NMAT 2011: An in-depth Analysis

DI Continues to be Speed Breaker, Need around 85-90 Right Answers to Clear Cut off.

Report Summary

- Excellent Test taking experience – do not worry about technical glitches.

- Overall Paper can be classified as of Medium Difficulty. Verbal (Easy), Logic (Mostly Easy with a few medium level questions), Quant (easy) and DI (Difficult and time consuming).

- Time Allocation Strategy: Quant & DI: 50 mins. Logic: 35 mins. Verbal: 25 mins. 10 mins to go back to flagged questions.

- Required Attempts: Total : Around 100.(Quant – 37, Logic – 34,Verbal -27)

- Overall Cut-Off: Around 85 right answers to get a call at 93 percentile. Around 90 right answers for call at 97 percentile and an excellent chance of final conversion.

- Attempt sections in the order they appear. Do not waste too much time navigating across questions/sections.

- Choose DI sets very carefully. 2 wrong selections of sets and you will find it difficult to clear sectional cut-off.

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1. Overall Test Experience

I was more than impressed with the overall Test experience. Check in was extremely smooth. Staff very courteous. Great seating arrangement and excellent machines to give the test. During my test, when there was some noise due to ongoing construction activity, everyone was giving ear-plugs!! Such is the level of preparedness by Pearson. I would advise the students not to worry at all about any sort of glitches and concentrate on the test. Remember, you are expected to leave all your belongings in the safe (including your handkerchief ☺), so makes sense to travel light. I would give a 5/5 to my test experience.

2. Understanding the Navigation Keys

One of the major obstacles here is that you have to take the sections in the order they appear- there is absolutely no way to jump to your favourite section. Also, you can get to the review screen only when you go through all the 120 questions once. Which means, if you attempt 40 questions of Logic, the only way of coming back to Logic is to finish Quant and Verbal Completely. So remember to keep an eye on the number of attempts before you press 'Next' on the last question of any section.

There are 3 Review Options in the review screen option. Remember, this screen option comes to you only at the end of the 120th question

1. Review Flag Question: Remember to use the " Flag Question" button well. If you think, you want to come the question later, you can "flag" it. At the end of the test, you can come back to all the flagged questions using the "Review Flagged Questions" button. I would suggest do not mark more than 3-4 questions per section as you will not have the time to review more than that number.

2. Review Incomplete Questions: All questions that you have not attempted are shown in serial order. Ideally guess the answer if you do not know the answer at the first reading itself to save time. So avoid use of this button also.

3. Review All : In the unlikely scenario of you attempting all questions, this button will take you through all the 120 questions.

3.The Number Game – Ideal Attempts and Cut-off Estimation

Since there is absolutely no difference in the difficulty level of NMAT 2010 and 2011, I think the cut-off of last year will hold well this year as well. Cut-off will go higher marginally because of absence of negative marking.

Subject	Actual Cut-off NMAT 2010	Estimated Cut-off NMAT 2011
Quant	27 correct answers	29 -31 correct answers
Verbal	18 correct answers	19-21 correct answers
Logic	22 correct answers	23-25 correct answers
Overall at 93% ile	78 correct answers	83-86 correct answers
Overall at 97 %ile	85 correct answers	89-92 correct answers

Last Year, the marking scheme was 3 marks per questions. This year, there are 5 options and hence a possibility of change in marking scheme.

Remember, that when you randomly mark an answer, you have a 20% chance of getting it correct. In assuming you have 20-25 guesses, you will get 4-5 of these as correct. In effect, a candidate has to score exactly like year to get a call. The increase in cut-off will be taken care by bonus marks from random guesses ☺

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Time Allocation and Ideal Attempts Strategy

Subject	Time Allocation	Ideal Attempts	Level
Quant	50 mins	36-38 out of 48	Quant-Easy, DI- Difficult
Logic	35 mins	33-35 out of 40	Easy
Verbal	25 mins	26-28 out of 32	Easy
For Flagged Question	10 mins	---	____
Total	120 mins	100-102	Medium

4. **Test Taking Strategy**

- Since, it is not possible to attempt the sections in a pre-determined sequence, most of the test taking strategies will not work in NMAT. Hence it is far more important to stick to a time-allocation strategy.

- **Please make sure that you do give enough time to the quant section.** Also do not overspend time in any one particular section. You will do well by sticking to the above mentioned time-allocation strategy.

- Also as mentioned before, do not waste too much time navigating back and forth. Attempt questions on the first read, if you do not know the answer, guess right away.

- Do not mark more than 7-8 questions for review in the last 10 mins.

Question skipping strategy

Since you need to answer around 100 questions, one of the easiest question selection questions is to answer the question" Which 20-odd questions should I skip?" Rest 100 questions have to be then answered by default. Please do not waste too much time in question selection as you do not have much of a choice anyway.

Question to Avoid

Subject	Questions to Avoid
Quant	8 DI questions(2 sets),2-3 questions of topics you are weak in.
Verbal	3-4 RC inference based questions.1-2 Vocab questions.
Logic	1 Logic set if it looks time consuming. 1-2 Verbal Logic Q's.

Remember, DI is the speed breaker and the most difficult part of NMAT. So attempt as many non-DI questions in Quant so as to reduce dependence on the DI sets.

How you handle/skip DI questions is going to determine your chances of clearing the overall cut-offs.

