



The Institute of Rural Management, Anand IRMA 2013

IRMA 2012 - 2013

The Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA), established in 1979, is the pioneering academic institution in rural management education and research. IRMA conducts an autonomous exam for admission to its 2 year Postgraduate Program in Rural Management (PRM) and Fellow Program in Rural Management (FPRM) at Institute of Rural Management Anand, Gujrat. The duration of IRMA Entrance Exam is 2 hours.

IRMA 2012 – 2013: Entrance Exam

The notification for important dates related to IRMA entrance exam has been announced. The application process has started and the last date of application is Sunday, September 30, 2012. The IRMA entrance **exam will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2012.**

IRMA 2012 – 2013: Eligibility Criteria

- All the candidates who want to apply for IRMA 2012 entrance exam must be a graduate, with minimum of 15 years (10+2+3) of education.
- All the candidates who are in the final year and who expected to complete all the requirements of graduation before 11th June, 2012 are eligible to apply.
- For the PRM program, you have to be a graduate in any discipline with minimum 50 per cent marks in aggregate or equivalent GPA by June 17, 2013. Only Indian nationals are eligible to apply.
- Candidate who belongs to general category must have secured at least 50% marks and those who are from SC/ST category must have secured minimum 45% marks at graduation level.
- For the FPRM program, the candidates should either be Postgraduates in any discipline from a recognized university with 55 per cent marks and 50 per cent marks in graduation or a PGDRM from IRMA or have a four or five year professional degree with 60 per cent marks and at least one year work experience or candidates who have valid score of UGC JRF (NET) or CSIR in relevant disciplines are eligible.

IRMA 2012 – 2013: How to Apply?

Application Process -The online application fee for one program is Rs. 1000 and for two programs it is Rs. 1500. For hardcopy application, the application fee is Rs. 1050 for one program and Rs. 1550 for two programs.

IRMA 2012 – 2013: Test Centers

IRMA 2012 will be held across 27 test centers in India. The cities in which the test will be held are:

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| 1. Anand, | 10. Thiruvanthapuram, | 19. Chennai, |
| 2. Mumbai, | 11. Udaipur, | 20. Coimbatore, |
| 3. Nagpur, | 12. Varanasi and | 21. Dehradun, |
| 4. Pantnagar, | 13. Vijaywada | 22. Delhi, |
| 5. Patna, | 14. Lucknow | 23. Guwahati, |
| 6. Pune, | 15. Bangalore | 24. Hyderabad, |
| 7. Raipur, | 16. Bhopal, | 25. Jaipur, |

8. Rajkot,
9. Ranchi,

17. Bhubaneswar,
18. Chandigarh,

26. Kochi,
27. Kolkata,

IRMA 2012 – 2013: Selection Procedure at IRMA, Anand

IRMA, Anand admissions for 'IRMA 2013-15' batch would be a compilation of three separate qualifying procedures. IRMA results would be an aggregate of the written exam, interview and presentation of an essay.

IRMA 2012 – 2013: Other Institutes accepting IRMA Score

IRMA Entrance Exam score is also considered by few other reputed institutes like Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar for their rural management program, Institute of Rural Management (IRM), Jaipur, KIIT School of Rural Management, Bhubaneswar and Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI), Gandhinagar.

IRMA 2012 – 2013: Paper Pattern

The entrance test is of 2 hours duration with 200 multiple choice questions divided into 4 sections:

1. Analytical Reasoning: 50 questions
2. English Comprehension: 40 questions
3. Quantitative Aptitude and DI: 50 questions
4. Issues of Social Concern: 60 questions

- Negative Marking: 1/4th marks allotted to each question in case of an incorrect answer.
- There is sectional cut-off as well, in IRMA Entrance Test.

IRMA 2012 – 2013: Syllabus and Analysis of Previous year Question Paper

Syllabus:-

The syllabus for the 4 sections of IRMA entrance exam is given below:

Analytical Reasoning: (50 marks)

It could be the toughest section of the exam. There would be a new kind of set where students are asked to select statements containing data as answers to given questions. The topics of the questions would be from Sitting Arrangements, Data Sufficiency, Statement – Conclusion, Logical Reasoning Set, Coding – Decoding, Linear Arrangement, Odd word / letter out, Formation of meaningful word, Sentence inferences.

English Comprehension: (40 Marks)

Generally the questions will be from Reading Comprehension, Sentence Correction, Paraphrase and Cloze Test. New question type was introduced in this section where the test takers were asked to select probable paraphrases of given sentences. There were three sentences given which were to be combined into a single sentence. Five different ways of paraphrasing the given sentences were given. Each option was an introductory phrase, not a complete sentence. Students had to infer which sentence fragment is viable. This section level would be marked from easy to moderate level.

Quantitative Ability: (50 Marks)

This section would contain questions from Data Interpretation area, which would be consisted of eight sets with five questions each. The areas of Quantitative Ability and Data Sufficiency had five questions each. The questions on Quantitative Ability will come from probability, percentages and fraction. The other questions are on Quadratic equations, Geometry etc. This section level would be marked from easy to moderate level.

