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This year, too, the FMS paper had four sections and the standard pattern of 175 questions. However, the paper this year was lengthier and much difficult as compared to last year's paper. The paper also had a number of errors especially in the quantitative section.

Question asked in Quantitative section were lengthy. Few questions were ambiguous as far as language of the questions is concerned at the same time few questions of the QA section required basic knowledge of physics.

AR and LR sections had mix of easy and lengthy questions. Locating the right sets within the stipulated time was the key.

The Reading Comprehension & English Usage sections were difficult. A lot of questions were based on Logical and Analytical Reasoning. Three to four questions in EU sections were directly from general knowledge.

The candidate should be well read and his/her knowledge base be very wide to crack the paper like this. Moreover one needs to get a minimum of 50 percentile in each of the sections to qualify for further consideration.

Total Time: 120 min
 Total No. of Questions: 175
 Total No. of Sections: 4

| Section | Topics | Number of Questions | Possible Good Attempts | Suggested Time | Cut off Marks | Good Score |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 | Quantitative Aptitude | 49 | 21-22 | 40 minutes | 20-22 | 70+ |
| 2 | Analytical and Logical Reasoning | 49 | 23-24 | 40-43 minutes | 22-24 | 80+ |
| 3 | Reading Comprehension | 35 | 12-14 | 25 minutes | 10-12 | 40+ |
| 4 | English Usage | 42 | 17-19 | 22-25 minutes | 12-14 | 64+ |
| | Total | 175 | 80+ | 120 minutes | 255-260 | 255-260 |

Quantitative section:

Most of the question required a lot of reading to be done as most the questions were wordy. There was a mix of arithmetic, algebra and higher maths questions. Questions were easy –moderate but there were few speed barkers. 4-5 questions in the section had blatant errors and 2-3 questions of physics made the section seemingly difficult.

| | Topic | No of questions | Difficulty Level |
|---|---|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 | Numbers | 1 | Easy |
| 2 | Arithmetic | 17 | Easy-Moderate |
| 3 | Algebra | 3 | Easy-Moderate |
| 4 | Geometry | 3 | Easy-Moderate |
| 5 | Permutation/combination and probability | 5 | Easy-Moderate |
| 6 | Trigonometry | 2 | Easy-Moderate |
| 7 | Miscellaneous (Physics, calculus, Matrices, statistics) | 14 | Easy-Moderate |
| 8 | Data Interpretation | 4 | Easy |
| | | 49 | |

AR +LR

There were close to 13-14 sets each having 2-4 questions .Key of cracking this section was to keep cool and attempt selected sets. Most of the AR sets were easy. The section was very scoring if one would have attempted LR questions, which were very direct.

| | Topic | No of questions | Difficulty Level |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 | Input-output | 3(1 set) | Moderate |
| 2 | AR | 17(6 sets) | Easy-Moderate |
| 3 | Logical Reasoning | 13 | Easy |
| 4 | Numero-AR+ Mathematical Logic | 6 | Moderate |
| 5 | Network Based | 6 | Moderate |
| 6 | Blood - Relation | 3 (1 set) | Easy-Moderate |
| 7 | Sequence and series | 1 | |
| | Total | 49 | |

Reading Comprehension:

The passages given were all of high difficulty level with the topics focusing on subjects like Historical economy, Psychology, Biology (Evolution), Sociology and Legal affairs. There were 5 passages with 7 questions each. Hence, the RC section had a total of 35 questions.

One could have attempted around 13 questions on an average, keeping in mind that they were varied with being very direct and others quite inferential in their tone and, hence, difficult to answer.

| S. No | Topic | Area | No of questions | Difficulty Level | Remarks |
|-------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | War funding | Economics | 7 | High | Lengthy Passage |
| 2 | Analysis of Fear | Psychology | 7 | Moderate | Had factual questions |
| 3 | Origin of evolution | Life sciences | 7 | High | Very Inferential passage |
| 4 | Women's Enfranchisement | Sociology | 7 | Moderate | Factual questions |
| 5 | IPR | Legal affairs | 7 | High | Inferential questions |
| | Total | | 35 | | |

English Usage:

The questions in this section were of a moderate to difficult level. The words given for analogies, and homophones were tough in terms of knowing their meaning. Other questions, such as deciphering the meaning of different proverbs and knowing the correct sequence of cluster of words were difficult to attempt. However, some questions such as those on synonyms, antonyms and contextual meaning were of moderate level of difficulty. A student with basic grasp over English Usage and understanding of the language could have easily attempted these questions. Overall out of 42 questions in English Usage, 16 could have been easily attempted.

| S No. | Topic | No of questions | Difficulty level | Remarks |
|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| 1 | Analogies | 6 | High | A good understanding of vocabulary would have been helpful |
| 2 | Contextual meaning | 4 | Moderate | |
| 3 | Grammatical usage of words | 3 | Moderate-High | A thorough understanding of grammar was required |
| 4 | Idioms/ Proverbs | 13 | Moderate to High | |
| 5 | Fill in the blanks- Homophones | 3 | High | |
| 6 | Discourse markers | 2 | Moderate | |
| 7 | Antonyms | 3 | Moderate | |
| 8 | Vocabulary- General Knowledge | 3 | High | They tested varied areas |
| 9 | Quotation | 2 | High | Quite a literary pair |
| 10 | Word cluster | 2 | High | |

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