SIMC MA(MC) Entrance Test 2024: Instructions

Test Structure

Section	Total Questions	Marks Per Correct Answer	Total Marks
General English: Reading Comprehension, Verbal Reasoning, Verbal Ability	15	1	15
Media & Culture	20	1	20
Current affairs and Contemporary issues	15	1	15
Analytical & Logical Reasoning	10	1	10
Total Marks	**60**		**60**

1. You have one hour to attempt 60 questions given in this Test. You can navigate through any question and any section as per your choice. This will help you in checking and modifying the answers, if required.

2. **The questions will be displayed on the screen one at a time. We advise you not to spend too much time on any specific question.**

3. **Each Question will have 4 options, out of which only one option will be correct.**

4. **There is no negative marking for this Test.**

5. The candidates are requested to follow all instructions.

6. **The End Test option will be enabled after 30 minutes. Once you End the Test you will not be able to attempt it again.**

7. After the expiry of test duration, the candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. The answers of the candidate would be saved automatically by the computer system even if he/ she has not clicked the "Submit" button.

8. Any malpractice / use of unfair means will lead to your disqualification from the admission process of SIU. Instances of any incorrect information or process violation detected at any stage of the selection process will lead to immediate disqualification of the candidate from the selection process and he/she will not be allowed to appear for SIMC MA(MC) Entrance Test in the future. If such instances go undetected during the current selection process but are detected in subsequent years, such disqualification will take place with retrospective effect.

General Instructions

Read the following instructions carefully:

1. Total duration of the examination is **60** minutes and there are a total of **60** questions to answer.
2. The clock will be set at the server. The countdown timer at the top, right-hand side of the screen will display the time available for you to complete the examination. When the timer reaches zero, the examination will end automatically, and in this scenario, you will not be required to end or submit your examination.
3. The Question Palette displayed on the right-hand side of the screen will show the status of each question using one of the following symbols:

   1 This question has not been visited yet.

   2 This question has been visited, but not answered.

   3 This question has been answered and will be considered for evaluation.

   4 This question has been marked for review and has not been answered. This will not be considered for evaluation.

   5 This question has been answered and marked for review, which will be considered for evaluation.

Navigating to a Question:

1. Click on the question number in the Question Palette to go to that particular question directly.
2. You can view all the questions by clicking on the **View QP** button that appears at bottom, right-hand side of the screen.

Answering a Question:

1. Procedure for answering a MCQ Question:
   a. To select your answer, click on the button of the corresponding option.
   b. To deselect your chosen answer, click on the Reset button.
   c. To change your chosen answer, click on the button of the newly identified answer.
   d. Once you have answered the question click on **Save and Next** Button present at Bottom Left of the screen.
2. To change your answer to a question that has already been answered, first select that question number from the question palette and then follow the usual procedure for answering any question.

Saving your answer:

1. To save your answer, you MUST click on the **Save & Next** button. To mark the question for review, check the **Mark for Review & check box.**

2. After the elapse of time scheduled for the examination (60 minutes), all the answers (including those "Answered and Marked for Review") will be automatically submitted.

Navigating through sections:

1. Sections in this question paper are displayed above the Question Area. Questions in a section can be viewed by clicking on the section name. The section you are currently viewing is highlighted.

2. You can shuffle between sections and questions anytime during the examination.

3. You can see the section summary as a part of the legend appearing above the Question Palette of every section.

Section 1: General Instructions to Candidates for the SIMC MA (MC) Entrance Test 2024

1. The application of the candidate appearing for the SIMC MA (MC) entrance test will be subjected to further scrutiny by the University's Eligibility Department before the admission is confirmed, as communicated earlier. If a candidate fails to fulfill the eligibility norms, he/she may be disqualified during/ after the process of admission.

2. SIU, in its sole discretion, may disqualify the candidate if the candidate fails to follow the pre-examination instructions or causes a breach in the terms and conditions of online examination or has supplied false or incorrect or incomplete information, or found ineligible or for any other reason the University finds appropriate.

3. Candidates are required to login at least 20 minutes before the test.

4. The candidates can appear for the test from their respective places (Homes, Offices etc). However, they must strictly ensure all the technical requirements as mentioned in the section given below "Terms, Conditions and Requirements of Hardware and Software".

5. Formal attire is mandatory for all candidates.

6. The test will comprise four sections:
    a. General English: Reading Comprehension, Verbal Reasoning, Verbal Ability (15 Marks)
    b. Media & Culture (20 Marks)
    c. Current affairs and Contemporary issues (15 Marks)
    d. Analytical & Logical Reasoning (10 Marks)

7. The medium of the test is **English.**

8. The test will be in the form of Multiple-Choice Questions wherefrom you need to select only one correct option from the given multiple answer options.

9. All questions are compulsory, no internal choice in any section is given. There is no negative marking. You can switch between sections and go to any question during the given time span of the entrance test.

10. The candidates are strongly recommended to take the Mock Test to get acquainted and familiarized with the examination system software and ensure that everything works on the laptop/desktop (with Web Camera).

11. The mock test will be made available to every eligible candidate on February 03, 2024, from 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and you can take the mock test by using your SIUPGF24 ID as Login ID and the password will be provided to the candidate on their admit card. The browser link for Mock Test is the same as that of SIMC MA(MC) entrance test. You can take mock test more than once within the given duration.

12. Examination Software can be downloaded from the candidate's login from February 01, 2024, from 11.00 a.m. onwards. The Mock Exam and the final Online Exam will be attempted only through this software provided by the University. (Candidate will get browser link on their admit card)

13. The candidates are strictly required to read and follow meticulously all the information provided in the given below section "Terms, Conditions and Requirements of Hardware and Software"; and ensure the arrangements accordingly.

