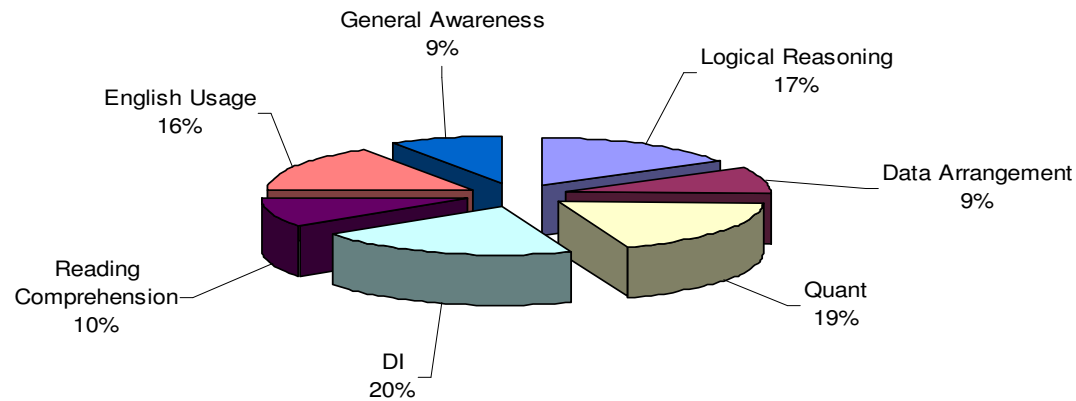# IIFT 2008 Analysis

"GK section was the real bouncer! How can you expect one to answer 4 questions to score mere 0.3 marks??"

"Why do the paper setters like DI a lot? First was CAT and now it is IIFT."

"Only these (IIFT) guys know how to set a balanced but difficult paper."

These were the most common reactions witnessed on November 23 when the MBA aspirants tested their brains on the second most un-certain exam after CAT – IIFT entrance examination. The detailed sectional break-up of the test is given below:

Overall Distribution of Sections

General Awareness 9%
Logical Reasoning 17%
English Usage 16%
Data Arrangement 9%
Reading Comprehension 10%
Quant 19%
DI 20%

A look at IIFT 2008 confirms that the past IIFT 2006 has ultimately set the trend for the future IIFT entrance examinations. This gives a sigh of relief as the test has got more standardised and balanced. However, the test sections would continue to haunt the test takers' minds because of their level of difficulty.

IIFT 2008 – An Overview

1. Number of sections: 6
2. No. of questions: 150 (same as in IIFT 2007)
3. All questions had only one correct answer and each incorrect answer carried ¼ negative marks.
4. Variation in weight-age, as compared to the previous year

Overall, IIFT 2008 was characterised by an extremely difficult General Awareness and Quant sections followed by Reading Comprehension and mainly calculation based DI section. The sections that were moderate to easy in their difficulty level were English Usage and Reasoning.
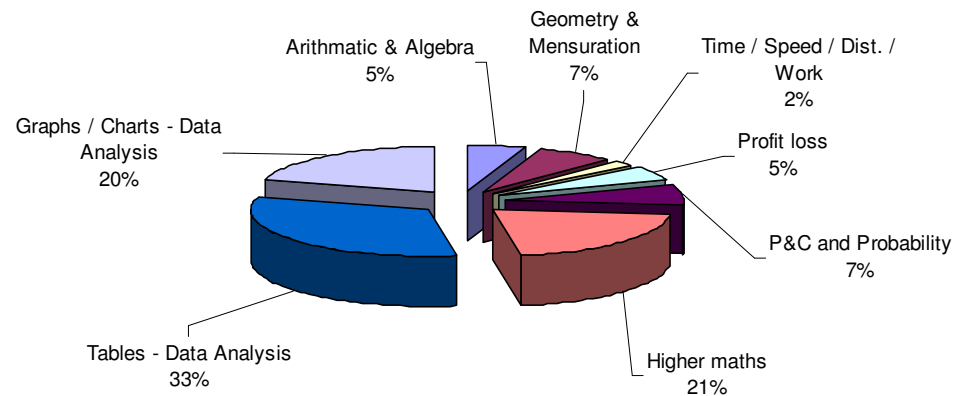
ESTIMATED CUT-OFFS

