How many minimum questions should be correct to get a call from good companies in eLitmus paper?

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1 Answer

Thanks Abhinav^[1] for the A2A.

I gave the eLitmus examination in Nov '12 and the format of the examination has changed a little, as in they do not provide cumulative percentile now, but only section wise percentiles.

Still, assuming the total marks and questions attempted will lead to almost the same percentile, I will try to answer this question to the best of my knowledge.

Each company has its own criteria; you can never be sure at which percentile a company will call you or reject you. Still, it depends a lot on your college, branch, your sectional scores and overall score. A company may select a CS student for interview at a lower score and another student from a different branch scoring more marks may not get the chance, because the company requires IT professionals. Similarly, a company which requires greater mathematical skills may shortlist candidates with greater marks in 'Aptitude solving problems' but a lower overall score rather than someone who has scored more in the overall paper but less marks in Mathematically challenging questions. Then there are cases where the companies strictly mention that the applicants from elite colleges such as IIT, NIT, BITS Pilani, BIT Mesra etc. will be preferred. It all boils down to the skill set required by the employer.

There is no particular score at which one can be sure to get calls from all companies (unless you are a 100 %ile). You need to keep following the forum of eLitmus to keep

track of the updates of various companies recruiting at different places and the trend therein. Some companies even call students scoring 1%ile (it is just a formalty). Mass recruitment companies like Accenture hire at 70-75+ percentiles. But if you are eyeing some core/product-based companies, you need to score 95+. At an average, you will receive calls from maximum companies if you score 99+. At my score, I would have received a call from almost all the companies if I applied, but due to some reasons I didn't.

So, coming to your question, there are 3 sections, each comprising of 20 questions, each carrying 10 marks.

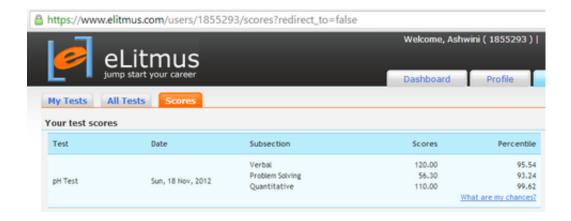
- 1. Aptitude.
- 2. Logical.
- 3. Verbal.

Solve 4-5 questions from each section correctly and bang!!! You have successfully cleared the sectional cut-off barrier for most companies. Now comes the next part. Attempt questions from the portion you are most comfortable with. I was personally more comfortable with the aptitude part and spent a considerable time solving them. But do not waste time if you get stuck at one. Proceed to the next. At an average, scoring 150 marks out of the total 600 will give you a near 90+ percentile. That means, 15 correct questions and no negative marking. A near 200 score (20 correct questions and no negative) will give you a 95-96 %ile which is pretty good to get a call from most companies. If you still aim higher, go for it, but keep your statistics straight about how many questions you have to attempt, as not all questions you solve will turn out right.

During the exam, keep your cool, and most importantly, DO NOT PANIC.

All the best.

P.S.: Attaching my score as a reference. Hope you find it useful.



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