14. Candidates need to fulfill all IT infrastructure requirements to undertake the test.

15. **Any attempt to impersonate or indulge in any malpractice, identified at any stage of the admission process would disqualify the candidate from the admission processes of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) and may also lead to appropriate legal action as deemed fit.**

16. Utmost care is taken to prepare an error-free question paper. However, if an error is detected in the question paper, the Scrutiny Committee shall take an appropriate decision after the examination, which shall be final.

17. In all matters concerning SIMC MA (MC) entrance test 2024, Symbiosis International (Deemed

University's) decision will be final and binding on the candidates. All disputes will be subject to the legal jurisdiction of Pune City only.

<div align="center">**Section 2: Terms, Conditions and Requirements for Hardware and Software**</div>

1. Download the examination software on your computer (laptop/desktop with Web Camera) from the link given below for the preparation and execution of the SIMC MA(MC) entrance test as well as of the Mock Test and follow the instructions for installation on your laptop/desktop (with web camera). The file size is around 146 MB. You will need to have administrative rights of your laptop/desktop.

2. **Secured Browser works on Windows operating system only.**

3. You can login to the mock test and actual test using the same credentials. Use SIUPGF24 ID as login name and the password will be provided to the candidate on their admit card.

4. The examination can **NOT** be attempted through mobile phones, tablets or any other device except for laptop/desktop with Web Camera. You will need administrative access to your computer.

5. Basic Hardware requirements to install the software are as follows:
   Minimum Recommended Hardware Configuration
   a. 1.3 GHz processor or above
   b. HDD - 10 GB Free Hard Disk Space on C drive
   c. 2 GB RAM (1 GB RAM should be free & usable)
   d. Computer peripherals viz. Monitor, Mouse, Keyboard
   e. Web Cam (Integrated or external with minimum resolution of 320x240)
   Minimum Recommended Software Configuration:
   - Any of the below windows operating system installed on C Drive:
   ● Windows 7/8/10, 32/64 Bit Operating System
   ● Anti-Virus
   ● Display/Graphics Drivers
   ● Audio and Video Drivers
   ● Webcam Drivers
   ● Internet (Minimum Broadband Internet connectivity with speed of 256 kbps or above required throughout the examination).

6. It is mandatory to switch on the Web camera for attempting the online exam. Web camera should be connected to the laptop/desktop on which the exam is being attempted and it should always be in **ON** state.

7. Candidates should be seated in front of the desktop or Laptop, facing the screen and webcam throughout the entire duration of the test and in a way that there is enough light to capture his/her face clearly.

8. Candidate should position himself/herself in front of the web camera appropriately with his/her face being clearly visible in the webcam preview window and s/he should ensure that s/he is being properly recorded by the web camera throughout the exam. Ensure that the surrounding area is well illuminated for clear visibility and is free from any kind of noise barriers.

9. **Candidates should keep in mind that during the test, their conduct will be invigilated using Artificial Intelligence. No one else should be present in the surroundings other than the candidate during the test.**

10. **If the web camera is disconnected from the laptop/desktop any time during the exam, then exam will stop immediately. The exam can be started only when the web camera is connected again and then the exam will start from the point where it had stopped earlier- provided this happens before the examination ends. The candidate should ensure that during the exam no other person gets captured in the web camera preview. Candidate may get disqualified if any such activity is recorded.**

11. **Following activities are strictly prohibited during the exam. Candidate may get disqualified if any such activity is recorded.**

- **Use of electronic devices, Stationery items like textual material**
- **Calculator, Pen Drives, Log Table, Electronic Pen/Scanner, Cameras, Beepers or any similar electronic gadgets, Digital Diaries and Smart devices etc. [Examination software has an inbuilt calculator]**
- **Use of tele-communication devices like Mobile Phone, Head phones, Bluetooth Earphones, Pager, Health Band etc.**

12. The action performed by candidate on the exam window interface will be recorded throughout the exam duration. In addition, candidate's continuous live recording shall happen while attempting the exam. IP address of your computer will also be recorded during the exam.

13. This recorded information will be used only for the purpose of ensuring fairness and transparency in conduction of the exam & this recording will be solely used for the purpose of monitoring the exam.

14. The recorded data will be automatically uploaded to server during and after the completion of the exam.

15. During the examination, no other application or webpage should be opened except the provided exam software. Examination software's secured browser will not allow you to navigate to any other window than the examination software.

16. **Switching, minimizing or closing the examination window is not allowed during the exam.**

17. Once the candidate starts the examination, it will end automatically after the stipulated time elapses provided the candidate must be logged in to the exam system during the time elapses.

18. **If the candidate closes the exam window without ending the test or before the scheduled time, his/her result will not be considered for further process. Once the examination time is up, he/she the candidate will not be able to attempt it again.**

19. Availability of the hardware, software, Broadband Internet & power backup at the time of the exam is the sole responsibility of the candidate and the University shall not at all be responsible for any delay in the exam due to the failure of the above-mentioned resources at the candidate's end.

20. No time extension shall be given in any case and no such calls will be entertained. Hence, candidates should ensure and plan for the availability of the proper backup and alternate resources. The expenses incurred for making the above setup ready for the exam shall be borne by the candidates themselves.

21. If due to any reason, the computer shuts down or the exam window gets closed, candidate can re-login and can continue with the exam. For instance, if candidate has started giving the exam at 2:00 p.m. and at 2:15 p.m., s/he had a problem and the system hung, then s/he can re-start computer, re-login and continue the exam.

22. However, the above option will work only till exam end time as per the mentioned schedule, i.e., the balance duration of the exam. In no circumstances you will be given extra time and/or another chance for appearing for the test.