

Exam Strategy for MFC

The exam pattern has remained consistent, so as the level of difficulty and the question selections.

The exam consists of 240 questions equally divided between 4 skill areas (though a specific section is not mentioned), namely, Quantitative Ability, Logical Reasoning + Data Interpretation, English Usage, and General Knowledge – each containing 60 questions.

Marking Scheme – 1 mark each with 25% negative marking.

Duration – 2 hours

The exam on an overall level can be termed as easy with only the number of questions as the limiting factor. However, only the best of the performance ensures a call – as the number of seat excluding reservation is very limited.

General Knowledge

As usual – as ideal investment here should be 10 – 15 minutes one must aim for an attempt of close to 30 questions as some of the questions – close to 15+ questions can be easily answered through skimming.

A regular reading of Economic times and familiarity with Economic and Finance terminology and regular reading of business, current affairs, and politics will render this section easy. It is important to glance quickly and identify sitters.

Ideally one should attempt this section in the first 15 minutes or at the end as this will allow maximization of other skill areas.

English Usage

The majority of the questions in this section consists of verbal ability in comparison to Reading comprehension. The questions can range from the regular Antonyms / Synonyms; Analogies; Fill in the blanks; Meanings; Idiom usage; Identifying errors.

Both RC and VA can be termed as easy. Yet, students need to have a good base of basic vocabulary to make the most of this section.

Ideally an upward attempt of 42-45 questions in 35 minutes is a possible if one is prepared.

Quantitative Ability

This section again offers a wide range of selection of sub-skill topics. Yet, the majority is from the arithmetic with around 10 – 15 questions from the other concepts such as coordinate geometry, mensuration, trigonometry etc.

Thus, students who have a strong base in the level 1-2 questions and quick calculations should be able to make the most of this section. A look at the last year break up will confirm this

Numbers	11	
Number System	7	
Time, Speed and Distance	1	
Functions	2	
Circles and Polygons	4	
Logarithm	1	
Ratio and Proportion	2	
Percentages, Profit and loss	3	
Permutation and Combination	3	
Linear and Quadratic and Higher Degree Equations	7	
Co-ordinate Geometry	2	
Trigonometry	8	
Progression	4	
Logic Based	4	
Mensuration 3 D		1
Total	60	

Ideally one should attempt on the upwards of 35 – 40 questions in a time span of 40 minutes – which makes it 1 min a question – This is difficult. But on the down side – an attempt should not be less than 30 – with higher accuracy.

Logical Reasoning and Data Interpretation

Out of all the sections – we can term this section as having a possibility for having googly questions with certain level of difficulty in comparison to other skill sets tested in this paper.

The Tables are a favorite of exam setters. Other DI topics can include bar graphs, pie charts, caselets etc. Mostly chunk of the section is easy to moderate – so the difficult ones can well be ignored.

The LR consists of True / False, Data Arrangements, Statement, Assumption, Assertion-Reason type of questions along with the regular LR sets. Comparatively lesser attempts could be possible here if the section remains difficult. But if the section is easier – be prepared to increase the attempts. Ideally 30 + questions with an accuracy of 85%+

Please note: Mostly for selections – there could be a combined weightage of skills in two parts namely a composite score of GK and English on one hand and LR/DI + QA on the other.

So ideally maintain a balance across these two combinations. Wherever, one is not sure about the sectional strengths – attempt as many as possible in one's strength area and try and clear a ideally 20-25% or more of the other skills.

All the best