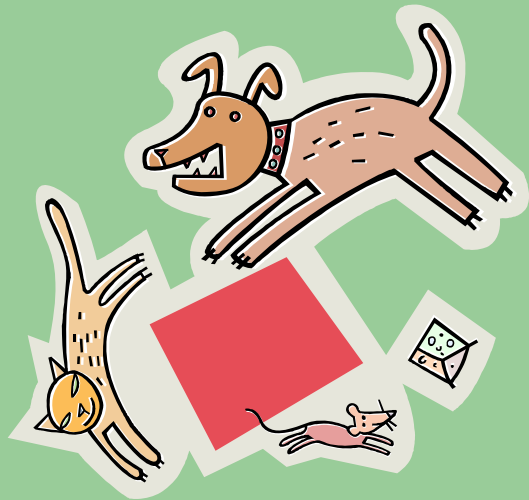


# CHASE CAT WITH A MOUSE

Understanding Basics, challenges and strategies to face CAT – 2009 Test



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# UNDERSTANDING BASICS - 1

- COMPUTERISATION HELPS?
  - Provides better transparency.
  - Paper Leakage possibility is not there.
  - Faster results.
  - Computers skills for budding managers is a basic necessity now.
  - Will be able to cater to a larger participants.
  - Will allow easier global reach.



# UNDERSTANDING BASICS - 2

- ONLINE or COMPUTER BASED
  - The test doesn't run online on internet.
  - It is actually delivered to the servers at pre-designated test sites on the test day or a day prior to the test day and made available to you on a local area network.
  - It is better to call it a computer based test rather than an online test.

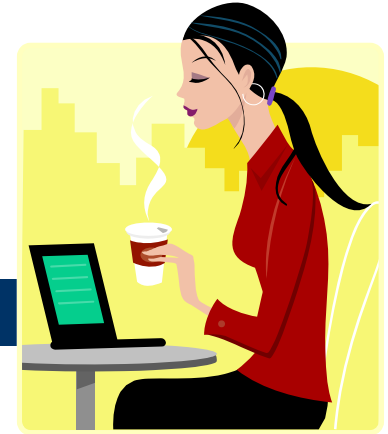


# UNDERSTANDING BASICS - 3

- QUESTIONS ARE DIFFERENT FOR EVERYONE.
  - It has to be so as the test keeps running for 10 days in 2 shifts on each day.
  - The examining body makes many questions of similar standard and difficulty that are served to students by rotation. Which question you are likely to get is controlled by computer software that generates the paper specially designed against your registration number.
  - Even in the same shift students may get different questions. This policy is however kept secret by the examining body.



# CHALLENGES - 1



- Change of Medium

- You can not underline the question matter with a pencil for quicker comprehension, as you would do on a paper based medium. Selection of matter with a mouse may be allowed.
- Your reading posture is different and little more stressful.
- Computer screen reading is 15-20% slower than paper based reading.
- The pen is now replaced by a mouse.

# CHALLENGES - 2

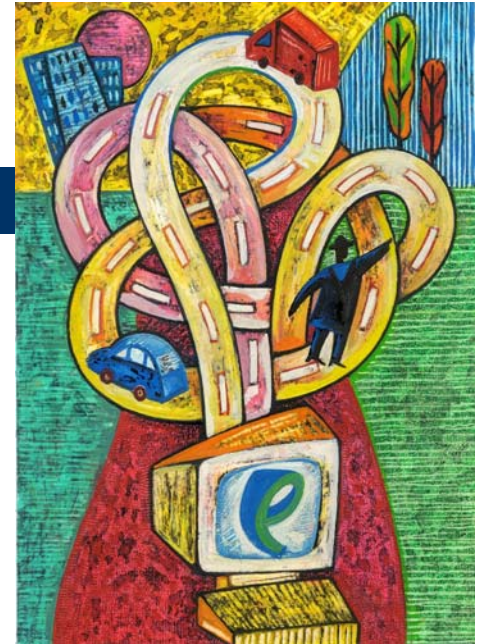


- Change of Timings

- You have to give 60-70 questions in 135 Minutes which works out to be about 2 minutes/question.
- Don't think that you can spend 2 minutes on each question.
- There are long and short questions. Keep more time free for Reading Comprehensions, Data Interpretations etc.
- You are also supposed to report to centre 2 hours in advance. This could put you into an extra stressful conditions.

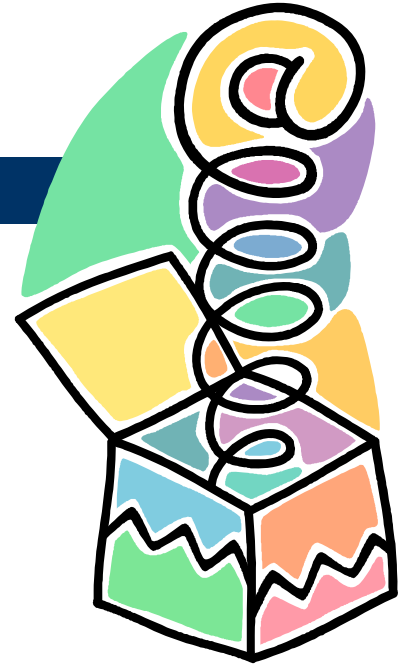
# CHALLENGES - 3

- Testing Environment
  - Candidate usually facing the Wall side.
  - Test terminal with three side dividers.
  - No Bathroom Breaks.
  - Required to be seated till end even when you finish early.



# STRATEGIES - 1

- Keep Practicing on a desktop computer till your last day of exam. Avoid practicing on a laptop.
- Since the pen is now replaced by a mouse. You need to master the mouse tricks to point and shoot for a click and scroll as you read.
- Don't Stop Paper Based Practice.
- Focus on improving mental tricks. If it is too late for it at least maintain mental calm.

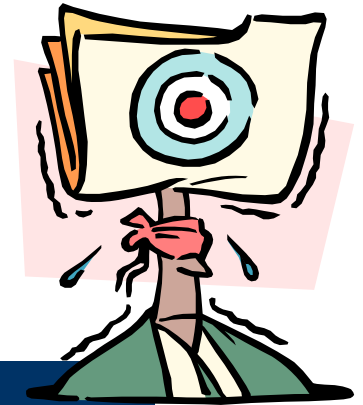


# STRATEGIES - 2

- Visit the test centre 1 day in advance to avoid last minute tensions of locating a centre.
- Keep extra margin for driving duration on the test day as it is likely to be a croudy road on the D-Day.
- Sleep well the previous night as you are going to face a boring pre-test period of 2 hours.



# STRATEGIES - 3



- Say no to doubts and worries
  - Computer based testing is genuine and fair. Don't doubt the basics.
  - Test centre has a well laid out contingency plan in case of power outages.
  - Computer based tests are now taken by people above 60 years of age, so it should be breeze for you.
- Practice some simple breathing exercises to come out of stressful moments.
- Make a metal plan and execute it well.
- **Dream future and bring it soon to the present.**

# Thanks

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