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Overall:

- **Difficulty Level:** Moderate
- **Number of Attempts:** 47-50 questions (75%+ accuracy)
- **Cut-Offs:** 73-79 (to ensure at least one IIM call)

Section I:

- **Difficulty Level:** Easy to Moderate
- **Number of Attempts:** 22-23 questions (75%+ accuracy)
- **Cut-Offs:** 40
- **Important Points:**
 - *This was a relatively easy section with 30% of the questions (9 in all) being easy.*
 - The following questions were quite simple and should have been attempted:
 1. The two questions on roots of quadratic equations
 2. Time and work
 3. Mixtures and alligation (alloy of A, B and C)
 4. Logarithms
 5. Arranging 325 students in rows and columns
 6. Finding $f(n)$ for $n = 10^{10000}$
 7. Finding the set of five consecutive natural numbers
 8. Finding numbers with exactly 3 factors.
 - On the other hand, the question on intersection of curves was quite difficult (and quite intimidating for non-engineers) and could have been skipped.
 - In DI, the sets on runs scored by Indian batsmen and the pie-charts should have been attempted first as they were relatively straight-forward and, **more importantly**, *if you found some common data early on, you could solve the entire set faster.*
 - The set on average scores was on the trickier side and could have been attempted towards the end (or if you were uncomfortable with the pure QA questions).
 - Some questions could have been solved faster using alternate methods:
 1. The question on $\tan(\Theta/2)$ could have been solved easily (without knowing the half-angle formula) by simply substituting Θ as 90° and then using answer options.
 2. The question on scoring 6 runs in a cricket match could have been solved by using the formula for distributing n similar objects among r people such that each person could have got any value from 0 to n .
 3. The question on finding $f(n)$ for $n = 10^{10000}$ could be solved by ignoring the constant terms compared to the much larger terms involving variables.
 4. The question on averages (age of new member) could be solved faster by considering only the scenario 10 years back and today, as the intervening stages were redundant.

Section II:

- **Difficulty Level:** Moderate
- **Number of Attempts:** 25-26 attempts (70%+ accuracy)
- **Cut-Offs:** 37
- **Important Points:**
 - This section was moderately difficult with only 20% of the questions (7 in all) being easy. While the number of easy questions was not very different from that in section I, a couple of these were part of a time-consuming LR set.
 - There were three LR sets with varying difficulty levels. However, the sets were such that even the difficult ones had 1-2 questions that could be attempted without solving the entire set:
 1. The set on Roger Federer was the most difficult of the three and could have been skipped (or should have been attempted towards the end if one found VA difficult). However, if you ignored the second question of this set (time consuming and complex), the other two were doable.
 2. The set on the cricket team (involving pure batsmen, bowlers and all-rounders) was doable but time-consuming. This set would have eaten into the number of VA attempts. However, the second question of this set was very easy and could have been solved even if you fell short of time for the whole set.
 3. The set on ranks of five students was the easiest of the lot and should definitely have been attempted. Also, filling the table once would have helped solve all three questions very quickly.
 - On the other hand, the VA questions were easy to moderate and 14-16 attempts out of the 21 pure VA questions would be a good performance.
 - The 3 RC passages accounted for 10 questions. The passages were dense in terms of subject matter and involved scholarly language. However, careful reading and understanding of the passage would help answer the questions. Here, selecting the right passage(s) to attempt was crucial. The passages on “de-realization” as well as the one on “convenience and resemblance” were easier to attempt and should have been done first. The passage on “computers” was the toughest of the three, but it could have been attempted towards the end. The last question of this passage was quite easy.
 - Out of the three paragraph completion questions, the ones on “competition” and “the selfie” were quite simple and should have been attempted.
 - All the questions on jumbled sentences (except for the one on “dreaming”) were moderately difficult but doable, despite the sentences being long.
 - The fill in the blank questions involved usage of commonly known words, instead of vocabulary-heavy options.
 - Out of the two questions on grammar applications, the one on communism was avoidable while the other (on free market economy) was quite easy and should have been attempted.