

# All You Need To Know About "SNAP"

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**Symbiosis National Aptitude (SNAP) Test is a common written test for the admission processes of Symbiosis postgraduate institutes.** These institutes are either affiliated to SIEC Deemed University or approved by AICTE. SNAP Test is conducted under the aegis of SIEC Deemed University.

It is a **mandatory written test for admission into any postgraduate programme at Symbiosis.** However, it is only the first step. Each institute has its own selection process and a student aspiring to do higher studies at Symbiosis needs to go through all the steps. SNAP is a mandatory entrance test for admission to postgraduate management courses of Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Pune and various other Symbiosis International University (SIU) institutes in India. In addition to SIBM, there are 10 other Symbiosis Institutes, admission into which is through SNAP.

## PLANNING & PREPARING FOR SNAP:

Conducted by one of the premiere educational institutions in the country, SNAP is considered to be a fairly competitive entrance examination for securing admission. Let us examine a few useful tips to excel in SNAP:

**Systematic Preparation for each section:** The SNAP test comprises 4 sections namely : a) English Comprehension, Verbal Reasoning & Ability, b) Quantitative Techniques, c) General Awareness and d) Analytical & Logical Reasoning. It is crucial to plan and prepare for each section carefully and systematically, based on the individual's strengths and weaknesses much in advance and strategise accordingly.

**"Practice makes a man perfect":** Practising regularly and consistently is the key to success for appearing in all competitive examinations including SNAP. Aspirants should also refer to previous years' SNAP question papers and practise as much as possible. This will not only sharpen their skills and ability to answer a particular question in the exam but will also give them the much needed confidence to do so.

**Basics First:** It is a well known fact that "basics" of any concept is the foundation for understanding any concept or theory. Once the basics are clearly understood and mastered, more than half the battle is won. If the basics are strong, an aspirant will be able to solve even the most complicated or tough questions in the examination.

**General Awareness & Know-how:** SNAP gives an equal amount of emphasis to the "General Awareness" section and the other sections of the test. Therefore, it is recommended that the aspirants get hold of all the pertinent sources of information through which they can keep themselves updated with all the latest news and events around the globe, be it politics, social or business related.

**Speed & Accuracy:** Speed and accuracy are the key to succeeding in SNAP. The objective of a SNAP aspirant should be to be able to solve the majority of the questions correctly within the given time frame for the examination. Accuracy is of immense importance in this exam, especially because of the fact that there is a negative marking for every wrong answer in the SNAP test. Accuracy and speed, however come with plenty of practice and attempting as many MOCK tests as possible for the paper. Being able to complete the exam preparation well before time also gives the student the opportunity to thoroughly review and revise the answers before finally submitting it and thereby correct any mistakes, if any.

**The "right attitude" is everything:** They say that the "right attitude" makes all the difference between winning and losing as also quoted by Winston Churchill "*Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference*". If one looks at this exam as something unachievable or very difficult, success is indeed going to be difficult or may not be possible. However, if one learns to look at it from the perspective of self-development and as a positive challenge, the whole mindset towards it changes for the better.

**Hard work is a must:** Working hard for this or any other crucial entrance exam is really the key. There is absolutely no substitute for hard work in life.



## REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURE AND FORMAT OF SNAP ENTRANCE EXAMINATION (AS PER THE SNAP WEBSITE & BULLETIN):

### Eligibility Criteria for appearing in SNAP

To apply for SNAP a candidate should be a graduate with at least 50% marks (for general candidates) and 45% (for SC/ST candidates). Final year students can also apply for provisional admission.

### Mode of Test:

SNAP exam is a written examination.

### Test Duration:

Duration of SNAP entrance exam is 120 minutes.

### Pattern of Test:

**SNAP Test is an objective test. Each question has 4 responses. Candidate needs to choose an appropriate response.**

The four sections are:

Sr. No.	Section	Total Marks
1.	General English: Reading Comprehension, Verbal Reasoning, Verbal Ability	40
2.	Quantitative, Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency	40
3.	General Awareness: General Knowledge, Current Affairs, Business Scenario	40
4.	Analytical & Logical Reasoning	60
	<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>

### Negative Marking:

Each wrong answer attracts 25% negative marks.

