of the following state?
13. Who is the brand ambassador of BSNL?
14. Who is the president of USA?
15. Which of the following prize is awarded by UNESCO?
16. Apart from Delhi and Kolkata which of the following four cites in which Indian Government has decided to start the metro train?
17. The postal department is planning to increase the digits of PIN code to ….. from currently six digit.
18. Who is the chairman of CII?
19. Navratna companies umbrella

20. Article 19

21. India is not a member of which of the following organisation?

22. Which of the following is the longest Lok Sabha consistuency?

23. Which of the following country is not member of G-7?

24. Bhila Ispat and Steel plant is situated in which state?

25. Which of the following country is leading importer of natural rubber?

26. Which of the following state produce largest quantity of rubber?

27. Under 'National Rural Employee Guarantee Act' how many days employment is provided?

28. Chipko Movement is related to

29. 'Pure Banking, Nothing else' is a punch line of

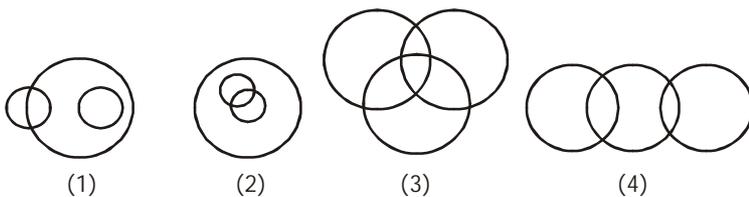30. Bank rates in India is determined by

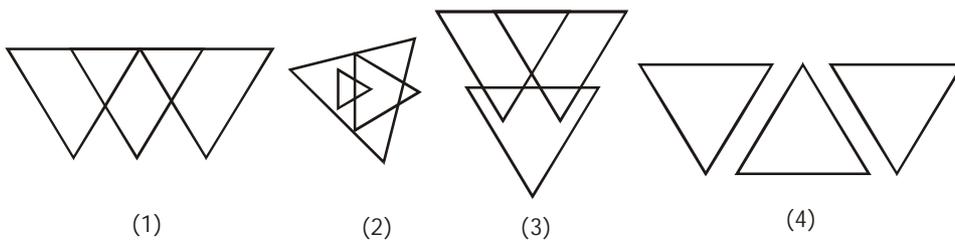40. Which combination figure best represents the relationship between mosquitoes, ants and insects?

(1)   (2)   (3)   (4)

41. Which of the following diagrams best depicts cousins, nephews and males?

(1)   (2)   (3)   (4)

42. Which of the following combinations of circles best represents athletes, sprinters and marathon runners?

(1)   (2)   (3)   (4)

43. Which of the following combination of figures best represents males, dogs and pets?

(1)   (2)   (3)   (4)

Directions: Below is given a passage followed by several possible inferences which can be drawn from the facts stated in the passage. You have to examine each inference separately in the context of the passage and decide upon its degree of truth or falsity. Mark answer as

(1) if the 'data are inadequate', i.e. from the facts given you cannot say whether the inference is likely to be true or false

(2) if the inference is 'definitely true', i.e. properly follows from the statement of facts given.

(3) if the inference is 'probably false', though not 'definitely false' in the light of the facts given.

(4) if the inference is 'definitely false', i.e. it cannot possibly be drawn from the facts given or it contradicts the given facts.

India's economic and social progress is forever undermined by constant onslaught of drought followed by devastating floods. There is no denying that the country has registered growth in putting water to productive uses - for irrigation to realize the objectives of food security, of water conservation for crops requiring a considerable amount of water or even underground water for industrial and agricultural purposes. Despite this, the demand for water is visibly more than the supply of a available and sustainable water. This is because water resources are not integrated in a systematic way to provide for varied uses.

44. The need of the hour is to manage water resources by integrated method.

45. Unavailability of sufficient water has had an adverse effect on India's economic progress.

46. India does not lack in supply of sustainable water for various purposes.

47. India has advanced its maximum level possible in the challenging of its water resources.

48. The trend of conservation of water in India is a recent one.

49. X U S P N K ?   50. FDS JHW NCA

51. 4, 10, 22, 46, ?   52. 9, 15, 23, 33, ?

53. C2, E3, G4, I5, ?

54. If PEAK is coded as 3512, DINE is coded as 6895 then KIND will be coded as

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At the end, as Zig Ziglar said "It is your attitude, not your aptitude, that determines your altitude.". So keep your attitude right and well prepared for the tests ahead.

Best wishes!