Issues of Social Concern: (60 Marks)

Questions in the section are arrived from topic Agricultural and Rural Development, Rural Economy, Organizations, Personalities, Awards and Important Days etc. Mixture of easy, medium and difficult level question will be expected in this section.

Analysis of Previous year Question Paper:-

Analysis of the question paper of year 2011 is stated below:

IRMA 2011 was not much different from previous years exam papers in terms of level of difficulty as well as distribution of questions across the sections. However, the framing attitude of the questions was experimented with.

Overview:

Section	Subject Area	Number of Questions
Section I	English Comprehension	40
Section II	Quantitative Aptitude	50
Section III	Analytical Reasoning	50
Section IV	Issues of social concern	60

SECTION I – ENGLISH COMPREHENSION:

The number of questions in this section remained same this year but, the construct of grammar questions was completely new this year. In the new type introduced this year each question had a paragraph of three sentences given. Then in the options five different ways to start the paraphrasing of the given three sentences were given. The options were not complete sentences but just the starting phrases. One had to infer which sentence fragment can carry the same meaning. Sentence Correction questions made reappearance with 10 easy to moderate level questions on tenses, articles etc. were asked with 'No Correction Required' as the fifth option. The close test with 10 blanks was also easy to solve. The Reading Comprehension passage was about the way politicians use religion was taken from Time Magazine article by Linda Randall called "How Science Can Lead the Way". The passage had 15 questions based on it with one question on suitable title and four questions based on vocabulary (Invoke, Imperceptible, Chasm, etc.).

A glance at the paper would easily have given one a good idea to begin solving the set of 10 sentence correction and even the set of 10 paragraph fill in the blanks before attempting the questions based on reading comprehension, or paraphrasing, since it would have not only saved time but also be a good morale booster to the student.

The break-up is given below: Topics No. of Questions Level of Difficulty Reading Comprehension 15 Easy to medium Sentence Correction 10 Easy to medium Paraphrase (Sentence Starters) 5 Easy to medium Fill in the Blanks (Paragraph) 10 Easy to medium

Topics	No. of Questions	Level of Difficulty
Reading Comprehension	15	Easy to medium
Sentence Correction	10	Easy to medium
Paraphrase (Sentence Starters)	5	Easy to medium
Fill in the Blanks (Paragraph)	10	Easy to medium

SECTION II: QUANTITATIVE ABILITY

This section comprised of 10 questions from Quantitative Ability and 40 questions from Data Interpretation. Speed calculations would have been instrumental in increasing the attempts as majority questions were directly formula based and lesser the time consumed in calculation more would be the attempts. Answering the questions from the area in which you are comfortable would increase accuracy as well.

Quantitative Ability:

Topics	Number of Questions	Level of Difficulty
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Modern Maths (Probability, Permutation & Combination)	3	Easy to medium
Arithmetic (Percentages)	2	Easy
Data Sufficiency (problem Solving based)	5	Easy to medium

Data Interpretation:

Topics	Number of Questions	Level of Difficulty
Tables	15 (3 sets of 5 questions each)	Easy to Medium
Line Graph	5	Easy to Medium
Bar Graph	15 (3 sets of 5 questions each)	Easy to Medium
Pie chart	5	Easy to Medium

The topics for the various DI sets are: Line Graph – three banks' related data, Table 1- number of enquiries and % of admissions, Table 2-marks obtained by 5 students in 5 subjects in three standards, Table 3 – Universities and Expenditures, Bar Graph 1 – Male and female students, Bar Graph 2 – data on product and sales by a company, Bar Graph 3 – data about a passport office, Pie Chart – percentage of male and female teachers in various states.

On the whole, as section was of easy to medium level of difficulty, the time constraint played important role. Calculations were straight but intensive. Even if one has very good approximation techniques, because of the option "None of these" present in many questions, one needs to calculate and get the answer.

SECTION III –ANALYTICAL REASONING

Topics	Number of Questions	Level of Difficulty
Matrix arrangement-1 set	7	Difficult
Arrangement (around circular and square shaped table, letter arrangement,	16	Easy to medium
Data Sufficiency (based on LR)	5	Easy to Medium
Coding-decoding	5	Easy
Data sufficiency (Analytical and logical Reasoning based)	5	Easy to medium
Inference based questions	4	Easy to medium
Find odd man out	5	easy
Questions on Miscellaneous types	3	Easy to medium
Total	50	

SECTION IV – ISSUES OF SOCIAL CONCERN

The format of IRMA is similar to the other MBA entrance exams, however, it is the section on 'Issues of Social Concern' that is a distinctive feature giving the exam a different identity. Similar to previous year, there were 60 questions on topics related to rural economy and rural development policies. There were some general questions about Nirmala Deshpande, greenhouse gas, 5th June, etc. There were questions on Pani Panchayat, reasons for migration of rural population to cities, Government rural development programs, etc.

A student who has been seriously preparing for IRMA would have been able to tackle the questions in this section with more confidence and ease. One thing about this section is – either you know the answer or don't, if you haven't been dedicatedly preparing for this section. So, the best strategy would be to quickly read the question and solve or move on, rather than trying to randomly guess the answer. However, some questions had options such that could be easily eliminated if the student had even the slightest idea with regards the concept being tested.

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