5. **Section-Wise Review**

Though, there is a slight difference in the pattern in the different time slots, the overall structure of the test is remaining the same across different slots. So, you can be confident, that your question paper will look very similar to this one.

Quant Section (without DI) – 28 questions

Topic	No. Of Q's	Difficulty	Comments
Number System	7	Easy	Basic Q's on Divisibility etc.
Data Sufficiency	5	Easy	Basic Questions on Linear Equations, Comparisons, etc
Geometry	5	Easy	Formula based Q's on area etc.
Percentage	3	Easy	Test of basic concepts
Ratios	2	Easy	Simple concept application
Averages & Mixtures	3	Easy	Direct concept testing
Time, Speed, Distance	1	Medium	Requires some thinking
Simple Interest	2	Medium	Requires some thinking
Overall	**28**	**Easy**	**Very Easy to Manage**

I think, the quant section can be handled well with a decent understanding of the concepts. Easiest Quant section across all exams. One can easily attempt 23-24 questions here.

DI Section – 5 sets of 4 questions each. Other candidates are getting only 4 sets

Topic	No of Q's	Difficulty Level	Comments
Set 1 –Table	4	Medium	4 column s of data and primarily based on Divison. Eg. Average sales price
Set 2 - Table	4	Medium-Difficult	Accounting data over 5 yrs. Primarily based on rations. Options were close
Set 3 – Bar graph	4	Difficult	Data of 4 company's production over 5 yrs. Based on rations but too many data points making it difficult to understand
Set 4 – Bar Graph	4	Difficult	One company with 5 products. Based on composite % increase/decrease
Set 5 – Pie Chart	4	Difficult	Values in decimals. Calculation intensive
Overall	**20**	**Difficult**	**Calculation Intensive & Time Consuming. Difficult to manage**

Trick is to pick up 2 manageable sets and get done with them as soon as possible. Close options make it difficult to approximate. The most time consuming section. Do not worry, if sets look too complicated. Everybody will have a horrible time with DI ☺
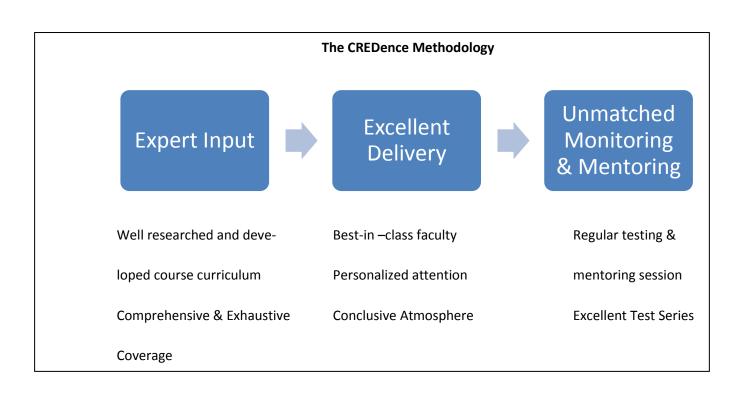
Mastery over multiplication tables, mental mathematics and concepts of % and ratios a must for clearing Quant-DI cut-off. Practice a lot of data intensive and calculation intensive sets of DI before you take your test.

Verbal Section – 32 Questions .

Type	No. of Questions	Difficulty Level	Comments
RC	8	Medium	2 passages. Length approx 400 words. 4-5 inference based questions
Parajumbles	4	Easy	Very Simple, short sentences
Paragraph completion	4	Easy	Child's play. Took less than 3 mins
Sentence Correction	4	Easy	Very Obvious usage mistakes.
Prepositions	4	Easy	4 blanks with 6 options. Use options to save time
Vocab	6	4 Easy. 2 Medium	4 were very commonly used words.
Fill in the blanks	2	Easy	Bonus marks. No Vocab expertise required
Total	**32**	**Easy**	**Will be a relief after looking at DI ☺**

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Logic Section – 40 Questions (including 12 questions on Verbal Logic)

Topic	No. Of Q's	Difficulty Level	Comment
Logical Set Theory	2	Medium	4 statements with 4 sets.
Course of Action	2	Easy	Very basic , common sense Q's
Assumptions	2	Easy	Statement given, required to find assumption
Conclusions	2	Medium	Statement given, required to find conclusion
Analogy	2	Easy	Basic knowledge of Vocab.
Assertion-Reason	2	Medium	New type of Question. Statement given, required to find a possible reason
Overall	**12**	**Easy-Medium**	**Slightly lower accuracy possible.**

Logic Questions – other 28 questions

Topic	No. Of Q's	Difficulty	Comment
Coding- Decoding	2	Easy	Straightforward case of position coding
Series Based	3	Easy	Counting based
Family Relationships	2	Easy	2 Individual Questions.
Sequential Input-Output	2	Medium	Takes time to crack the logic used. Dont spend too much time on this.
Matrix Based Puzzle	1	Easy	New type question but easy.
Venn Diagrams	2	Easy	Simple concepts of Venn Diagram.
Set 1-Sitting Arrangement	2	Easy	Straightforward. Must attempt.
Set 2- Conditionality	3	Easy	Straight forward. Must attempt.
Set 3 - Conditionality	4	Medium-Tricky	Too much data. Confusing
Set 4 - Arrangements	5	Easy	Long question but 5 Q's- worth it.
Others	2	Easy	Counting Based .
Total	**28**	**Easy-Medium**	**Very Manageable. Skip One Set.**

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