

The necessity of a common test

“Prof. Paul mentioned that similar to the exercise on placement, rethinking was needed on admissions also. This had become necessary because a concern has been expressed in some quarters that many students have to appear separately for the tests of the three management institutes, which meant considerable inconvenience to the students. The question of developing a common test has acquired a sense of urgency.”

Source: Minutes of the 106th Meeting of the Faculty, April 8, 1976, p. 4, IIMA Archives

Common Admissions Test For All IIMs

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Beginning this year, the Indian Institutes of Management at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, and Calcutta will hold a common admissions test for applications to the Post-Graduate Programme of the three Institutes. However, candidates can apply to the Institute(s) of their choice.

Eligibility to Apply

1. A Bachelor's degree or its equivalent in any field (agriculture, arts, commerce, engineering, science, etc.) with
 - * Minimum 55% marks (45% for scheduled castes/tribes persons) in SSC, SSLC, High School, Higher Secondary, or Senior Cambridge, and
 - * Minimum 50% marks (45% for SC/ST persons) in Bachelor's degree.
2. Candidates appearing for the final bachelor's degree examination in 1977 can also apply, but they must pass the examination with the requirements stipulated above by July 1, 1977.

Procedure for Processing Applications

3. A newspaper advertisement will invite applications for the common test.
4. Candidates who desire to take the test in Ahmedabad, Bombay, Delhi, and Jaipur must apply to the Admissions Officer, Indian Institute of Management, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad 380 015.
5. Candidates who would like to take the test in Bangalore, Cochin/Ernakulam, Hyderabad, and Madras must apply to the Admissions Chairman, Indian Institute of Management, 33 Langford Road, Bangalore 560 027.
6. Candidates who want to take the test in Calcutta, Gauhati, Kanpur, Bhubaneswar, Nagpur, and Varanasi must apply to the Admissions Chairman, Indian Institute of Management, Joka, Diamond Harbour Road, Calcutta 700 027.
7. All applications must be accompanied by a postal order or bank draft for Rs. 10/- (only a bank draft for IIM, Calcutta) payable to the respective Institutes and a self-addressed, 25 cm. x 16 cm. envelope. There is no fee for SC/ST persons, but they should enclose a duly attested copy of the SC/ST certificate with the request for application form.
8. A folder containing the application form for the test, application form for the programme, description of the programmes conducted by each Institute, and the procedure for admission to each Institute will be supplied.
9. The candidate should submit the test application form to the concerned Institute.
10. After receiving the completed test application form and checking his/her eligibility, the concerned Institute will send a test card to the candidate.

Programme Application Form

11. The candidate should apply separately to each Institute for a programme application blank, which is different from the application blank for the common admission test.
12. Each Institute will independently process the completed applications for admission to its programme.
13. The last date for submitting the completed application for the test is December 5, 1976.

Advertisement of the first Common Admission Test (CAT)



**INDIAN INSTITUTE
OF MANAGEMENT
AHMEDABAD**



**INDIAN INSTITUTE
OF MANAGEMENT
BANGALORE**



**INDIAN INSTITUTE
OF MANAGEMENT
CALCUTTA**

COMMON ADMISSION TEST—JANUARY 2, 1977. TWO-YEAR POST GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN MANAGEMENT 1977 - '79 SESSION

Beginning this year, persons seeking admission to the Post Graduate Management Programmes at one or more of the above Institutes are required to appear for the **Common Admission Test**.

ELIGIBILITY

A Bachelors degree or its equivalent in any field (agriculture, arts, commerce, engineering, science, etc.) with

- (i) Minimum 55% marks in SSC, or SSLC, or High School, or Higher Secondary, or Senior Cambridge
- and
- (ii) Minimum 50% marks in aggregate in the Bachelors degree.

Candidates appearing for the final Bachelors degree examination may also apply. Completion of the examination by June 30, 1977 and passing of the same with the eligibility requirement stipulated above is compulsory.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates are required to pay (a) a test admission fee of Rs. 10/- and (b) an application fee of Rs. 15/- per institute applied to. Instructions for applying to the three institutes separately will be provided with the material sent on remittance of the test admission fee as given below.

Candidates desirous of taking the test at **Ahmedabad, Bombay, Delhi and Jaipur** should apply to the **ADMISSIONS OFFICER, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, VASTRAPUR, AHMEDABAD 380015**, enclosing a postal order or bank draft for Rs. 10/- payable to Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and a self-addressed envelope (25 x 16 cms).

Candidates desirous of taking the test at **Bangalore, Ernakulam, Hyderabad and Madras** should apply to the **ADMISSIONS CHAIRMAN, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, 33 LANGFORD ROAD,**

BANGALORE 560 027, enclosing a postal order or bank draft for Rs. 10/- payable to the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, and a self-addressed envelope (25 x 16 cms).

