



Master of Development Studies (MDS)
Relevant Information, Instructions and Sample Questions

This test for 110 minutes consists of four (4) sections and carries 100 marks as follows:
(All sections must be answered).

Sections	Questions	Marks	Suggested Time
1. Mathematics	20	40	30 Minutes
2. Logical Reasoning & General knowledge	10	20	20 Minutes
3. English-Language & Reasoning	30	30	45 Minutes
4. Writing Ability	1	10	15 Minutes
Total		100	110 Minutes

- You will receive an instruction sheet (1) a question set and (2) an answer book. You can use the blank space of the question set for calculation of mathematical problems.
- Each section has its own answer sheet in the answer book. Answer the multiple choice questions on the answer book by putting a cross (X) in the appropriate box. Do not put more than one cross (X) for an answer as it will be considered a wrong answer. Do not answer any multiple choice question on the question set.
- You may use the blank spaces of the question set for rough work. Do not use any other paper for rough work.
- You may use pencil for rough work but final answers must be in ink (ballpoint or fountain pen).
- You may use non-programmable calculator.
- You are requested to obey the instructions given below:
 - a) Keep absolute silence during the whole course of examination.
 - b) Do not communicate with other candidates in any manner.
 - c) Do not copy from any source.
- Failure to follow the above instructions may lead to cancellation of your answer script.

Sample Question

Section 1: Mathematics

Marks- 40 (20 Questions)

Suggested Time- 30 Minutes

- A student obtained an average mark of 70 from 5 class test. How much must she get in the next test if she wants to improve her average by 5 marks?
 - a) 100
 - b) 75
 - c) 30
 - d) 25
 - e) 80

Section 2: Logical Reasoning & General Knowledge

Marks- 20 (10 Questions)

Suggested Time- 20 Minutes

- Mumu earns more commission than does Muna. But since Noriya earns more commission than does Tahiya, it follows that Mumu earns more commission than does Tahiya. Any of the following, if introduced into the argument as an additional premise, makes the argument logically correct except;
 - a) Noriya earns more commission than Mamu.
 - b) Muna earns more commission than Tahiya.
 - c) Muna earns more commission than Noriya.
 - d) Muna and Noriya earn the same amount of commission.
 - e) Mumu and Noriya earn the same amount of commission.

Section 3: English-Language & Communications

Marks- 30 (30 Questions)

Suggested Time- 45 Minutes

- The voters never thought that the candidate would resort to to win; he seemed to be man.
 - a) charm, an amazingly
 - b) bombast, a pompous
 - c) innuendo, a devious
 - d) subterfuge, an honest
 - e) argument, a controversial

Section 4: Analytical Writing (Any One)

Marks- 10 (01 Question)

Suggested Time- 15 Minutes

- “The best way to preserve the natural environment is to impose penalties-whether fines, imprisonment, or other punishments-on those who are most responsible for polluting or otherwise damaging it.”

Discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the opinion expressed above. Support your point of view with reasons and/or examples from your experience, observations, or reading.