

## FAQs Regarding Psychometric Stream Selector Test

### **Q1. I have already selected a stream. Should I still take the stream selector test?**

Some people are naturally gifted with a strong character that helps them know exactly what they want to do after 10th. For them, the choice is easy. Some students go on a whim and select their streams. However, it is likely that they will feel like changing their stream in the future. Some students also choose their stream because of peer pressure or what their friends want to do. They end up opting for the same stream as their friends. This is unhealthy for their future.

However, If you have already chosen what stream you want and is best in your interest, it is highly recommended that you take Stream Selector Assessment to further get an affirmative opinion. Ideally if you have clarity and understanding on your stream choice, the test report will recommend stream which you have already decided upon.

This is because the stream selector test allows you to measure your aptitude and interest by carefully examining in all the streams. It then analyses the stream selector test results according to the answers you give. After which, your results are formed depending upon what you scored best in. These answers determine what stream suits you the best according to your aptitude and interest.

### **Q2. How many questions are there in the stream selector test? What types of questions are there?**

The test comprises of 76 questions in total that are divided into two sections one of Interest and the other of Aptitude. The Psychometric Test Stream Selector consists of 76 objective questions out of which 36 questions measure interest and 40 questions measure aptitude in various streams. The four streams are: Commerce, Humanities, Math's & Biology.

In total there are 5 Aptitudes that are measured. They are Acuteness, Numerical, Critical, Dissection, Verbal and Spatial.

- 10 questions measuring acuteness that is required for commerce and biology
- 10 questions measuring numerical aptitude that is required for math's and commerce
- 5 questions measuring critical dissection that is required for humanities
- 5 questions measuring critical dissection that is required for biology
- 5 questions measuring verbal aptitude that is required for humanities
- 5 questions measuring spatial aptitude that is required for math's

The famous Holland's code has been kept as the base of interest section. The Holland Codes or the Holland Occupational Themes (RIASEC), developed by the late psychologist John L. Holland, refers to a theory of careers and vocational choice based upon personality types. Each letter or code stands for a particular "type": Realistic (Doers),

Investigative (Thinkers), Artistic (Creators), Social (Helpers), Enterprising (Persuaders), and conventional (Organizers). Here Interest has been differentiated in four different streams and the RIASEC professional situations related to them. Thus RIASEC became the base of Stream

selector in Interest section. The interest section consists of  $9 \times 4 = 36$  questions measuring the interest of the student in various streams like Math's, Biology, Commerce and Humanities.

### **Q3. Do I have to finish the stream selector test in one go?**

The total numbers of questions were kept 76 and 40 questions assigned to Aptitude part keeping in mind that generally available Aptitude tests as DBDA give time limit of 1 minute per question and assessing 5 types of Aptitude would take reasonably fair 40 minutes for the same.

The interest part was assigned 36 questions keeping in mind that the generally available interest tests are completed within 15 to 20 minutes giving approximately 1/2 minute for each question. Thus total time taken would be  $40 + 18 = 58$  Minutes. Within an hour's time stream selector test is completed and auto ready for the report.

Once you have started giving the test and have to leave it due to an emergency or any other prior work, you can come back and take the test again. Once you have logged in and have started the test, your answers are saved. Even if you log out and decide to come back and take the test, you do not have to start from scratch. The test is saved automatically. You can come back and resume the test. The website automatically reminds you to resume your test as you log back in.

However, it is recommended that you take the test in one go since; you build a momentum the moment you start giving the test and you are determined in doing so. After you take a break, that very momentum gets lost.

Moreover, you might even try to overthink as to how and what you want to answer when you resume your test. This usually ends up making the answers not true to who you are.

Therefore, it is beneficial if you take the test in one go for accurate results and no manipulation of your own psyche at all.

### **Q4. Do I have to prepare before hand to take this test?**

No there is no need for you to prepare before hand to take this test. The test does not include any specific mathematical or scientific questions that require you to have prior knowledge about them. The test is simply a series of questions that have multiple choices. None of the answers are right or wrong. They are simply choices that you make and are the most suitable and appropriate according to your interest and aptitude. They measure your interest and aptitude and then rank the four streams for you, based on what you answered.

No special preparation needs to be done before taking the test. Certain general instructions need to be followed. These are as follows:

- The Psychometric Career Assessment Stream Selector consists of Multiple Choice questions.
- There is no right or wrong answers. The best answer is the one you most identify with.
- Do not refresh or use back button while giving Psychometric Career Assessment.
- Answer honestly as much as possible else it may diminish the accuracy of your feedback.
- To give Stream Selector chose a place and time where you will not be interrupted.
- In case there is a power failure you can re- login to resume career Assessment from the point you left.

This is not an assessment of Mathematics, Biology, Accounts or History. The assessment consists of general questions that are related to general and everyday choices that you make. So you need not worry for the same. It will not measure you in any of your school subjects. Hence you also need not study before taking the test. No special preparation for the test is required you just need to be mentally prepared to give the test and sincerely mark the answers.

**Q5. Should parents be present when their children are taking the stream selector test?**

It is advised that the parents should not be present with their children when they are about to take the stream selector test. This is so because; parents might end up adding additional pressure on the child. This can most likely end up disturbing or altering his or her test results and choices. Every answer the child gives will be doubtful for him or her because of the superior presence that is constantly beside them. What is worst is if the parent is reactive or interruptive to every answer the child tries to give.

