# Tata Institute of Social Sciences Entrance Test- December 2008

There were two main things about the TISS exam this year which were noteworthy:

a) Group discussion process was held for students who had applied for Masters in Social Work on the same day following the written test and

b) The exam itself was conducted in the month of December instead of the usual January/ February.

It was clearly communicated to the candidates that the question paper will consist of two parts. Part I of the question paper was common for all applicants and did not pose too many challenges for the candidate. This part was divided into three sections: Analytical Ability, Language Ability and Social Awareness. This part was of 50 marks with a time allotment of 45 minutes and there was no negative marking. Further, it was specified that there was no section-wise time limit or cut-offs.

Part II of the TISS exam was program specific, i.e. students applying for different programs took different tests. The question paper was objective /descriptive on the basis of the program(s) that the candidate had applied for. The duration to attempt Part II was one hour. For the popular HRM & LR program, there were six sections of the test including Data Interpretation, Data Sufficiency, Probability, Business Knowledge and Foundations of Management.

**Part I:**

| Section | Number of questions | Suggested Time (in minutes) | Possible Score |
|---|---|---|---|
| Analytical & Numerical Ability | 15 | 17 | 12 |
| Language Ability | 20 | 20 | 15 |
| Social Awareness | 15 | 8 | 5 |
| **Total** | **50** | **45** | **32** |

Based on memory, a few of the question are represented as under:

***Disclaimer:*** *Our expert faculty who have attempted the TISS paper decide this attempts/cut-offs. These may not be the actual cut-offs of TISS 2008. These are calculations based on our experience and expertise.*

## Quantitative Ability & Analytical Reasoning

This section had 15 questions. These questions ranged from figure-based problems frequently found in IQ tests to analytical reasoning questions involving seating arrangements. The level of difficulty was easy to moderate. Some of the questions involved lengthy calculations. This section was more time consuming in comparison to the other sections of the question paper. A total of 12 questions could be easily attempted.

**Q**. A clock shows correct time at 3 PM. After the hour hand has moved 135 degrees, what will be the time shown by the clock?
a. 6:30 PM
b. 8:30 PM
c. 7:30 PM
d. 9:30 PM

**Q**. The earnings of Rajnikanth and Shahrukh are in the ratio of 4:5 and their savings are in the ratio of 5:6. If Rajnikanth saves Rs.25 and Shahrukh saves Rs. 50 then what is the earning of Rajnikanth and Shahrukh?
A.  Rs. 400 and 500
B.  Rs, 500, Rs. 400
C. Rs. 200, Rs. 300
D. Rs. 100, Rs. 200

**Q**. An equilateral triangle of side length 3 inches is cut to make equilateral triangles of side length 1inch. What is the maximum number of such triangles that can be made?
A.12
B. 8
C. 9
D. 3

**Q**. The average of 5 numbers is 6.The average of 3 of these 5 numbers is 8. Find the average of the other two numbers.
A. 2
B. 1
C. 3
D. 4

**Language Ability**

The Language Ability Section was quite simple. This section comprised a total of 20 questions.

| Topics | Number of Questions | Difficulty Level |
|---|---|---|
| Grammar and English Usage based | 7 | Easy |
| Fill-in-the-blanks | 7 | Easy to Moderate |
| RC Passage | 6 | Easy to Moderate |
| Total | 20 | |

Overall this part of the paper was quite easy. The first six questions were based on a short RC passage. This passage was not more than 450 words. The passage was about the works of a tribal artist called Pema. In the passage, the author was comparing the different works of paintings done by the artist. One of which was created for the collector of the area. The questions that were based on the RC were inferential in nature. However, their range of difficulty was between easy to moderate. These questions were followed by a mix of grammar and vocabulary based questions.

A total of 15 questions could be attempted in this section.

**Q**. The turn out of the politicians at the party was stunning. The word stunning used in the sentence can be replaced by:
(a) shocking
(b) terrible
(c) terrifying
(d) amazing

**Q**. He said that: I will come tomorrow.
(a) He said that he will come tomorrow.
(b) He said that he would come the day after.
(c) He said that he would come tomorrow.
(d) He said that I would come the day after.

**Q**. A democratic school should understand the school drop out from the student's point of view. The following sentence should be the answer to which of the following questions:
(a) Why should a school understand student's point of view?
(b) When should a school understand drop out?
(c) How should a democratic school understand school drop out?
(d) Who should understand the school drop out?

**Q**. I was sitting on a bench <u>watching</u> the people setting up their stalls
(a) Watched
(b) watching
(c) looked
(d) looking

**Q**. This year a welcome change has been that a <u>large</u> number of women candidates have qualified in the written exam.
(a) largely
(b) larger
(c)largest
(d) large

**Q**. Which of the following sentences mean the same?

(i) Although he wanted to go home, he kept on working.
(ii) In spite of wanting to go home, he kept on working.
(iii) Even though he wanted to go home, he kept on working.