Candidates desirous of taking the test at **Calcutta, Gauhati, Kanpur, Bhubaneswar, Nagpur and Varanasi** should apply to the **ADMISSIONS CHAIRMAN, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, POST BOX NO. 16757, JOKA, DIAMOND HARBOUR ROAD, CALCUTTA 700 027**, enclosing a bank draft for Rs. 10/- drawn in favour of Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, and a self-addressed envelope (25 x 16 cms).

NOTE: Candidates are advised to keep in readiness two copies of their recent passport size photograph which have to be affixed in the application form.

SCHEDULED CASTE/TRIBE CANDIDATES

(i) Eligibility conditions: 45% marks at both school leaving (SSC, SSLC, High School, Higher Secondary, Senior Cambridge) and Bachelors degree.

(ii) There is no fee for Scheduled Caste/Tribe candidates; but they should enclose a duly attested copy of the SC/ST certificate with the request for application form.

(iii) 20% seats are reserved for SC/ST candidates meeting the respective Institute's admission requirements

SPECIALISATION IN AGRICULTURE AT INDIAN INSTITUTES OF MANAGEMENT, AHMEDABAD AND BANGALORE.

At Indian Institutes of Management, Ahmedabad and Bangalore, specialisation in Agriculture is available (in the second year of the programme) for students with agriculture or allied fields in their Bachelors or Masters degrees.

FELLOW OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The Indian Institutes of Management, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Calcutta, offer a full time Fellow Programme in Management, comparable to a Ph. D. Degree, preparing primarily for teaching and research careers.

Ahmedabad and Bangalore: Applicants should have at least a second class Masters degree in any field, or a first-class Bachelors degree in engineering with two years experience.

Note: The Fellow Programme at Bangalore is in the Transportation and Agriculture (including forestry and animal husbandry) sectors. Candidates with background relevant to these sectors only need apply.

Calcutta: Applicants should have a Masters degree in any discipline (including Engineering), with at least 55% marks.

The Admissions test is the same for this programme commencing July 1977. The programme will take at least 3 years. If eligible and interested you may apply for the test by sending to the appropriate Institute depending upon the test centre of your choice, a self-addressed envelope (25 x 16 cms.) and remittance of Rs. 10/- as explained above.

Last dates (1) Requests for application forms for test — November 25, '76 (2) Submission of completed application for test — December 5, '76. The test date is January 2, '77.

Cover page of question paper, and answer sheet, of first CAT held on January 2, 1977

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COMMON ADMISSION TEST
FOR
THE INDIAN INSTITUTES OF MANAGEMENT: AHMEDABAD, BANGALORE, CALCUTTA.

THIS BOOKLET CONSISTS OF SEVERAL SECTIONS WITH DIFFERENT TIME LIMITS. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOWED IS TWO HOURS AND TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES.

INSTRUCTIONS

IN THIS TEST for each question or each item, four, or more suggested answers [marked as (1), (2), (3), (4), etc..] are given, of which only one is correct unless otherwise stated. You are to find which one of the suggested answers is correct and write the number (1) or (2) or (3) or (4) or more in the appropriate place on the answer sheet.

There are several sections in the test which are separately timed. During the time allowed for a section you may work on that section only. You may neither work ahead on a section which is not announced nor may you go back to a previous one.

DO NOT BREAK THE SEAL. Unfold the Answer Sheet that you will find on the last page of the Booklet. DO NOT DETACH THE ANSWER SHEET. Write your Centre Code, Registration No., Name and other information on the Answer Sheet as asked for.

DO NOT MAKE ANY MARK OR WRITE ANYTHING ON THE BOOKLET.

When signal is given, start with the Section I. Do not go to any other part till you are asked to do so.

STOP

WAIT FOR THE SIGNAL TO START

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ANSWER SHEET

PART-I

1. Name (in BLOCK letters) _____

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2. Centre Code Number

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3. Test Registration Number

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PART-II

Please tick boxes below:

4. Scheduled Caste

Scheduled Tribe

Not Applicable

5. Male

Female

6. Applicant for Admission to:

	Post Graduate Programme	Fellowship Programme
IIM Ahmedabad	[]	[]
IIM Bangalore	[]	[]
IIM Calcutta	[]	[]

7. Your Educational Background:

Arts

Science

Commerce

Engineering/Technology

Any other

Source: IIMA Archives

Admission for 1977-79 PGP Class

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For the first time, a common admission test was evolved for applicants seeking admission to the Post-Graduate Programmes of the three management Institutes at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, and Calcutta. The admission test was held at 14 centres. The IIMA conducted the test at Ahmedabad, Bombay, Delhi and Jaipur, and the IIMB and the IIMC at the remaining ten centres.

For admission to the 1977-79 batch, 5,990 applications were received, including 246 applications for the Specialization programme in Agricultural Management. On the basis of scores in admission test, past academic performance, and work experience, if any, 666 candidates were called for group discussions and interviews. The interviews were held at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Hyderabad, Jaipur, and Kanpur during March-April 1977.

Finally, 185 candidates, (including 31 students for Specialization in Agriculture Management) were offered admission.

Source: IIMA 15th Annual Report, 1976-77, Pg. 19-20, IIMA Archives