This test is designed solely for the child who is taking it. If a parent interrupts or is present with the child, it becomes a test for the parent as well. Since the mind is intrigued by most of the things our eyes see, the parent is more likely to interrupt even if he or she does not want to.

However, if parents do want to sit with their child, which they ideally should not, it is recommended that they sit away from the computer as well as the child. This will make sure that the child is not afraid of the parent looking and judging their answers constantly. Not only will it otherwise, slow him down but it will also alter his answers to something that his or her parents expect rather than what he or she wants. The parents can guide them until the test starts if they want to.

Therefore, no, it is not recommended that parents be present at the time of the test. In fact, it is ideal if no one is present while the child is taking the test. This way the child stays true to his answers and does so with his own interests in mind and aptitude at work.

**Q6. What scientific norms does the stream selector test follow?**

This Stream Selector personality test sorts your inclination and enthusiasm into four fragments. These are in particular, mathematics, biology, commerce and humanities (arts). After this it ranks the same all together from the range of one to four. In this case, one being the most suitable and accurate whereas, four being the least suitable or accurate.

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Thus total time taken would be  $40 + 18 = 58$  Minutes. Within an hour's time stream Suggestor test is completed and auto ready for the report. A set of test questions was first administered to a small group of people deemed to be representative of the population for which the final test is intended. The trial run was planned to provide a check on instructions for administering and taking the test and for intended time allowances, and it can also reveal ambiguities in the test content.

**Q7. Why is taking this test so important for all 10th standard students?**

In order to have a successful career, it is important to make the right stream choice. Sometimes, it may depend upon what you choose after 12th, sometimes it may depend upon what stream you pick right after the 10th standard. Most of the students do not know where their interest lie. Some students have said that they have opted for the stream because they thought that this stream was right for them or it was their parent's decision. But they were clueless on the fact as to how they came up with this idea that the stream they have chosen for themselves is right for them.

The stream and choice of subject lays a foundation for a student's career. Once the decision has been made, it is difficult to reverse. This is precisely, why it is important to take the stream selector test. Not just some, but by all 10th standard students.

Most of the students do not even know what those streams actually are. For them, commerce is an alien subject that they have suddenly been introduced to. Till class 10th, they used to study the subjects all together. Now, the scope is being widened so it is highly important for the students to know what they are getting into. Therefore, they need to be tested and they need to evaluate themselves based on that. There is no "good" or "bad" stream after 10th. All subjects offer different career options therefore, choosing wisely is very important. The test tries to understand the unique talent pattern that a child has.

Therefore, the stream selector test is very important for all the tenth standard students since it provides them with an option to choose between what their aptitude and interest have to offer and what they think they want to do despite that. It is a guiding path for those who have no idea as to what they want or where their life is supposed to direct them. In fact, it provides them with certain options that they are supposed to choose from. The test does not decide ultimately. The student himself does but the options are analyzed for him.

#### **Q8. How do I know if the test is accurate and will select the right stream for me?**

Various experts were interviewed as the test was being made. They were all asked as to what exactly should the test comprise of and what are the important factors that one needs to consider while choosing the right stream for oneself. The two highly important factors that came out of the consultation were aptitude and interest. Everyone agreed to the fact that aptitude and interest are the most essential.

The test consists of 76 questions in total. These have been divided into two sections of aptitude and interest. The aptitude section has been customized according to the basic abilities that are required for all the four streams. Five aptitudes are measured during the test. These are critical, numerical, dissection, verbal and spatial and acuteness. Ten questions are required for biology and commerce. 10 for measuring numerical aptitude required for math and commerce, 5 for humanities and its critical dissection, 5 for critical dissection of biology, 5 for verbal aptitude for humanities, 5 questions to measure the spatial aptitude that is required for math. Hence, each stream has 10 questions.

Whereas, interest uses the famous Holland's code for accurate results. The occupational themes under this stand for- Realistic (the doers), Investigative (the thinkers), Artistic (the creators), social (the helpers), enterprising (the persuaders) and conventional (the organizers). This is called the RIASEC theme. Therefore, the test uses accurate measuring parameters that depend on the answers you give. According to the answers that you give after taking this test, your results and stream are selected accordingly.

### **Q9. Will I be able to select my stream after this test?**

Many a times, students tend to get confused when it comes to choosing a specialized course after class 10. The stream selector plays a very important role in selecting a person's stream since it acts as a filter. This is so because at times student's process of selecting a stream is not purely based on their interests. Either their peers or their family pressurize them.

This test is a filtering process. However, sometimes a student at this age is not mature enough to take a major life decision hence, the test helps them in doing so. The test gives the student an idea about what they might be good at. Most of the students approach the wrong method of selecting a stream they do not know how to approach and whom to approach.

Therefore, the test helps in resolving the conflict between the mind and the others who pressurize a student into taking something they might not be good at. You will definitely be able to select a stream after taking this test. This is so because after you have answered all the necessary questions in the respective sections, your results are compiled and analyzed into the streams that are best suited for you.

At the end of the test, the results show whether you are best at science, commerce or humanities. These streams are ranked for you based on how you did on the test. After this, you can go ahead and make your decision on whether you should go for what the test shows you are best at. This can also help you understand whether the stream that the test shows is best for you, satisfies you or not.

Sometimes, the test results might just help you realize whether you see yourself studying that stream in the future or not. Hence, you can try and take the test and see for yourself whether it has been helpful in selecting a stream for you or not since the results are very accurate.