(a) (i) and (ii)
(b) (ii) and (iii)
(c) (iii) and (i)
(d) All of them mean the same

**Social Awareness:**

This section had 15 questions, which tested the candidates' general knowledge and understanding of social issues. The questions in this section were based on topics ranging from Indian companies featuring in Fortune 500, SEZs in India, regional political parties and Kwashiorkor disease to Man Booker and Roman Magsaysay award recipients. These questions were on a moderate level of difficulty.

A total of 5 questions could have been attempted.

**Q**. Find which one is not matched correctly.

A. Telangana Rashtra Samiti- Andhra Pradesh
B. Maharshtrawadi Gomantak Party - Maharashtra
C. RSP - West Bengal
D. PMK - Tamil Nadu

**Q**. Which of the following SEZ is incorrectly matched by the business groups that maintains it ?

A. Nandigua: Mittals
B. Kokrajhar : Hindujas
C. Jhajhar :Reliance
D. _____: SKIC

**Q**. Kwashiorkor is caused by the deficiency of which of the following?
A. Vitamins
B. Proteins
C. Fat
D. Carbohydrates

**Q**. The 2007 Man Booker prize was won by:
A. Arundhati Roy
B. Jhumpa Lahiri
C. Arvind Adiga
D. V. S. Naipaul

Part II:

Part II of this exam was objective/ descriptive on the basis of the programme(s) that the candidate chose to apply for. Those who had applied for Human Resources Management and Labour Relations, Globalization and Labour, Social Entrepreneurship and Development Studies had the objective type questions paper with an OMR sheet.

Others applying for Master of Health/Hospital Administration, Disaster Management and Media and Cultural Studies had the descriptive type question paper. This descriptive section of the exam tested the analytical ability on programme specific areas. The descriptive part of this examination had to be answered in an hour. This section could seem lengthy if one chose to write longer answers instead of being precise and to the point.

Following is the breakup of the questions in the HRM & LR paper which had a total of 75 questions amongst different sections:

| Section | Number of questions | Suggested Time (in minutes) | Possible Score |
|---|---|---|---|
| Data Interpretation | 15 | 15 | 8 |
| Data Sufficiency | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| Probability | 12 | 10 | 5 |
| Reading Comprehension | 14 | 10 | 8 |
| Business Knowledge | 10 | 7 | 5 |
| Foundations of Management (Economic, Sociological & Psychological) | 9 | 8 | 3 |
| Total | 75 | 60 | 36 |

Based on memory, a few of the question are represented as under:

**Q.**   In the list of fortune 500 companies, companies of which sector dominated
the in the Indian context ?
A. IT
B. Banking
C. Oil
D. ITES

**Q.**   Is n/5 an integer?
I. n/12345 is an integer.
II. n/123456 is an integer.

**Q.**   In the following triangle, find the angle SQR.
I. x = 40 degrees
II. y = 80 degrees.

**Q.**   Can a circle be made to pass through all the four vertices of a quadrilateral ?
I. All the four sides of the quadrilateral have equal lengths.
II. All the four angles of the quadrilateral are 90 degrees.

**Q.**   What is the weight of one brick ?
I. The weight of two bricks is 9 kg.
II. The weight of three bricks is the same as the weight of two bricks and 9 kg.

**Q.**   Is x < y ?
I. $x^3$ is less than $y^3$.
II. $x^2$ is less than $y^2$

**Q.**   Find the value of N?
I. N is a multiple of 2, 3 and 6.
II. 30 < N< 70.

**Q.**   Crisil is an agency associated with
A. Money Market           B. Share Market
C. Stock Market           D. None of These.

**Q.**   Which company was started as Computing-Tabulating-R (CTR)
A. Dell
B. IBM
C. Compaq
D. Microsoft

**Q.**   Whenever Ajay eulogizes Priya, Priya spends more time in the office and finishes her
paperwork. This is a demonstration of:
A. Theory X
B. Theory Z
C. Behavioral Modification
D.

**Q.**   "Carbon foot Print" is related to
A. Ecology
B. Child Labour
C. Bonded Labour
D.

**Q**.  An HR manager is conducting a multiple choice recruitment test to hire an assistant.
What kind of memory is he testing?
A. Recognition
B. Loci
C. Eiditic
D.

**Q**.  What can be said if both the sayings are true ?
"Birds  of the same feather flock together"
"Opposites attract"
A. Different saying are correct under different circumstances.
B. Different saying are correct for different individuals.
C. Different saying are correct for different cultures.
D.

**Q**.  Which of the following practices is the latest in manufacturing?
A. Mass Production
B. Division of Labour
C. Lean Production
D.

It was further specified that there is no negative marking, no sectional cut-off and no sectional time limit

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