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SNAP 2026 guide: pattern, marking, three-test strategy and fees

SNAP 2026 for Symbiosis MBA: 60 questions in 60 minutes, +1/-0.25 marking, three test dates, fees and registration close, with a time split.

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SNAP 2026 at a glance

SNAP is the Symbiosis National Aptitude Test, the entrance test for selected MBA programmes of Symbiosis International (Deemed University). The score works only for Symbiosis programmes: 17 institutes across 6 cities and 32 MBA programmes. Each programme needs its own registration and fee.

Item	SNAP 2026
Mode	Computer-based test at a test centre; up to three tests
Test dates	Test 1: Sunday 13 December. Test 2: Saturday 19 December. Test 3: Saturday 26 December 2026
Registration	21 August to 25 November 2026 (registration and payment close on Wednesday, 25 November)
Admit cards	7 December (Test 1), 11 December (Test 2), 18 December (Test 3)
Result	12 January 2027 (Tuesday)
Fee	Rs 2,550 per test attempt plus Rs 1,000 per programme registration. Government taxes extra. Both are mandatory and non-refundable
Score use	Only for selected Symbiosis programmes, academic year 2027-28

As of 6 November 2026, 19 days remain to register. Registration closes four days before CAT on 29 November, so you pay for SNAP before you know how CAT went. If Symbiosis is on your list, register on time anyway.

Eligibility

- Graduate in any discipline from a recognised university, with at least 50% marks (45% for SC/ST candidates).
- Final-year students are allowed under at least one programme clause. Admission is then subject to 50% (45%) in the qualifying exam.
- Business Analytics, Infrastructure Development & Management and the dual-degree programmes carry additional criteria. Read the programme page.
- No work-experience requirement is listed in the eligibility we checked. No separate reserved-category fee is stated.

Pattern and marking

Section	Questions	Marks
General English	10	10
Analytical & Logical Reasoning	20	20
Quantitative, Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency	20	20
Ethics, Morality and Values	10	10
Total	60	60

The test lasts 60 minutes. Every question has four options and carries 1 mark. A wrong answer costs 25% of a mark, which is 0.25. Unattempted questions score 0. You can attempt the sections in any order, and the bulletin sets no sectional time limit.

SNAP SCORE

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Score = Right − 0.25 x Wrong (out of 60)
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Example. You attempt 48 questions: 36 right, 12 wrong, 12 left blank. What is your score and accuracy?

1. Wrong-answer penalty = 12 x 0.25 = 3.
2. Score = 36 - 3 = 33 out of 60.
3. Accuracy = 36 / 48 = 75%.

Answer: 33 marks at 75% accuracy. The 12 blanks cost nothing.

Example. Each question has four options. What is a guess worth with no elimination, one option eliminated, and two eliminated?

1. Blind guess: p = 1/4. Gain = 0.25 x 1 - 0.75 x 0.25 = 0.0625.
2. One option out: p = 1/3. Gain = 0.3333 - 0.6667 x 0.25 = 0.1667.
3. Two options out: p = 1/2. Gain = 0.5 - 0.5 x 0.25 = 0.375.

Answer: A blind guess is barely positive (+0.0625), but each elimination lifts it. Guess when you can remove at least one option.

Splitting 60 minutes across four sections

With no sectional limit, you set your own clock. One proposed split puts the two 10-question sections first, then the two 20-question sections.

Example. Is 8, 6, 20 and 26 minutes workable for English, Ethics, Reasoning and Quant, and what is the time per question?

1. General English: 8 / 10 = 0.8 minutes (48 seconds).
2. Ethics, Morality and Values: 6 / 10 = 0.6 minutes (36 seconds).
3. Analytical & Logical Reasoning: 20 / 20 = 1.0 minute.
4. Quantitative, DI & DS: 26 / 20 = 1.3 minutes (78 seconds).
5. Total = 8 + 6 + 20 + 26 = 60 minutes.

Answer: Yes. Do English and Ethics first: 20 questions in 14 minutes, leaving 46 minutes for Reasoning and Quant. It is a starting split to test in mocks, not an official one.

- General English (10): 48 seconds a question in the split above. Answer the quick items first and leave the slowest for the end of the block.
- Analytical & Logical Reasoning (20): the biggest block with Quant. Start with arrangements you can finish in a minute.
- Quantitative, DI & DS (20): 40 of 60 questions come from reasoning and quant together, which is 66.7% of the paper.
- Ethics, Morality and Values (10): the section CAT does not have. Read each situation, find the principle at stake, and choose the option that respects it.

Three tests, one best score

You can sit up to three tests, and the highest score is used. The bulletin says both that the best-of-three scores are not normalised and that papers are normalised for difficulty across the three tests. That wording is ambiguous, so do not count on a bonus for a hard day.

Example. Compare the cost of one test with all three, for four programmes.

1. Three tests: 3 x 2,550 = 7,650.
2. Four programmes: 4 x 1,000 = 4,000.
3. Three tests plus programmes: 7,650 + 4,000 = 11,650.
4. One test plus programmes: 2,550 + 4,000 = 6,550.
5. Difference = 11,650 - 6,550 = 5,100.

Answer: Rs 11,650 against Rs 6,550 before taxes. Two extra tests cost Rs 5,100, so pay for one only after your error log shows a fixable cause.

- Test 1 is 13 December and Test 2 is 19 December: 6 days apart. That is enough to fix one weak topic, not three.
- Test 2 and Test 3 (26 December) are 7 days apart.
- Use Test 1 as a real attempt, not a trial. You pay Rs 2,550 for it either way.

A plan to Test 1

From 6 November to Test 1 on 13 December is 37 days. SNAP is short and fast, so the plan is about speed, not volume.

Days	Focus
1 to 14	Fix basics: percentages, ratio, averages, arrangements, grammar. Time every drill at 1 minute per question.
15 to 28	Sectional timed sets: 20 questions in 20 minutes for reasoning, 20 in 26 for quant. Add 10 Ethics cases a day.
29 to 35	Full 60-minute mocks with the +1 / -0.25 scoring. Review each one for wrong answers that came from guessing without elimination.
36 to 37	Light review. Check admit card, centre address and travel time.

Checklist before 25 November

□ Make a list of the Symbiosis programmes you want and read each one's eligibility.
□ Budget Rs 2,550 per test and Rs 1,000 per programme, plus taxes.
□ Register and pay by 25 November. Fees are non-refundable.
□ Download the admit card for your test (7, 11 or 18 December).
□ Take two full 60-minute mocks at the +1 / -0.25 pattern before Test 1.

Watch out. SNAP scores are valid only for Symbiosis programmes in academic year 2027-28. The schedule can change at the university's discretion, so recheck snaptest.org before you pay.

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