

IRMA Social Awareness Test | IRMASAT2018

This handout contains details pertaining to various aspects of the online exam you are going to undertake and important instructions about related matters. You are advised to study the handout carefully as it will help you prepare for the examination.

The on-line examination comprises 40 questions relevant to Issues of Social Concern. All the questions have multiple choices. Of the five answers to a question only one will be correct. You are required to select the most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' the alternative that you feel is appropriate / correct. The alternative/ option that you have clicked on will be highlighted and will be treated as your answer to that question. There will be a penalty for wrong answers marked by you. For every wrong answer marked by you, 1/4th of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.

Please note that the types of questions in this handout are only illustrative and not exhaustive. In the actual examination you are likely to come across questions of different difficulty levels that may or may not be relevant to the ones listed below. A few sample questions are provided below for your understanding:-

Q.1-3. Read the following passage and provide answers to the given questions:

Data released earlier this year revealed a landmark event for the Indian economy that went largely unnoticed: agricultural workers now comprise less than half the workforce for the first time in the history of the Indian economy and its contribution to GDP is less than 14 percent. However in recent years even as the non-agricultural economy remains weak, overall growth has been propped up to the extent it has by the growth of the overall rural economy. And while within the rural economy itself, non-farm activities are becoming increasingly significant, close to two or three workers depend on agriculture for an important part of their income. Lower production from earlier years, higher cultivation costs and weaker yields bode ill for farm incomes and by extension for the rural economy as a whole. If rural incomes are hit, there could be bigger demand for work under the rural employment guarantee scheme. Though there is a government proposal to restrict MGNREGA to tribal districts only, if farm incomes remain weak this feeds into the rest of the economy and the intention of the government to see this policy through could well be tested.

Q. 1. What do the statistics regarding the agricultural sector cited in the passage indicate?

- (1) Farm incomes are likely to be hit by low global commodity prices and weak or stagnant production
- (2) Overall agricultural output will fall significantly this year despite sustained government assistance
- (3) Factors such as a weak monsoon have resulted in an agricultural deficit
- (4) The agricultural sector is very important to the economy despite its falling contribution to India's GDP
- (5) Agriculture must employ more workforce

Q.2. Which of the following is a welcome development?

- (1) Bigger demand for work under the rural employment guarantee scheme
- (2) Non-agricultural economy remaining weak
- (3) Agricultural workforce becoming less than half of the total workforce



- (4) Higher cultivation costs
- (5) Restricting MGNREGA to tribal districts

Q.3. Which of the following best defines MGNREGA?

- (1) Guaranteeing 100 days of wage-employment to a rural household
- (2) Guarantee for a minimum price for agriculture yields in rural areas
- (3) Guaranteeing crop assurance and minimum price for agricultural yields in rural areas
- (4) Guaranteeing crop assurance and minimum price for agricultural yields in tribal areas
- (5) Guaranteed regular employment of one adult member in rural areas in the farm or non-farm sector.

Q.4-5. Read the following paragraph and answer the given questions.

The resettlement home, where Velayudhan's mother was admitted, has limited facilities with one physically challenged old doctor to attend around 200 inmates. There are some nurses deputed by the People's Council for Social Justice, a not-for-profit organization. The care-home lacks proper provisions, medicines and accessories like bed sheets and cleaning materials.

The condition of Velayudhan and his mother suggests a big gap in the much-acclaimed decentralized anti-poverty programmes of the state and local self-governments (LSG), said noted economist Prof K K George. "There is a need to go beyond the BPL and APL categorization. What we need is a micro-level intervention to identify the individual disabilities among the poor and the rich," he said.

Q.4. What is meant by APL?

- (1) After Poverty Limit (2) Above Poverty Line (3) Above Poverty Limit
- (4) At Poverty Line (5) Other than those given as options

Q.5. Why do we need to 'go beyond the BPL and APL categorization'?

- (1) We need to provide benefits of anti-poverty programmes to all BPL and APL population
- (2) We need to identify only individual disabilities and categorize them to get the benefits of an anti-poverty programme
- (3) We need to consider individual disabilities to categorize them to get the benefits of an anti-poverty programme
- (4) Anti-poverty intervention is needed by both BPL and APL and the rich
- (5) Micro-level intervention is required by local self-governments.

Q.6-7. Read the following paragraph and answer the given questions.

The Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97), was launched keeping in mind the necessity of implementing measures for stabilization and structural adjustment subsequent to the Balance of Payments (BOP) crisis of 1991. The Plan took into account the changes that were to be expected in the economy on account of the adoption of these reform measures, while keeping in mind the poor performance of the economy in the base year, 1991-92. In the base year the rate of inflation was in double digits, while the overall growth rate of GDP for that year was negligible.

Q.6. What is the unit of measurement of GDP?

- (1) Percentage or proportion
- (2) Absolute numbers of goods and services
- (3) Monetary terms (Rupees, Dollars etc.)



- (4) Absolute number per capita
- (5) Other than those given as options

Q.7. What is the role of Five Year Plans in India?

