

# **DIRECTOR'S DESK**

## ADVISORY FOR ATTEMPTING MENTAL ABILITY QUESTIONS

- Read a Maths question completely and slowly once/twice.
  If the pattern was already solved, take it immediately.
  - If not, think for around a minute on the ways to solve.
  - If you couldn't think of a solution, move to the next question and come back to this question at the end of the exam.
- 2. Don't attempt a problem thinking that you can find the complete solution on the course of solving.
  - If you couldn't solve, it leads to wastage of space allotted for that question and you cannot attempt another question instead of that.
  - Remember that in the final exam, you will be given a booklet to answer with pre-allotted space for every question. There is no provision to get additional sheets.

#### 3. Solve all Maths questions including 15/10/7.5/5 marks together at one shot. Maths and essay questions require a different mindset. Scientifically they

work in different parts of brain.

Mixing them together may not be efficient.

- 4. Try solving Maths questions after writing essay questions for an hour or so.
  - At the beginning or end of the exams, mind will be relatively tensed.
  - But, after an hour into the exams, the mind will be tuned to the exam and relatively relaxed.
- 5. While solving Maths, start with 5 or 7.5 marks questions.
  - Lesser marks will be relatively easier to solve.
  - Solving them, you get more confidence and can move on to bigger problems.
  - **I** This also helps in transitioning from essay questions to Maths.

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## PROCEDURE TO SOLVE MENTAL ABILITY QUESTIONS

- 1. Give utmost care while reading the question
- 2. Given data should be written and verified
- 3. Appropriate units should be written
- 4. Draw neatly for Diagrammatic questions
- 5. After completing the question, write the final answer separately
- 6. Formulae should be highlighted in a box
- 7. Answers should also be highlighted in a box

#### Note

a. Work out the difficult sums in books. This will assist you to perform well in the examination.

b. Book sum data may be altered. So carefully read the questions.

c. Choose sub division type questions, toughness will be low

d. Attend probability and statistics – only if no alternative available.

e. Prefer formulae-based sums over statistics, probability and algebra

f. In case of Algebra – Be careful with conditions in the given sums.

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