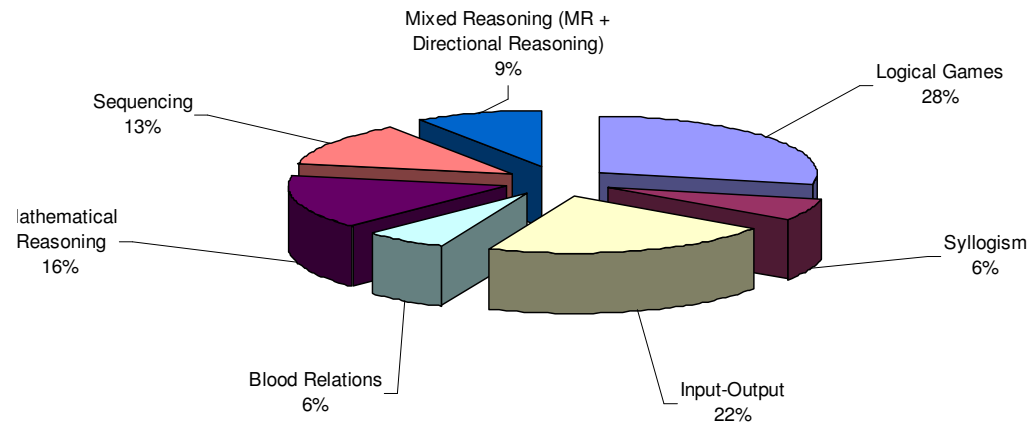| Section	Sub-Parts	Topic	Qus.	Marks per Question	Total Marks	Difficulty Level	Cut-offs
A	1	Logical Reasoning	21	0.8	16.8	Easy	8-9
A	2	Data Arrangement	11	0.8	8.8	Easy	8-9
B	1	Quant	27	0.7	18.9	High	11-13
B	2	DI	26	0.8	20.8	Moderate	11-13
C	1	Reading Comprehension	12	0.8	9.6	Moderate	8-10
C	2	English Usage	23	0.7	16.1	Moderate	8-10
D	-	General Awareness	30	0.3	9	High	3-4
TOTAL					100		30-33

Here are the shares of various question types in the various sections this year:

Quant & DI Section

Pie chart labels:
- Arithmatic & Algebra 5%
- Geometry & Mensuration 7%
- Time / Speed / Dist. / Work 2%
- Profit loss 5%
- P&C and Probability 7%
- Higher maths 21%
- Tables - Data Analysis 33%
- Graphs / Charts - Data Analysis 20%

The pie chart above summarizes the Quant and DI section of IIFT 2008. One can see that the questions from Higher Math (Series, Trigonometry, Sequence, Maxima/Minima etc.). On the other hand, the DI was mainly calculations oriented and would be percieved moderate to tough by the test takers.
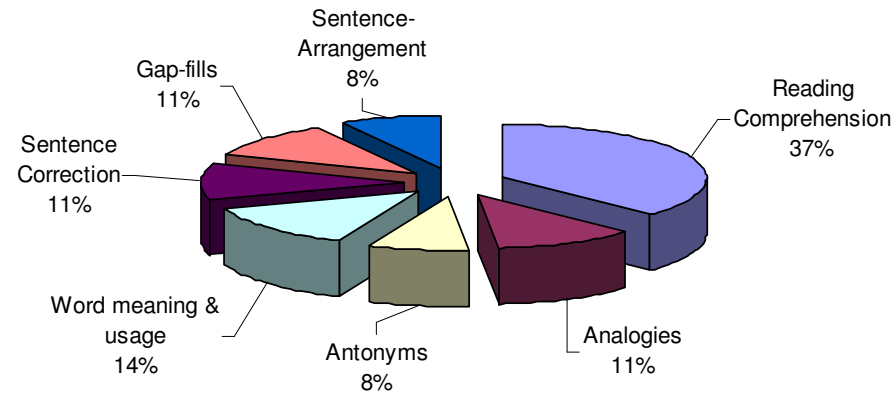
Logical Reasoning & Data Arrangement Section

As per the the pie chart given above the logical reasoning and Data-Arrangement section of IIFT 2008 witnessed the questions based on Logical Games in the maximum quantity. They were followed by Input-output type questions and those based on Mathematical Reasoning and Sequencing.

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Verbal Section

As we can see, the Verbal section that comprised Reading comprehension and English usage had majorly RC questions. They were followed by Vocabulary based questions.

General Awareness Section

The General Awareness section of IIFT 2008 was a tough nut to crack for most of the test takers. The 'Matching the columns' type of format for the questions was really time consuming. Closer choices expected the students to match almost all the items in a column with the other for one question to be correct.