

Analysis: IIFT 2016

IIFT-2016 is done and dusted and it is now time to come up with the analysis for the exam!

In terms of pattern and structure, the exam was similar to IIFT-2015. The exam featured one question less in comparison to the last year. In continuing with the trend of the exam, the exam again had differential marking scheme for the sections. Overall, there were four sections in the exam and two of these sections had two parts each. In terms of overall level of difficulty, the exam can be classified as an easy exam. But then again, the challenge with IIFT has always been managing time efficiently and not the difficulty of the exam itself.

Overall, to manage the overall and sectional cut-offs was a challenge and it was a tight rope walk to manage the exam.

The break-up for the four sections was as follow:

Section	Sections	No. of Questions	Marks per Questions	Total-Marks
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) × (D)
Section -1	Quantitative Ability	20	1.00	20
Section -2	(Part-1) Analytical & Logical Reasoning	22	0.75	16.5
	(Part -2) Data Interpretation	20	1.00	20
Section -3	(Part -1) Reading Comprehension	16	1.00	16
	(Part -2) Verbal Ability	20	0.75	15
Section -4	General Awareness	25	0.50	12.5
Total		123		100

Overview and Expected cutoff for the IIFT 2016 Paper

Time Allotted	2Hrs.
Total no. of questions	123 (100 Marks)
Marking Scheme	Different for different sections
Sections	4
Number of choices	4
Negative Marking	1/3

The expected overall score at which one can expect a call from IIFT will be around 41-44.
Remember, you need to clear the individual sectional cut-offs as well.

Section I:- Quantitative Ability

Area Tested	Description	No. of Questions	Mark Allotted
Quantitative Ability	Algebra & Equations	2	2×1
	P&C Probability	5	5×1
	Time & Work	1	1×1
	Geometry & Co-ordinate	3	3×1
	Logs	1	1×1
	Profit & Loss	1	1×1
	Sets	1	1×1
	Number System	1	1×1
	Progression	4	4×1
	Time, Speed and Distance	1	1×1
Total		20	20

Evaluation: The Quantitative Ability was Easy to Moderate. Some of the questions were calculation intensive. The key to ace this section was to identify the questions that could be easily solved within the given time restraint. Remember, the overall difficulty level of the questions was not too high but there was simply not enough time to solve all the questions in the exam.

Comfortable Attempt & Score: 12 Ques. & 9

Expected Cutoff: Around 5.5 marks.

Section II:- (Part -1) Analytical and Logical Reasoning

Area Tested	Description	No. of Question	Mark Allotted
AR and LR	Diagram Based Analogy	4	4 × 0.75
	Analytical Reasoning	13	13 × 0.75
	Membership	1	1 × 0.75
	Missing Number	1	1 × 0.75
	Wrong Number Series	1	1 × 0.75
	Alphabetic Series	1	1 × 0.75
	Syllogism	1	1 × 0.75
	Total		22

Evaluation: This section was of Easy to Moderate difficulty level. There were four AR blocks. One AR block on (six daughters) was moderate while other three AR blocks (Six engineer, Export cargo, three countries) were easy. Remember, there were a couple of blocks in this section with debatable answer choices and there was a certain element of ambiguity in them. Hopefully, you did not get stuck on these sets and did not waste your valuable time on these sets.

Comfortable Attempt & Score: 10-12 Ques. & 7

Expected Cutoff: Around 4.5 marks.

Section II: - (Part -2) Data Interpretation

Area Tested	Description	No. of Question	Mark Allotted
Data Interpretation	Bar Graph	5	5 × 1
	Tables	10	10 × 1
	Stacked Bar Graph	5	5 × 1
	Total	20	20

Evaluation: There were four blocks in this section. Most of the blocks in Data Interpretation were easy in nature but did require a certain degree of finesse with calculations. This is where your practice of Vedic mathematics and calculation techniques comes in handy.

With the help of approximations and proper usage of choices, you could have given a significant boost to your overall attempt.

Comfortable Attempt & Score: 10-12 Ques. & 9

Expected Cutoff: Around 5 marks.

Section III: - (Part - 1) Reading Comprehension

Sr. No.	Description	No. of Questions	Mark Allotted
1.	Economy	4	4×1
2.	Business & Economy	4	4×1
3.	Women's Role in Economy	4	4×1
4.	Technology and Innovations	4	4×1
	Total	16	16

Evaluation: The RC section was the surprise this year. In comparison to the last year, the paper featured shorter RCs and also, the level of the RCs was fairly easy. Quite a few students go with the pre-conceived notion of not solving RCs. In case you followed any such strategy, you might have been at a disadvantage. Overall, you could have easily solved at least 2 passages in the exam and in case English is your strength, you could have solved 3 to 4 passages in the exam.

Comfortable Attempt & Score: 9 – 11 Ques. & 7

Expected Cutoff: Around 4.5 marks.

Section III: - (Part - 2) Verbal Ability

Sr. No.	Description	No. of Questions	Mark Allotted
Verbal Ability	Sentence Completion	3	6×0.75
	Vocabulary Base	15	6×0.75
	Sentence Rearrangement	2	2×0.75
Total		20	15

Evaluation: The Verbal Ability portion of the exam had an extremely strong emphasis on Vocabulary and in fact, did not feature any grammar based questions. In case you worked on your vocabulary and have a good grasp over the English language, you are bound to do well in a section such as this. The section did not test you on hard-core concepts or verbal reasoning questions that we generally see in competitive exams; the exam focused on everyday language use and being a regular reader would have most definitely helped you out here.

Comfortable Attempt & Score: 11 – 13 Ques. & 7

Expected Cutoff: Around 4.5 marks

Section IV: General Awareness

Evaluation: This year GK section was dominated by questions on Current and Static GK. This section was very exhaustive and required routine reading of newspaper and Current Affairs Magazines.

Note: We have recently released a series of 4 GK e-books. Out of these books, 8 questions featured in the IIFT exam. In case you have not downloaded these books, do so now. These books will prove mighty useful for other MBA entrance exams.

<http://www.hitbullseye.com/mba/GK/Current-and-Static-GK-Books.php>

Comfortable Attempt & Score: 10-12 Ques. & 3

Expected Cutoff: Around 1.5 marks.

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