

THE IBA BOOK

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Learn → Practice → Test.

This is the golden formula. Go through this process for each topic. Improve your strategies and approaches with each new concept you encounter. The more you learn to skip the wrong questions, guess the answer intuitively, and jump across different questions, the better your chances of passing all sections.

While preparing, your goal shouldn't be to "complete the syllabus". You should, of course, practice at least the bare minimum that most aspirants are doing, but focus more on consistently performing well on tests. No, not all toppers get in. And yes, a lot of people who somehow flunk the mocks during preparation do surprisingly well in the IBA exam. But our goal is to ensure that you're doing everything that's under your control to maximize your chances of getting in. And that's what we've shown you throughout the book.

How do I use The IBA Book effectively?

Over the years, IBA aspirants have followed different books and websites of different standardized aptitude tests, such as the SAT, GMAT, GRE, and CAT, as some parts of these tests resembled some parts of the IBA exam. But this whole preparation process has been very confusing and inefficient. Finally, now you don't need to search for some foreign books to practice the only 5-10 pages that are relevant to IBA preparation. We've gone through all the most relevant resources out there, picked the best parts, added our own tips and guidelines, and packed **everything you actually need** for a holistic IBA preparation inside this one book.

This book starts with the answer to **what** IBA is and **why** you might want to prepare for it. Then we discuss what the admission process looks like and **how** you can ensure the best preparation possible. Then we have separate sections **where** you learn the basics and shortcuts of each topic and solve the practice sets. This book covers every section of the IBA admission test with a wide range of depth, difficulty, and variation that actually reflects the real exam.

English: This section covers all the question types based on the recent patterns of the IBA admission test. Each topic starts with tips and approaches for its question types. Each practice set will have enough variation to prepare you for the test, whether the paper turns out easy, difficult, or somewhere in between.

Math: Each chapter starts with a quick overview of the topics, their formulas, and shortcuts you need to solve the questions efficiently. Then there are practice sets that have our handpicked questions explained with steps. If you solve them diligently, you'll build both the basics and the instincts needed for IBA.

Analytical: This section consists of puzzles, critical reasoning, and data sufficiency: Puzzles from the GRE test and CR/DS from the GMAT test. These were the most relevant standards to practice. That's what we followed as well.

Writing: You'll get templates, sample essays, and a clear idea of the essay writing section. We've discussed how to write the essay with proper structure and be clear and consistent with your tone, grammar, and punctuation.

Viva: Interviews can be pretty chill. Sometimes they ask what the difference between ethics and values is while you're still trying to remember your name. We can't promise to develop your communication skills through a book. But this section will help you prepare for the possible questions and walk in with confidence. You'll hear about how we actually faced the viva board, what went right, what didn't, and what we wish we knew earlier.

Exam Hall Strategies: This is the most important part of the IBA admission test. This section includes strategies on how to scan the paper, spot the easy marks, and avoid the pitfalls. We've shared our time management and nerve management strategies in the exam hall. Follow these, and you'll be able to utilize your full potential and maximize your score in the IBA exam.

You can always read more books, cram more words, solve more questions, sit for more tests, and try a bit more everywhere. But the goal is not to complete more and more resources; the goal is to get better at this exam format by knowing all the fundamental concepts tested, the best approaches to each question type, and the best exam strategies. That's basically what's in this book. If you read it, solve it, and consciously put effort into improving, you'll be fully prepared.

Make a convenient routine to complete this book before the exam and follow it strictly. Aim for the moon and you'll land among the stars. And if everything starts becoming a mess again, give it a *fresh start*.