

## **IBSAT 2009 Analysis**

IBSAT2009 was quite similar to IBSAT2008. The number of sections, number of questions and the number of choices were the same. One major change this year was that the Essay writing section was not present, which was introduced in 2008. Overall the paper was of moderate level of difficulty. After having appeared for CAT, IIFT, JMET and SNAP, one would not have faced too much of a challenge while attempting IBSAT test. Those with a higher speed would have found the exam to their liking.

The paper had 125 questions to be answered in 120 minutes. Since there was NO negative marking it would make a lot of sense to have attempted all questions. Each question had 5 options.

A brief snapshot of the various sections and marking scheme is presented below:

<b>Section</b>	<b>No. of questions</b>	<b>Difficulty Level</b>
Verbal Ability	50	Moderate
Reading Comprehension	25	Moderate
Quantitative Ability	25	Moderate to Difficult
Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency	25	Moderate
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>125</b>	

### **VERBAL ABILITY**

The sectional break up is as shown below.

<b>Topics</b>	<b>No of Questions</b>
Vocabulary	10
Grammar	10
Para Jumbles	5
Fill in the Blanks	5
Analogies	5
One-Word Substitution	5
Idioms and Phrases	5
Cloze test	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

There were a few easy questions and initial scanning of the section would have been found beneficial. The questions on Fill in the blanks and Parajumbles were easy. The questions on Sentence Correction and Sentence Error Recognition were of medium level of difficulty. Vocabulary required some good knowledge to solve. A good attempt would have been 25-28 questions in 35 minutes with possible correct attempts of 20+ questions.

### **READING COMPREHENSION**

The sectional break up is as shown below

<b>Topics</b>	<b>No of Questions</b>
Abandoned Child	8
Ancient Monuments in Punjab	8
Principles of Amartya Sen	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

The Reading Comprehension section had three passages belonging to easy to moderate difficulty level. The passages on 'Principles of Amartya Sen' and 'Ancient Monuments in Punjab' were easy and the one on 'Abandoned Child' was of moderate level difficulty. A good attempt would have been 16-18 questions in a time limit of 25 minutes with possible correct attempts of 14+.

### QUANTITATIVE ABILITY

The sectional breakup is as given below.

Topics	No of Questions
Arithmetic	14
Algebra	6
Geometry	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

The Quant section of this year was very much on the same lines as previous year. The focus was more on Arithmetic, P&C and Progressions. Most of the questions were of medium level of difficulty with a few easy questions. Initial scanning of the section would have been found beneficial. A good attempt would have been 17-19 questions in a time limit of 30 minutes with a possible score of 15+ will be ideal for this section.

### DATA INTERPRETATION AND DATA SUFFICIENCY

This section had the same mix as last year with 15 questions on DS and 10 questions on DI. The DS questions were straightforward and didn't involve much calculation. In DI there were 5 questions each on Pie Charts and Venn Diagrams. The questions on Pie chart were calculation intensive and would have taken quite a bit of time. A good attempt would have been 18-20 questions in a time limit of 30 minutes with possible correct attempts of 16+.

### SECTIONAL SCORES AND OVERALL CUT-OFFS

Below is present the summary of the above analysis.

Section	No. of questions	Time allocation (min.)	Attempts (questions)	Possible Correct Attempts
Verbal Ability	50	35	25-28	<b>20+</b>
Reading Comprehension	25	25	16-18	<b>14+</b>
Quantitative Ability	25	30	17-19	<b>15+</b>
Data Interpretation and Data Sufficiency	25	30	18-20	<b>16+</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>78-82</b>	<b>65+</b>

The number of correct attempts to get a call from IBS Hyderabad is expected to be 64+.

All the Best,  
Team MBAGuru

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