

## **Management Aptitude Test**

### **May 03, 2009**

The MAT conducted on 3rd May 2009 was the last hope for the MBA aspirants to get a admission in a session starting from July 2009. This time 444 management institutes are taking the results of MAT.

The pattern of MAT was as usual total 200 jumbled questions with 40 questions from each test area; **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 time allowed to solve the paper was 150 minutes. Four alternatives were provided for each question.

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 moderate to easy.

### **Bird's Eye View**

**Total Number of Questions** – 200

**Total Time** – 150 minutes

**The Marking Scheme** – One mark for each correct answer. – 0.25 marks 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–**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>No. of Ques.</b>	<b>No. of Marks</b>	<b>Difficulty Level</b>
Quantitative Aptitude	39	39	Moderate
Logical Reasoning	41	41	Moderate
Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency	40	40	Easy
Reading Comprehension	40	40	Moderate
General Knowledge	40	40	Mix of Easy and Moderate

**Expected Cut-Offs** – An score of 100+ (out of 160 i.e. excluding GK) should be good to getting AMITY, Christ, Alliance and some other top B- Schools.

### **The ideal strategy to solve the paper should be –**

1. In first 10-15 minutes scan all the GK questions and attempt the questions on which you are dam sure.
2. After that start picking good solvable questions from start of the paper.  
The questions from Coding-Decoding, Numbers, Fractions, Arithmetic, Para Jumbles, FIBs, Analogies, Data Arrangement, Syllogism, Data Comparison and the DI sets containing the Pie Charts etc. can be included in this round.
3. After the first round of attempts, attempt the tougher questions like questions on DI sets containing tables and Bar graph, questions from Mensuration, Height and Distance, some questions of mixtures, work and time, the strong and weak argument questions, questions on cubes, reading of RC passages, sentence correction question etc. can be done in this round.

**Ideally a student, who is good to select the questions to solve, could attempt 50 to 55 questions in the first hour itself.**

The questions from the areas like **Numbers, Fractions, SI and CI, Time Speed and Distance (including Trains), Races, Averages, Percentages, Work and Time** (including Pipes and Cisterns), **Profit and Loss, Mixtures, Profit and Loss, Calendar, Ratio and Proportion, Mensuration, Height and Distances, Probability, Permutation and Combination**, 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, Calendar, Relations, Linear and Matrix arrangements, Statement-Assumption, Statement-Conclusion, Coding-Decoding** and **Cubes**. One could attempt 23+ questions in a time span of 35 minutes from this area.

There were total five RC passages. Total 25 questions were asked on these passages. The themes of the RC passages were on **G-20, democratising of electoral system etc.** The length of the passages was of approx. **1000 words** and **5 questions** were asked on each passage. The questions asked were moderate level of difficulty.

### **Source of RC Passages –**

**G-20: Just Glamour and Glitter** - <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/2009/04/06/stories/2009040650230900.htm>  
**democratising the electoral system** – <http://www.hindu.com/2009/04/09/stories/2009040955750800.htm>

From EU area there were questions on **FIBs, Critical Reasoning, Sentence Correction, Para Jumble** and **Sentence Correction**. The questions were of moderate level of difficulty.

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, Days**. Since this area was only to pass and marks of this will not be include in merit, an attempt of **12-15** questions will be sufficient to achieve the cut-off for this area.

## **Best wishes!**