

ADMISSION STRATEGY SERIES

The XGMT Admission Handbook

A clear guide to programs, exam structure, selection steps, and practical preparation tips for XIM University.

Step-by-Step Guide

All facts, details, and rules explained in simple language.

Chapter 1: Available Courses and Rules to Apply

The XIM General Management Aptitude Test (XGMT) is an entrance exam run by XIM University. It is used to select students for many master's level management programs at the university, including the prominent Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar (XIMB).

Before you fill out the application form, you must make sure you fulfill the baseline academic requirements. Most courses have standard requirements, but a few have unique rules.

Full-Time MBA Courses

- **MBA in Business Management (MBA-BM):** This is the university's main program. You need a 3-year Bachelor's degree in any subject with at least 55% total marks from a recognized university.
- **MBA tracks in specialized fields:** These include Human Resource Management (MBA-HRM), Rural Management (MBA-RM), Sustainability Management (MBA-SM), and Business Innovation & Artificial Intelligence. These also require a minimum of 55% total marks in your graduation.
- **MBA in Urban Management and Governance (MBA-UMG):** For this specific course, the university requires a higher cut-off of at least 60% total marks in your graduation.
- **Other Master's Programs:** These include the MBA in Public Policy and Management (MBA-PPM) and the Master of Management Studies in Business Finance (MMS-BF).

Executive MBA Course (EMBA-BM)

This is a 1-year course made for professionals who are already working. To apply, you must be at least 23 years old. You must also have at least 3 years of regular working experience in a managerial or executive role after finishing your graduation. If you are self-employed, you need at least 5 years of working experience.

Direct Entry for Toppers

If you finished in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in your graduation class across your college or university, you do not have to write the XGMT exam for certain courses. You can apply directly for MBA-RM, MBA-SM, MBA-PPM, and MBA-UMG. You just need an official certificate signed by the head of your college to skip the exam and go straight to the interview stage.

Chapter 2: The Exam Structure Explained Simply

The XGMT exam is different from other popular tests like CAT or XAT. It is designed to check both your academic quickness and your emotional stability under strict time pressure.

The exam is an online, computer-based test that lasts for a total of 120 minutes. It uses a very specific pattern to reward correct answers and penalize wrong ones:

- Every correct answer gives you **+3 marks**.

- Every wrong answer takes away **1 mark (-1)**.
- If you do not answer a question, you get 0 marks. Because of the negative marking, guessing randomly will hurt your final score.

Section Rules and Time Limits

The exam has four distinct sections. You are not allowed to move freely between sections. Every section has its own fixed time limit. Once the time for one section ends, you cannot go back to it. Also, the order of the sections changes randomly for every student. You might get your hardest section first, or you might get it at the very end when you are tired.

Exam Section	What It Tests
Quantitative Aptitude (QA)	Basic math questions covering percentages, profit and loss, ratio, speed and distance, and basic algebra equations.
Data Interpretation (DI)	Reading and calculating data quickly from tables, charts, graphs, and paragraph-based data sets.
Verbal Ability & Logical Reasoning (VA & LR)	English grammar, sentence corrections, reading passages, vocabulary, and puzzle-like logic questions (such as family trees or seating layouts).
Emotional Quotient & General Awareness (EQ & GA)	A mix of business news and situational judgment questions. The EQ questions check how you behave in tough work scenarios.

Chapter 3: The Step-by-Step Admission Process

Getting a seat via XGMT requires passing through several separate steps. Missing a deadline or failing a single step will cancel your application.

1. **Single Form Registration:** You apply online through the official website (xim.edu.in). You do not need to fill out different forms for different courses. You use one form to choose multiple MBA courses and to select XGMT as your preferred test. You pay a primary fee for the first choice and a small extra fee for every added course.
2. **The Entrance Exam:** You take the 120-minute computer-based test at your assigned test center.
3. **Double-Gate Cut-offs:** The university checks your score using two rules. You must score higher than the overall cut-off mark, and you must also clear the minimum cut-off mark for *each individual section*. Failing even one section means you will not move forward.
4. **Personal Assessment Rounds:** If you clear the cut-offs, you will be called to a city center for three rounds:
 - **Writing Ability Test (WAT):** You will write a short, timed essay on a given topic to show your clear thinking.
 - **Group Discussion (GD):** You will discuss a topic with a small group of students to show how you interact with others.

- **Personal Interview (PI):** A panel of professors will ask you about your graduation subjects, career goals, and general knowledge.

5. **Final Selection:** The final merit list comes out around April. The university decides your rank by combining your XGMT exam score, your performance in the interview rounds (WAT, GD, PI), your school marks (Class 10, 12, and graduation), and any past work experience.

Chapter 4: Practical Tips to Improve Your Score

Because XGMT is highly focused on speed and time management, you can improve your final score by changing the way you approach the test. Here are practical steps to get more marks:

1. The 20-Second Rule for Skipping

Since every section has its own ticking clock, you cannot afford to get stuck. When you open a question, look at it for 20 seconds. If you do not see a clear way to solve it immediately, skip it. Do not let one difficult math problem waste 3 or 4 minutes of your section time.

2. Solve Questions in Two Passes

Divide your sectional time into two separate rounds. In the first round, go through the entire section quickly and answer only the direct, easy questions. In the second round, go back to the beginning and spend time on the slightly longer problems that you skipped. This ensures you never miss out on easy marks at the end of the section.

3. Learn to Handle the EQ Section

The Emotional Quotient (EQ) section can help you score high if you know what the university wants. When reading a workplace problem, look for answers that are balanced, fair, and professional. Never choose options that are too aggressive, angry, or entirely passive. Look for solutions where people solve problems through clear communication and ethical rules.

4. Practice with a Random Section Timer

Since you cannot choose which section comes first in the real exam, your practice must match this reality. Take practice exams where the order of sections changes randomly. You must train your brain to handle tough math questions even when you are tired at the very end of the test.