

MAT 2019 Analysis

SNAPSHOT-FEB 2019 MAT EXAM

Number of Questions	200
Marking Scheme	1 mark per question
Negative Marking	0.25 marks per question
Number of Sections	5
Number of Choices	4(1,2,3,4)
Duration	150 minutes

The MAT exam

(Paper based test)

Date : 17th FEB 2019

Total Questions : 200

Total time : 150 minutes.

These 200 questions were from five test areas viz. Language Comprehension, Data Analysis and Sufficiency, Mathematical Skills, Intelligence and Critical Reasoning, Indian and Global Environment with exactly 40 questions in each. Each question had equal marking and one-fourth mark was deducted for every wrong answer. For the sake of convenience, 1 mark has been taken for every correct answer.

DATA INTERPRETATION AND DAT SUFFICIENCY

This test area comprises Data Interpretation (DI), Data Sufficiency (DS) and Data Comparison, with DI accounting for 30 out of 40 questions while Data Sufficiency and Data Comparison put together accounting for the remaining 10 questions. The questions in DI involved were based on observation, calculations like comparison of fractions, computing the averages, percentage based calculations etc. The types of

charts were related to Line Graphs, Bar Charts, Tables, Pie Charts. Overall, this test area can be considered to be Moderate. A good time allocation strategy would be to spend around 35-40 min for a good net score of 17 marks.

IQ AND CRITICAL REASONING

This test area is a mix of Analytical reasoning (30 questions) and Critical reasoning (10 questions). A good time allocation strategy would be to spend around 30 min. Overall, the questions on Analytical Reasoning were of easy-moderate difficulty level and a good student would have found this area manageable.

Overall this test area can be classified as MODERATE. A net score of 21 marks or above is considered to be a good score in this section.

ENGLISH / LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION

This test area, once again, had a good mix of 20 questions from Reading Comprehension and 20 questions from Verbals. A good time allocation strategy would be to spend around 30-35 min. There were four passages and each passage had five questions to be answered. The questions in Verbal require basic knowledge about English usage & functional grammar. Overall, the test area can be classified as MODERATE. A good score is estimated to be 19 in the time limit of 30-35 min.

CORE MATHS

The paper predominantly had questions from the Arithmetic areas like (Percentages, Profit and Loss, Time and Work, Mensuration, Time and Distance, Simple Equations, Ratio, Proportion, Variation). The questions involved only the basics and those who would have done adequate practice would have found those questions quite doable. The success in this particular test area depended on one's basic conceptual skills, and calculation skills. Overall, the test area can be classified as MODERATE- DIFFICULT.

A good time allocation strategy would be to spend around 35-40 min for a very good net score of 14.

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

The questions in this test area were, predominantly, from business, Current Affairs, Person and their associated fields, etc. Those who read newspapers on a regular basis will find this area comfortable. Overall this test area can be classified as Moderate. It is to be noted that the marks scored in this section is NOT counted in the consolidated score. A good time allocation strategy would be to spend a maximum time of around 5 minutes for a good net score of 6 marks.