### Test Centres:

SNAP Test is conducted in 29 cities. A candidate may choose one city of the following. The centre and its address is printed on the Admit Card, for candidate's information.

**Agra, Ahmedabad, Allahabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar,**

Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Jaipur, Jamshedpur, Kanpur, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Nashik, Noida, Patna, Pune, Surat, Vashi & Visakhapatnam

**Registration for SNAP:**

**Step 1:**

Registration for SNAP Test can be done at [www.snaptest.org](http://www.snaptest.org). The incumbent will need to upload a latest scanned photograph of his/her own at the time of online registration which will generate a SNAP ID. For different modes of payment, different 'Payment Advice' formats are created. The aspirant will need to choose a payment mode and print a 'Payment Advice' form online.



**Step 2:**

The Step 2 involves the process of payment of a non-refundable fee of

Rs. 1500/- The individual has the following four choices:

- PAYMENT THROUGH CASH
- PAYMENT THROUGH DEMAND DRAFT
- ONLINE PAYMENT THROUGH CREDIT CARD
- MONEY TRANSFER (NET BANKING):

**Step 3:**

Admit Card can be printed from the website which the individual is required to bring to the test centre along with an ID proof.

**International Students:**

The International Office of Symbiosis takes care of International Students aspiring for admission to the Institutes of Symbiosis International (Deemed University).

**Comparative Analysis of CAT/MAT/XAT:**

Name of Test	Level of test	Test pattern	Test Duration	Mode of Test	Eligibility Criteria	Frequency of the Test
CAT	CAT affiliated B-Schools are ranked a tad higher	CAT has a total of 3 sections & the total number of Questions are 60-70	The test duration is 2 hours and 15 minutes plus 15 minutes for tutorials	CAT is a computer-based test	Bachelor's Degree, with at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA	CAT is conducted once a year
MAT	MAT affiliated B-Schools are mostly 2nd tier group of schools	MAT has 5 sections in the test and the total number of Questions is 200	The duration of MAT is 2 hours and 30 minutes	Both the options of a paper-pencil-based test and computer-based test are there	Should be a graduate; final year students can also apply for provisional admission	MAT is conducted 4 times a year
XAT	XAT affiliated B-Schools are ranked higher compared to MAT	XAT has 3 sections. The questions may be more than 100	The test duration of XAT is 2 hrs. 30 minutes	XAT is a paper-pencil-based test	Graduates and those in the final year can also apply	XAT is conducted once a year
FMS	FMS test is considered to be of the same level as CAT, XAT etc.	FMS has 4 sections and number of questions is likely to be 175	Test duration for FMS exam is 2 Hours	FMS is a paper-pencil-based test	Graduates and Final year students can also apply	FMS is conducted once a year
IIFT	IIFT is of the same level as CAT, XAT, FMS etc.	IIFT has 4 sections and number of questions is likely to be around 200	Test duration is 2 hours	IIFT is a written test	Bachelor's Degree of minimum three years' duration in any discipline	IIFT is conducted once a year
NMAT	NMAT is of the same level as CAT, XAT, FMS etc.	NMAT has 3 sections and number of questions is likely To be around 120	Test duration is 2 hours	NMAT is an Online test	Bachelor's Degree of minimum three years' duration in any discipline	NMAT is conducted once a year
SNAP	SNAP test follows the pattern of the CAT & is quiet competitive in nature	SNAP has 4 sections and number of questions is likely to be around 180	Test duration is 120 minutes	SNAP is a written exam	To apply for SNAP a candidate should be a graduate with at least 50% marks in graduation (for general candidates) and 45% (for SC/ST candidates). Final year students can also apply for provisional admission.	SNAP is conducted once in a year

**Conclusion:**

They say, "A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step". SNAP is just one of the stages for getting admitted into any one of the Symbiosis-family institutions.

However, it is the first and the most important step. Therefore, it is important to not just prepare and plan for it to the best of one's ability but also to do so with an absolute conviction to excel and succeed

and at the same time, the individual's effort in making the process an enjoyable one is of vital importance and will result in both confidence and success.

Wishing you all the very best !