

MAT (May 2010) Analysis

The MAT exam conducted on 2nd May, 2010 had 200 questions to be attempted in 150 minutes. These 200 questions were from five test areas with exactly 40 questions in each. There was no mention of negative marks in the paper. A brief snapshot of the various sections is presented below:

Section	No. of questions
Mathematical skills	40
Data Analysis and Sufficiency	40
Language Comprehension	40
Intelligence and Critical Reasoning	40
Indian and Global Environment	40
TOTAL	200

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

Similar to February MAT, Arithmetic was the most favoured area this time too. Nearly 50% of the questions were from Arithmetic. The topics included Time and Work, Time, Speed and Distance, Ratio and Proportion. The questions were mostly on the easier side, but a little lengthy. The rest of the topics included Permutation, Probability and Mensuration. Within the time available, the possible correct attempts in this section are expected to be 22+. The time allocation should have been around 40 minutes.

DATA ANALYSIS AND SUFFICIENCY

The questions comprised mostly of standard Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency questions. The questions on Data Interpretation came from Mixed Graphs (Example being a Pyramidal shaped graph with data within). One of the sets was a near replica of a DI set discussed in the class exercise of one of the sessions. There were 5-7 questions on Data Sufficiency. Within the time available, the possible correct attempts in this section are expected to be 24+. The time allocation should have been around 30 minutes.

LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION

The questions were equally distributed among Reading Comprehension and Verbal Ability. There were 5 passages in all with a total of 21 questions. The difficulty level was moderate. There were no questions on Synonyms and Antonyms. The Verbal Ability section comprised of questions on grammatical errors and Para Jumbles which had around 10 questions. There were questions on Assertion and Reasoning. The difficulty level was moderate. Within the time available, the possible correct attempts in this section are expected to be 23+. The time allocation should have been around 30 minutes.

INTELLIGENCE AND CRITICAL REASONING

The questions were distributed among Logical and Critical Reasoning, but surprisingly there were no questions on Arrangement based reasoning. There were 8 questions on Cubes, 4 on Blood Relations, 3-4 questions on Venn diagram and 5 questions on Coding/Decoding, besides questions on miscellaneous reasoning. Within the time available, the possible correct attempts in this section are expected to be 24+. The time allocation should have been around 35 minutes.

INDIAN AND GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

The questions in this test area were, predominantly, from Current and Business GK. The level of this section was medium. Within the time available, the possible correct attempts in this section are expected to be 17+. The time allocation should have been around 15 minutes.

SECTIONAL SCORES AND OVERALL CUT-OFFS

Below is presented the summary of the above analysis.

Section	No. of questions	Time allocation (min.)	Attempts (questions)	Possible Correct Attempts
Mathematical skills	40	40	24-28	22+
Data Analysis and Sufficiency	40	30	26-30	24+
Language Comprehension	40	30	30-32	23+
Intelligence and Critical Reasoning	40	35	26-29	24+
Indian and Global Environment	40	15	23-25	17+
TOTAL	200	150		110+

Since MAT is silent on the marking scheme but looking at the past trends of scores a rough prediction of scores accepted by good colleges participating is given below:

College	Expected Score to get a call
Institute of Rural Management, Jaipur	650
Alliance Business Academy	630
School of Communication & Management Studies, Cochin	620
EMPI, Delhi	580
Siva Sivani Institute of Management	570
Asia Pacific Institute of Management	520

Disclaimer: The above cutoffs are only suggestive in nature and may differ from the actual cutoffs. Roots Education cannot be held responsible for any decision taken by the candidate on the basis of the above information.