

IBSAT 2009-10 Analysis

IBSAT belongs to the honorable league of uncertain tests for MBA entrance. It has been unfolding one surprise over the other in the past years. The most recent was the inclusion of an 'Writing' section in Year 2008. On the other hand, IBSAT 2007 offered a format resembling that of GMAT, though on paper.

IBSAT 2009 was no different from the last year. Hence, just like IBSAT 2008 in which aspirants did not leave a single question un-attempted, most candidates preferred the same approach for IBSAT 2009 as well. Overall, the exam was of moderate level of difficulty. It was characterized by challenging Quant this time and moderate DI, DS and Verbal Ability sections. The saving grace was once again Reading Comprehension section. Even though one must have attempted all the 125 questions as there was no negative marking, a 60+ accurate attempts along with 8+ correct guesses out of the rest would highly likely be a favourite of the Top ICFAI campuses.

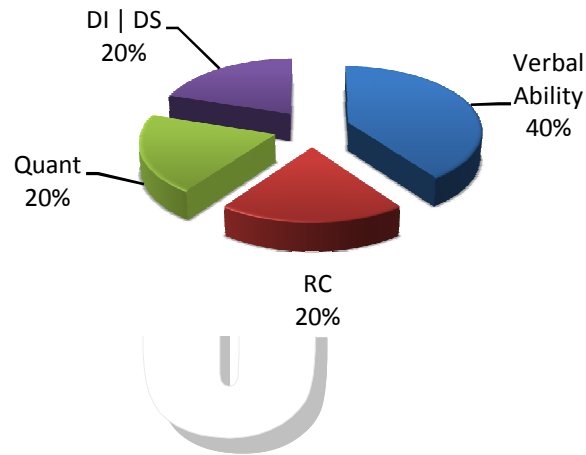
Overall Analysis:

- No of Sections: 4
- No of options per Question: 5
- Sectional Cut-offs: Yes
- Expected Cut-off attempt (85%+ accuracy): 60+
- Expected correct Guesses: 8
- Net Expected Cut-offs (assuming 1 Mark per Question): 68+
- Net Expected Cut-offs for at least 1 call (assuming 1 Mark per Question): 60+

The Question-wise distribution of the paper was as follows:

IBSAT 2009

Question-wise Distribution



IBSAT 2009				
Section	No of Questions	Difficulty Level	Ideal Time	Possible Attempts @ 85-90% accuracy
Verbal Ability	50	Moderate	25 min	20
RC	25	Moderate	25 min	15
Quant	25	Moderate to high	30 min	12
DI DS	25	Moderate	40 min	13
125		Moderate	120 min	60+ (+8) = 68+

As it is quite obvious from the IBSAT 2008 below, IBSAT 2009 was of a little higher level of difficulty. Hence, the cut off attempt with 85% accuracy has come down from 64+ last year to 60+ this year (Also, as the test is of moderate level of difficulty, we can expect another 8 correct guesses this year as compared to 10 we assumed last year.)

IBSAT 2008				
Section	No of Questions	Difficulty Level	Ideal Time	Possible Attempts @ 80% accuracy
Verbal Ability	50	Moderate to High	25 min	20
RC	25	Moderate	25 min	15
Quant	25	Low	30 min	17
DI DS	25	Moderate to High	40 min	12
125		Low	120 min	64+ (+10) = 74+

Following are the expected cut-off accurate attempts for the top ICFAI campuses:

Institute	Cut-off Score
IBS, Hyderabad	68+
IBS, Bangalore	65+
IBS, Mumbai	65+
IBS, Gurgaon	62+
OTHERS	60+