

IRMA Analysis 2009

EXECUTIVE Summary:

This year's IRMA paper is an exact replica of the last year (2008) with respect to the pattern and level of difficulty of the questions. In fact, the pattern has been more or less like this for the last several years. The two-hour long paper comprised 200 questions distributed over four sections. Wrong answers carried negative marks equivalent to one-fourth of the marks allotted to the question.

The following is a synopsis on how this paper could be attempted and the desired score to receive a call from IRMA:

S. No	Sections	Number of Questions	Ideal Time Allotted	Possible Attempts	Possible Cut – Offs
1	English Comprehension	40	25 min	20	14
2	Quantitative Aptitude (QA and DI)	50	35 min	25	19
3	Analytical Reasoning	50	35 min	25	19
4	Issues of Social Concerns	60	25 min	25	15
5	Overall	200	120 min	95	80

Note: The weightage of the marks obtained in the written test in the final selection of the candidates, i.e. after GD and PI will be 50%.

An overall score of 100-105 would be considered very good but 80 would be sufficient to earn a GD/PI call provided a candidate is clearing all the sectional cut offs.

ENGLISH Comprehension (40 Questions):

RC – The passage talked about 'organic' and 'inorganic farming' with reference to the 'green revolution' of 1960s. There were 15 Qs out of which 9 questions were fact based. There was 1 question, which talked about the main theme of the passage.

Out of the remaining 5 questions (all based on the passage), 3 questions were based on Synonyms, which had words like 'fuel', 'practiced', and 'impact'.

The other 2 questions were on antonyms. The words were 'thrived' and 'drastically'.

The overall level of the passage was easy to moderate.

Sentence Completion – There were 5 questions on sentence completion on the basis of reasoning which were easy to solve.

Para Jumbles- There were 5 questions on parajumbles with 4 sentences each. These questions were of easy to moderate level of difficulty.

FIB(Double Blanks) – The answer options had words such as 'dependent', 'learnt', 'discovery', 'turning', 'destroying' which were of easy level.

Memory based question:

Deep freezing _____ the growth of micro-organisms thus aiding in the storage of _____ food material for a long time.

accelerates, spoilable (2)prevents, decayed (3) inhibits, perishable (4)cancels, eatable (5) intends, preserve

Para Construction/Cloze Test- There were 10 questions which were of easy level.

Students could solve the English section with attempts of 18-20 out of 40 questions in less than 30 minutes. A score of 25 in this section would be considered good.

QUANTITATIVE Aptitude: The questions were of easy to moderate level of difficulty. Many questions involved a lot of calculations.

STRUCTURE:

S. No.	Topic	Number of Questions
1	Arithmetic	8
	Ratio and Proportion	3
	SI/CI	1
	TSD and Work	3
	PLD	1
2	Numbers and Simplifications	6
3	Permutation, Combination and Probability	4
	Permutation and Combination	1
	Probability	3
4	Mensuration	2
5	Data Interpretation	25
	Table (Calculation Based) – 2 sets of 5 questions each	10
	Pie – Chart (Calculation Based) – 1 set of 5 questions	5
	Line Chart (Calculation Based) – 1 set of 5 questions	5
	Quantitative Ability Based – 1 set of 5 questions	5
6	Data Sufficiency (1 question each on Averages, PLD, Geometry, Numbers and SI/CI)	5

ANALYTICAL Reasoning:

This section was very similar to the reasoning section last year in terms of structure and difficulty. The section was of moderate level of difficulty.

STRUCTURE:

S. No.	Topic	Number of Questions
1	Data Sufficiency	5
2	Analytical Reasoning (Circular Seating Arrangement)	5
3	Criteria Based Reasoning	10
4	Statement and Courses of Action	5
5	Statement and Assumptions	5
6	Causes and Effects	5
7	Inference and Fact Based	5
8	Odd One Out	4
9	Coding and Decoding	1
10	Analogies	2
11	Verbal Puzzles	2
12	Numerical Rearrangements	1

Items under serial number 3,4,5,6,and 7 comprised VERBAL REASONING.

Verbal Reasoning (30 Questions)

Eligibility Criteria – There were 10 questions on eligibility criteria for the selection of 'Rural Marketing Officer'. The questions were based on the rules provided and were of easy to medium level of difficulty.

Courses Of Action – There were 5 questions on 'Courses Of Action' which were of medium level of difficulty.

Statement-Assumptions- There were 5 questions which were of easy level of difficulty.

Cause -Effect- There were 5 questions on 'Cause-Effects' which were of easy to moderate level of difficulty.

Probably True -False Questions – Here a paragraph was given on 'saving the resources of nature by the effective use of solar energy'. The paragraph was simple and precise and there were 5 questions, which were of easy to moderate level of difficulty.

As far as the Analytical Reasoning is concerned, students could attempt 25 questions out of 50 in 35 minutes. A score of 30 would be considered very good in this section.

