

## **RAS 2013 (Prelims) Analysis**

RAS Prelims exam, 2013 was held on October 26, 2013 in various centers across Rajasthan. The candidates appearing for the exam heaved a sigh of relief as this year, for the first time, only one paper was held in place of the usual two. The duration of the exam was 3 hours and it contained 150 questions of 200 marks. Out of these, around 130 questions were based on General Knowledge and Current Affairs and around 20 questions were based on Mental Ability. The difficulty level of most of the questions was moderate, with a few even being labeled difficult. Questions of Mental Ability were easy. Candidates were also given a carbon copy of the answers marked by them so as to enable them to later on check their answers for accuracy.

There was a penalty for wrong answers. Each wrong answer would invite a deduction of one third of the marks assigned to it.

This year's paper was found to be more difficult and analytical in comparison to that of last year. Multiple statement questions were also asked this year. Few current affairs questions pertained to events that took place as recent as in September 2013 or October 2013, such as Sindhurakshak sinking, the terrorist attack in Nairobi etc. Mental Ability based questions were based on various topics such as Arithmetic, Data Interpretation, Series, Calendars, Arrangements, Visual Reasoning, Statement-Assumptions, Reason-Assertion, Statement-Argument and Course of Action. Mostly 1-2 questions were asked from each of these topics.

The topic wise distribution of the questions asked in the exam is as follows:

<b>Topics</b>	<b>Number of questions</b>	<b>Difficulty Level</b>
Current Affairs	12	Moderate
History	12	Moderate
Geography	12	Easy
Environment and Ecology	3	Easy to Moderate
Polity	21	Moderate to difficult
Science	14	Moderate
Economy	10	Easy to Moderate
Rajasthan Special	43	Moderate to difficult
Mental Ability	20	Easy
Misc.	3	Easy

A score ranging from 85 to 90 can be considered a good score.

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