

SYMBIOSIS NATIONAL APTITUDE TEST (SNAP 2008)

Analysis

SNAP 2008 throws a SURPRISE!!! Not only did the total number of questions decreased to 135 from 150 but there was a differential marking within the sections. The one thing which did not change is the difficulty level of the questions being asked. Based on these observations, the broad strategies to follow while attempting this paper should have been:

1. The number of attempts should have been 90 or more; if your average accuracy in Mocks (total correct / total attempts) tops 90%+.
2. Attempts of 100 - 110 marks would have sufficed; if your average accuracy hovers around 80-85%.
3. You should have attempted worth 120-125 or more marks; if your average accuracy is of the order of 70-75%.
4. Since, this time there were questions of 2 marks each in QA, DI, EU and GA along with AR, the selection of questions could be crucial in the final outcome.

Since all the sections were easy, it was at your discretion to choose which one to attempt first. However, you should have started with Logical Reasoning, given that the all the questions in this section were 2-markers. Then, you could have attempted any of the sections depending upon your strengths.

The overall break-up, with detailed sectional analysis, is given below:

Overview

Total time = 120 minutes. **Negative marking** = 25% of the maximum marks of the question.

Section	No. of Questions	No. of Questions	Total no. of Questions	Total Marks
	Mark - 1 each	Marks - 2 each		
General English	30	5	35	40
Quantitative & Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency	30	5	35	40
General Awareness	30	5	35	40
Analytical & Logical Reasoning	-	30	30	60
Total	90	45	135	180

Section	Suggested Time	Possible Attempts		Possible Scores
		Mark - 1 each	Marks - 2 each	
General English	30 minutes	16 - 18	3 - 4	18 - 20
Quantitative & Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency	35 minutes	18 - 20	2 - 3	19 - 21
General Awareness	15 minutes	10 - 12	1 - 2	12 - 13
Analytical & Logical Reasoning	40 minutes		16 - 18	26 - 28
Total	120 minutes			80 - 82

Most important thing about SNAP is that all the Symbiosis institutes release the overall cut-off and none of them is reported to consider sectional cut-offs so far. Hence, you should have spent ample time on the area(s) in which you consistently score well.

Quantitative Ability, Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency

Topic	Number of Questions	Level of Difficulty
Number System	1	Easy
Arithmetic	8	Easy
Algebra	3	Moderate
Geometry	4	Easy
P&C, Probability, Stocks and Miscellaneous	5	Moderate
Reasoning and puzzles	2	Moderate
Data Interpretation	10	Easy
Data Sufficiency	2	Easy - Moderate
Total	35	Easy

The Quantitative Ability questions were of easy to moderate difficulty level. Most of them were direct; One set in DI relating to movies was very easy and all the four questions should have been attempted and solved correctly. Also, the DI set on the electronic items should have been attempted. If the test taker had basic conceptual clarity; 20 or more marks could have easily been scored in this section

Logical Reasoning & Analytical Reasoning

Topic	Number of Questions	Level of Difficulty
Critical reasoning	2	Easy - Moderate
Deductive logic & Logical consistency	1	Easy
Logical and Mathematical reasoning	18	Easy - Moderate
Tabular Puzzles	2	Moderate
Set – Theory	2	Easy
Miscellaneous (Coding, Decoding, Sequence & Series, etc.)	5	Easy - Moderate
Total		Easy - Moderate

A score of 25 + could have been notched up in this section.

General Awareness Section:

A very unique section typical of Symbiosis. The pattern of this section was similar to that of last year. Lots of static GK questions. The GK provided by Career Launcher should have proved very helpful. One could have scored 12 - 14 marks here.

General English Section:

Topic	Number of Questions	Level of Difficulty
RC	12	Easy - Moderate
Vocabulary-based question (analogy + synonyms + antonyms + multiple usage + spellings)	8	Easy - Moderate
Para-jumbles	2	Easy
Grammar & Usage (parts of speech + idioms + punctuation + passive voice + prepositions + pronouns)	18	Moderate
Total	40	Easy - Moderate

The overall difficulty level of this section was from easy to moderate but the answer options were close. Overall, within a time span of 30 minutes a score of 18 - 22 could have been scored easily in this section.

Likely cut-offs for various institutes:

Institute	Cut-off
SIBM	80+
SCMHRD	77+
SIIB, SIOM	72+
SIMC, SCIT, SITM, SIMS	65+

All the best!

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