NICL AO Prelims 2026

Exam Analysis Shift 1 (17 November 2026)

Difficult Level & Good Attempt

Sections	Difficulty Level	Good Attempts
Reasoning Ability	Easy to Moderate	28–32
Quantitative Aptitude	Easy to Moderate	25–27
English Language	Easy	24–26
Overall	**Easy to Moderate**	**80–86**

English Language

Topics	Number of Questions
Reading Comprehension	9
Error Detection	5
Match the Column	1
Sentence Rearrangement	2
Fillers	4
Phrase Replacement	4
Sentence Rearrangement	5
Total	**30**

Reasoning Ability

Topics	Number of Questions
Day-Based Puzzle (Monday to Saturday – Movies)	5
Month and Date-Based Puzzle (4 Months, 8 Dates –	5

Single Variable)	
Designation-Based Puzzle	5
Syllogism	3
Inequality	3
Order and Ranking (6 Persons)	3
Direction and Distance	3
Coding	5
Odd One Out	1
Meaningful Word	1
Alphabetical Arrangement	1
Total	**35**

Quantitative Aptitude

Topics	Number of Questions
Line Graph DI (Male and Female Population)	5
Table DI	5
Caselet DI (Venn Diagram – Apple, Banana and Carrot)	5
Approximation	6
Missing Number Series	4
Arithmetic	10
Total	**35**