- (1) To control GDP and BOP only
- (2) To plan for overall development of different production sectors
- (3) To plan for overall development of different production sectors as well as human development
- (4) To plan for overall development of the country and approve budgetary allocation
- (5) To plan for overall agricultural development of the country and allocate resources

Q.8. Which of the following statement(s) best describes what 'poverty' is?

- (A) It is minimum level of living rather than a reasonable level of living
- (B) It is a condition in which a person/family does not have full-time employment
- (C) It is a condition in which the income of the family falls below the average income of a family in the country.

- (1) Only B (2) Only A (3) Only C (4) Both A and B (5) All A, B & C

Q.9. Which of the following schemes of the Government of India is/are designed especially to help farmers in India?

- (A) Kisan Credit Card (B) Priority Sector Lending (C) Subsidy on Fertilizers

- (1) Only A and B (2) Only B and C (3) Only A and C
- (4) Only A (5) All A, B & C

Q.10. Farmers in India definitely get subsidies on which of the following commodities of agricultural use?

- (A) Tractors (B) Chemical Fertilizers (C) Seeds

- (1) Only A (2) Only B (3) Only C (4) Both A and B (5) All A, B & C

Details of the On-line Examination Pattern

- (1) The examination will be conducted on-line i.e. on a computer.
- (2) All tests will be in English.
- (3) All the questions will have multiple choices. Of the five answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. **The candidate is required to select the most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which he/ she feels is appropriate/ correct. The alternative/ option clicked on will be treated as the answer to that question. Answer to any question will be considered for final evaluation only when candidates have submitted their answers by clicking on "Save & Next" or "Mark for Review & Next" buttons.**
- (4) The clock has been set at the server and the countdown timer at the top right hand corner of your screen will display the time remaining for you to complete the exam. When the clock runs out the exam ends by default- you are not required to end or submit your exam.
- (5) The question palette at the right of screen shows one of the following statuses of each of the questions numbered:



You have not visited the question yet.



You have not answered the question.



You have answered the question.



You have NOT answered the question but have marked the question for review.

You have answered the question but marked it for review.

The Marked for Review status simply acts as a reminder that you have set to look at the question again. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.*

- (6) To select a question to answer, you can do one of the following:
 - (a) Click on the question number on the question palette at the right of your screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option **does NOT save your answer** to the current question.
 - (b) Click on '**Save & Next**' to save answer to current question and to go to the next question in sequence.
 - (c) Click on '**Mark for Review and Next**' to save answer to current question, mark it for review, and to go to the next question in sequence.
- (7) To select your answer, click on one of the option buttons.
- (8) To change your answer, click another desired option button.
- (9) To save your answer, you **MUST** click on **Save & Next**.
- (10) To deselect a chosen answer, click on the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button.



- (11) To mark a question for review click on **Mark for Review & Next**. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.*
- (12) To change an answer to a question, first select the question and then click on the new answer option followed by a click on the **Save & Next** button.
- (13) **ONLY questions that are saved or marked for review after answering will be considered for evaluation.**
- (14) Sections will be displayed on the top bar of the screen. Questions in a section can be viewed by clicking on the section name. The section you will view will be highlighted.
- (15) After clicking the **Save & Next** button on the last question for a section, you will automatically be taken to the first question of the next section.
- (16) You can move the mouse cursor over the section names to view the status of the questions for that section.
- (17) You can shuffle between sections and questions anytime during the examination as per your convenience.
- (18) The candidates are requested to follow the instructions of the “Test Administrator” carefully. If any candidate does not follow the instructions / rules, it would be treated as a case of misconduct/ adoption of unfair means and such candidates will be liable for debarment from appearing for examinations for the period decided by IRMA.
- (19) The candidates may ask the Test Administrator about their doubts or questions only before the commencement of the test. No query shall be entertained after the commencement of the examination.
- (20) After the expiry of 80 minutes, the candidates will not be able to attempt any questions or check their answers. The answers of the candidate will be saved automatically by the computer system even if he/ she has not clicked the “Submit” button.
- (21) **Please note:**
 - (a) **Candidates will not be allowed to “finally submit” unless they have exhausted the actual test time.**
 - (b) **Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the ‘keyboard keys’ once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.**

General Instructions

- 1) Please note date, time and venue address of the examination given in the Admit Card.
- 2) You must visit the venue one day before the Online Examination to confirm the location so that you are able to report **on time** (as printed on the Admit Card) on the day of the examination. Late comers will not be allowed.
- 3) Please bring your Admit Card with you at the examination venue. If you have not received the Admit Card hard copy sent by IRMA, you should take a printout of your Admit Card from the IRMA website. The Admit Card **MUST** be printed in colour only and **must contain your pre uploaded photograph**. If the Admit Card is not printed in colour or does not display your pre uploaded photograph you will not be allowed to appear for the exam.



