



TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

COMMON ADMISSION TEST (CAT) 2012 MA PROGRAMMES – TISS - GUWAHATI & HYDERABAD

Model and marks of the Assessment modes:

Candidates applying to the various MA programmes are expected to appear for a Written Test, participate in a Group Discussion and appear for a Personal Interview.

Mode 1: Entrance Test: The entrance test will be of one hour (60 minutes) duration. Total marks for the entrance test will be 50. The written test has two sections. The test will examine a candidate's logical and analytical abilities, social awareness and perspective on current issues.

Logical and Analytical Ability (20 marks): This section of the written test will test the candidate's ability to think logically and analyse a set of problems and find ways of explaining the phenomenon. This section will contain quantitative reasoning as well.

Social Awareness & Perspectives (30 marks): This section will consist of three questions which will assess the candidates understanding of issues of social relevance.

Mode 2: Group Discussion (50 marks): Candidates will be assessed on their performance in a group situation to discuss a subject of contemporary relevance.

Mode 3: Personal Interview (50 marks): Candidates will be assessed on their past academic performance and their aptitude for the specific M.A. programme that they have applied.

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

Section 1: Logical and Analytical Ability (20 marks)

This section will contain 20 questions that covers wide ranging questions that cover language and logic.

Sample questions:

0. 1. The ratio of distance from Chinnu and Minnu's houses to the school is 3 : 2. Minnu's home is 4km from the school. How far is Chinnu's house from school?
- (A) 2km
(B) 4km
(C) 6km
(D) 8km
2. Which of the following is the only area where the Asiatic Lion is found in the wild in India?
- (A) Sunderbans
(B) Corbett National Park
(C) Gir forests
(D) Sariska National Park

Section 2: Social Awareness & Perspectives

This section will contain five questions. You are expected to write short answers (300 words) for three questions.

Few sample questions

1. Is Human Development Index (HDI) an appropriate measure for assessing the performance of a country like India? Justify your position.
2. Will construction of mega-dams in the Northeast help the country in the future?
3. The Domestic violence Act 2005 has ended violence against women in India. Discuss

Mode 2: Group Discussion (50 marks): Candidates will be assessed on their performance in a group situation to discuss a subject of contemporary relevance. Candidates will be given about 30 minutes to discuss the subject.

Sample topic:

1. Lok Pal Bill is the answer to India's corruption problems. Discuss.
2. Computer mouse is more powerful than the ballot box. Discuss.

Mode 3: Personal Interview (50 marks): Candidates will be assessed on their past academic performance and their aptitude for the specific M.A. programme.

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