

## **XAT 2012 Analysis**

XAT 2012 conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan had 85 questions this year. There was talk of decreasing the difficulty level as compared to last year, but that was true partially for only the Verbal section, which was offset by introducing a Full Fledged Decision making section. The time allotted for the test was 120 minutes and 20 additional minutes for the descriptive part. There was differential marking within each section. Though there was no clear mention of progressive negative marking this year, there was a mention of 1/4<sup>th</sup> negative of the marks(s) allotted per question which **will** be deducted. There was no sectional time limit mentioned in the paper. There were 3 sections in all with different number of questions in each section. The breakup of questions according to sectional area along with detailed breakup of questions carrying different marks and sectional scores is given below.

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>No. of questions</b>	<b>Marks per question</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>
1	Decision Making	25	16(1),8(1.5),1(2)	30
2	Data Interpretation and Quantitative Ability	28	19(1),4(1.5),5(2)	35
3	Verbal Ability and Logical Reasoning	32	27(1),4(1.5),1(2)	35
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>		<b>100</b>

Sectional analysis is given below. Number of questions with 'x' marks per question is mentioned in bracket where 'x' refers to the marks allotted per question.

### **DECISION MAKING**

The section consisted of 6 caselets of 2-6 questions each. Out of these 4 sets required Mathematical Judgment. This section was of moderate to difficult level. The possible cutoff score is 8-9. The time allocation could be 40 minutes.

### **DATA INTERPRETATION AND QUANTITATIVE ABILITY**

The sectional breakup is given below

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Total number of questions</b>
Arithmetic	7
Algebra	8
Geometry and Mensuration	7
Higher Math	1
Data Interpretation(2 sets)	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>

The possible cutoff score is 9-10. This section was of moderate to difficult level. The time allocation could be 45 minutes.

## VERBAL ABILITY AND LOGICAL REASONING

The breakup is given below

SECTION	Questions
Grammar	2
Inferential Reasoning	11
Para Jumbles	3
Sentence Completion	2
Vocabulary	3
RC (3 passages)	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>

The possible cutoff score is 10-11. This section was of easy to moderate level. The time allocation could be 35 minutes.

**DESCRIPTIVE:** There was no essay. Instead the following Justification was asked based on 2 statements given below:

"Statement 1: Poverty is such a complex phenomenon that most initiatives taken up by the government fail.

Statement 2: Nothing can be done about poverty, till it's root causes are addressed.

Present your answer in the following pattern:

- a. Which statement you agree with
- b. Justification for the same
- c. Examples to explain..."

One had to give judgment on this with appropriate justification and corroborate it with example.

### SECTIONAL SCORES AND OVERALL CUT-OFFS

The overall level of the paper was difficult. Following is the summary of the above analysis.

Section	Questions	Time Allocation	Total Attempts	Possible Correct Attempts	Possible Scores
Decision Making	25	40	9-10	7-8	8-9
Data Interpretation and Quantitative Ability	28	45	14-15	12-13	10-11
Verbal Ability and Logical Reasoning	32	35	17-18	14-15	12-13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>120 minutes</b>	<b>37-39</b>	<b>33-35</b>	<b>32-33</b>

The Expected cut-off is given below for each Institute.

INSTITUTE	Expected Cut-off	Expected Cut-off Percentile
XLRI - BM	32+	98+
XLRI - PMIR	31+	97+
XIM-Bhubaneswar	30+	95+
SP Jain	28+	95+
LIBA,Chennai	25+	93+
GIM,Goa	23+	92+
IFMR,Chennai	22+	87+
Kirloskar, Bangalore	20+	86+
XIME, Bangalore	18+	83+
XISS, Ranchi	15+	75+

XLRI, XIM and SP-Jain consider sectional cut-offs as well. Profile based calls are given at SP Jain. Hence, a marginal decrease in percentile can be expected.

**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.

ANSWER KEY GIVEN BELOW.

	Series-A	Series -B	Series-C	Series-D
Q No.				
1	e	e	d	b
2	e	d	e	e
3	a	d	d	e
4	d	b	b	d
5	e	d	c	b
6	c	d	b	b
7	a	a	e	c
8	d	a	e	a
9	d	d	d	c
10	e	b	e	d
11	d	c	e	e
12	b	d	d	d
13	e	b	b	b

14	b	a	a	c
15	b	b	e	e
16	a	e	b	e
17	b	a	b	d
18	e	a	c	b
19	e	c	a	a
20	NA	e	c	e
21	NA	d	e	e
22	a	c	b	b
23	c	c	d	d
24	e	d	e	e
25	c	a	e	e
26	b	d	d	b
27	c	e	b	b
28	e	d	d	NA
29	d	e	d	NA
30	b	d	d	a
31	b	e	b	c
32	d	d	a	a
33	d	d	d	e
34	d	b	e	d
35	d	c	a	c
36	e	b	e	e
37	d	e	d	e
38	e	e	d	e
39	a	a	d	c
40	d	b	d	e
41	b	b	e	b
42	c	e	a	a
43	d	e	c	a
44	c	b	d	d
45	e	b	b	c
46	e	c	d	b
47	c	c	b	d
48	c	a	d	e
49	d	c	e	d
50	a	e	c	b
51	d	e	e	e
52	e	d	e	e

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55	a	d	b	b
56	e	d	a	d
57	b	e	e	d
58	d	e	c	d
59	b	c	a	b
60	b	a	NA	a
61	d	d	NA	a
62	b	a	a	d
63	c	b	e	e
64	b	NA	e	a
65	b	NA	c	e
66	e	a	e	d
67	e	c	d	d
68	b	e	a	d
69	e	a	b	d
70	e	d	c	e
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74	c	d	b	d
75	e	e	d	b
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77	d	b	d	e
78	b	e	b	c
79	a	e	e	e
80	e	e	e	e
81	d	c	e	c
82	e	e	c	c
83	e	d	e	d
84	b	c	d	a
85	b	b	b	e