- 4) You must scrupulously follow the instructions of the Test Administrator and IRMA representative at the examination venue. If you violate the instructions you will be disqualified and asked to leave the examination venue.
- 5) No use of calculators (separate or with watch), books, note books or written notes, cell phones (with or without camera facility), or electronic devices will be allowed during the examination.
- 6) Please bring the Admit Card and currently valid Photo Identity Proof in the original - **THIS IS ESSENTIAL**. Currently, valid Photo Identity Proof is your PAN Card/Passport/Driving Licence/Voter's Card/Bank Passbook with photograph/Photo Identity Proof issued by a Gazetted Officer on official letterhead /Photo Identity Proof issued by a People's Representative on official letterhead/Valid recent Identity Card issued by a recognized College/University/Aadhar Card with a photograph/E-adhar Card/Employee ID/Bar Council Identity card with photograph. **Please Note - Ration Card will NOT be accepted as a valid ID proof for this exam.** Please note that your name appearing on the Admit Card (provided by you during the process of registration) should exactly match the name appearing on the original Photo Identity Proof. Female candidates who have changed their first/last/middle names post marriage must take special note of this. If there is any mismatch between the name indicated in the Admit Card and original Photo Identity Proof you will not be allowed to appear for the exam. **Please retain the Admit Card & original Photo Identity Proof. They are not to be submitted to the invigilator in original or photocopy. Without producing the original Admit Card and original Photo Identity Proof you will not be allowed to appear for the exam.**
- 7) Your responses (answers) will be analyzed with those of other candidates to detect patterns of similarity for right and wrong answers. If, during the analytical procedure adopted in this regard, it is inferred/concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine/valid your candidature may be cancelled. Any candidate who is found copying or receiving or giving assistance or engaging in any behaviour unbecoming of a candidate will not be considered for assessment. IRMA may take further action against such candidates as deemed fit.
- 8) You should bring with you a ball-point pen. A sheet of paper will be provided that may be used for rough work or taking down the question number you would like to review at the end of the test before submitting your answers. After the test is over you **MUST** hand over this sheet of paper to the Test Administrator before leaving the venue.
- 9) The possibility of occurrence of some problem in the administration of the examination cannot be ruled out completely, which may impact test delivery and/or results from being generated. In that event, every effort will be made to rectify such problems, which may include movement of candidates, test delays, and so on. Conducting a re-examination is at the sole discretion of the test conducting body. Candidates will not have any claims regarding a re-test. Candidates not willing to move or not willing to participate in the delayed process of test delivery shall be summarily rejected from the process.
- 10) If the examination is held in more than one session, the scores across various sessions will be equated to adjust for slight differences in the difficulty levels of different test batteries used across sessions. More than one session is required if the nodes' capacity is limited or some technical disruption takes place at any centre or for any candidate.
- 11) Anyone found to be disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing, or facilitating transmission and storage of test contents in any form or any information therein in whole or part thereof or by any means verbal or written, electronic or mechanical or taking away the



papers supplied in the examination hall or found to be in unauthorized possession of test content is likely to be prosecuted.

- 12) No travelling allowance or other expenses in connection with the examination will be paid by IRMA.
- 13) Instances of providing incorrect information and/or process violation by a candidate detected at any stage of the admissions' process will lead to disqualification of the candidate from the process and he/she will not be allowed to appear in any admission process conducted by IRMA in future. If such instances go undetected during the current process but are detected subsequently, such disqualification will take place with retrospective affect.

Penalty for Malpractices

Malpractices entailing imposition of penalty by IRMA are listed below:

- Appeal by candidate for favourable consideration or mercy for awarding of marks/grades, etc.
- Possessing of personal notes, books, calculators, slide-rules or such other non-permitted material.
- Candidate or anyone on his/her behalf attempting to influence the examiner/other staff.
- Candidate disobeying the instructions of the invigilators/Test Personnel.
- Individual or mass copying cases.
- Using or actual copying from notes or books on the subject of examination.
- Copying or seeking/using the answers of another candidate/s.
- Allowing another candidate to copy from his/her answer or giving help in any form.
- Impersonation.
- Candidate getting assistance from persons from within the examination hall or outside through any means for writing the examination.
- Attempting to destroy or actual destruction of evidence of malpractice.
- Exchanging/attempting to snatch rough-sheets of other candidates.
- Refusal to offer on-the-spot explanation when suspected of resorting to any malpractice.
- Submitting fabricated documents or documents that have been tampered with.
- Candidates resorting to or instigating any other irregular or improper conduct in connection with the test like Dharna, Gherao, and pen-down strikes, etc.
- Making incorrect or false statements or suppressing material information.
- Bringing into the examination hall any weapon or any other intimidating material.



Penalty for any of these malpractices may range from cancellation of candidature for the examination to permanent disqualification or legal punishment using court of law.

Jurisdiction

The admissions' process of IRMA shall be subject to the Jurisdiction of the Courts of Anand.

Important Points to Remember

You are advised to bring with you the following:

- (i) Admit Card with photo printed thereon and photo ID card in **Original** as mentioned in point 6 on page 5.
- (ii) One ball point pen