Issues of Social Concern:

The questions based on memory on Issues of social concern are as follows:

1. The organization which launched World Ahead program in Meghalaya was.....
2. Doha deadlock is a phrase linked with which organization?
3. Critical gaps in agricultural development are addressed by which scheme?
4. Annual growth rate target for Agriculture has been pegged at

5. what percentage of population is employed in agriculture and allied sector?
6. National Farmer Commission is chaired by..
7. Which scheme was launched to cater to universal education for all?
8. Highest milk producing country in the world?
9. Who won the Ramon Magsaysay award this year from India?
10. No . of gram panchayts in India?
11. 'Carbon credit', is a term associated with ...
12. What does SHG expand to
13. Which of the following is NOT considered as a parameter in judging Human development in HDI Index?
14. Which of the following terms is NOT associated with Agriculture?
15. The amount of recently given relief package to the farmers was ...
16. A question based on the Public Distribution System, like which of the following is TRUE about PDS?
17. Another question based on PDS was there and this time they asked the name of the newly launched PDS in 1997?
18. Which of the following was the purpose of Destructive Insects and Pests Act?
19. The largest Jute producing state of India
20. Bill Gates, Winner of which award in 2009
21. Who is the author of the book Development as Freedom?
22. Which of the following terms is NOT related with agriculture?
23. What are the reasons for poor health system in rural India?
24. Which sector of the Indian economy is the single largest private employer?
25. Which of the following is a Non Conventional source of energy?
26. Which states government gave rice at Rs. 2 per kg in the month of June 2006?
27. Where are the headquarters of WTO?
28. Name of the famous economist and Nobel Prize winner from India.
29. Which of the following groups /organizations is associated with Health Sector?
30. Which of the following organizations is relocated to health ministry?
31. Government gives subsidy on which of the following (seeds, fertilizers, power)?
32. Which of the following crops were affected by the deficient monsoons in the month of June to September 2009
33. Which of the following is the source of funds to the Panchayati Raj Institutions?
34. Panchayati Raj Institutions came into existence through which of the constitutional amendments?
35. The year in which APEDA was established?
36. What were the reasons for converting the crop loans given to the farmers into long term payable loans?
37. Which of the following exchanges will be doing commodities trading?
38. Presently the expenditure on health as a percent of GDP is 0.9 % , as per National Rural Health Mission the target is to increase it to...
39. In which of the following areas villages are comparatively free?
40. Which form of practice can provide water for a sustained period of time?
41. The government has planned to do model social audit of the national programme and schemes launched for the public welfare, it was done for the first time for which state?
42. Many people are engaged in which of the following trades in West Bengal?
43. What part of the Indian one rupee is provided as a subsidy by the government of India to the public?
44. Which body manages the Watershed Development Fund?
45. Which body manages the rain fed farming related projects?

46. Which agriculture produce's support price is not announced by the government generally?
47. In order to address the queries of the farmers directly which of the following works /handles the concerns?
48. Which of the following scheme is NOT a part of the schemes launched by ministry of rural affairs?
49. Which country was formally inducted into WTO some years ago?
50. Which of the following is NOT a green house gas?
51. What is the target of increasing the irrigation area as per the Bharat Nirman Scheme?
52. The cooperative movement in the production of milk was highly successful in which state of India?
53. Which commodity was a part of successful cooperative movement in Maharashtra?
54. 12 lakh km of optic fiber will be laid down under which of the following schemes of the government of India?
55. Wheat will be provided to workers at Rs. 3 per Kg as part of which scheme?

ANALYSIS : The Issues of social concern as usual had 60 questions and were exactly on the lines of the past years papers. The questions were from Indian Economy, Indian agriculture ,rural development and general current affairs .Rather, this year the level of difficulty of questions under "Issues of social concern" was low as compared to the last year. About 15 to 20 questions could be easily cracked by the application of Commonsense and average general knowledge, like the term not associated with agriculture (cryogenics), which of the following is not a greenhouse gas (oxygen) etc.

Majority of the questions were of easy to moderate level of difficulty barring a few googlies and bumpers (that are always there!). A score of 20 out of 60 marks in this section should help the student in getting a call for GD & PI In IRMA.

MEMORY Based Questions in QA:

1. A train having length 350 m crosses a platform in 10 minutes. What is the speed of the train?
2. 8 men complete a certain amount of work in 10 days. 16 women complete the work in 10 days. 20 children complete the same work in 10 days. What time (in days) 12 men, 8 women and 4 children complete the same amount of work?
3. What least natural numbers should be added to 840 to make it a perfect square? Ans. 1
4. Circumference of a circle is 88. Find the area of the circle. Ans. 616

Directions for next three Questions

A box having 3 red, 5 Green and 2 Blue balls.

5. Two balls are chosen at random from the box. Find the probability of having both red –
Ans. 1/15

6. Two balls are chosen at random from the box. Find the probability of having one red and one green. Ans. $\frac{1}{3}$
7. Three balls are chosen at random from the box. Find the probability of having either all red or all green. Ans. $\frac{11}{120}$
8. Ratio of present ages of Ajay and Sareen is 3:2. Five years from now, their ages would be in the ratio of 10:7. Ans. 45
9. No. of words by using all the letters of the word 'PRESS'? Ans. 60
10. Sameer sold a cow for Rs.25800 and earned 20% profit. Find the cost price of the cow.
Ans 21500
11. A person put Rs.24000 in Gramin Bank for three years @ 6.5% p.a simple interest. Find the amount he will get after this period.

Five questions were based on the following information

540 Villagers were involved in watching movies, learning folk dance and learning singing. The ratio of men, women and children among these villagers was 5:3:1. 27% of men watched movies and two third of these men were women who watched movies. Total 185 villagers were learning folk dance and only one third of women in the village were learning folk dance. The ratio of men, women and children who were learning singing, were in the ratio 9:10:1 and total 100 villagers were learning singing. Only 15% of children were watching movies. Villagers who were not involved in above three activities, will not do any other activity.

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