

## AIMCAT 1816 Analysis

### VA/RC

The VA and RC section of AIMCAT1816 would definitely have sent shivers down the spine. With both the areas viz., VA & RC being difficult, somebody who could focus more on accuracy and relatively less on speed, should have been able to do better. A little bit of extra caution was required in this particular section. Relatively safer to assume - the number of attempts would also have gone down for many of the students.

The RC area had three passages with six questions each, and two passages with three questions each, adding up to 24 questions. The number of words were in the range 300 to a little over 750. The RCs were based on the areas viz., Economics, Philosophy, Science/Linguistics, Computer Science, and Technology.

The Verbal ability part of the paper had 10 questions. With only question number 34 falling under the medium difficulty level, leaving the remaining questions either under difficult or very difficult category. So, it always boiled down to the careful selection of the questions.

In terms of difficulty, Q No 2 was the only easy question. Q No. 3, 12, 16, 17, 18, 21, 24, 34 were of medium difficulty level, and the remaining ones falling under difficult or very difficult category.

PERCENTILE	MARKS
99	58
95	46
90	40
85	36

### DI/LR

The DI/LR section of AIMCAT1816 should have provided the much needed respite to most of the test takers. With the average difficulty level coming down slightly, the students should have used this section as an overall score booster. An important thing one can deduce from this section - one shouldn't carry any biases for any of the sections in terms of its difficulty level.

In DI/LR, the questions that were easy to medium picks were 50% of the section. If one could filter out these easier ones and a few from the tougher ones, then (s)he could possibly have scored a decent enough percentile. All in all, this section was purely based on one's ability to churn out the easier ones first then relatively tougher ones to score over the rest.

Q No. 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 were the easier ones, and 1, 2, 3, 4, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24 were of medium difficulty level.

PERCENTILE	MARKS
99	36
95	26
90	21
85	18

### QUANTITATIVE ABILITY

Quant section of AIMCAT1816 was a couple of notches higher to CAT exam of the previous years with regards to the difficulty level. A variety of questions (tricky, conceptual, calculation intensive, however many of them were doable) was the key feature of this section. Algebra, Numbers, P&C, Geometry, Trigonometry, Arithmetic, etc were the key topics the questions were based on. The table below gives the broad idea in terms of the marks required for different percentiles in QA section.

PERCENTILE	MARKS
99	69
95	54
90	45
85	40

It can be seen that even by solving just about 15 questions with 100% accuracy, one could cross 90 percentile in QA section and in order to get into the elite club of 99 percentilers, one had to carefully select about 23 Qs and answer them all correctly.

Overall, this quant section was a MODERATE DIFFICULT one.

All the best for your next AIMCAT!