

Are you ready for that job in the City?



The Assessment Centre

If you are interested in a job in finance or in 'The City' then it is likely that you will need to go through a day in an Assessment centre.

During this day, or sometimes before the day, you will be assessed on various aspects of your personality and academic background. Typically this will include a numeracy test, you need to know that **the maths is not difficult!** It is usually about how to interpret data and perform simple calculations with that data.

The most difficult aspect will be understanding what you are required to do, carefully reading the instructions and selecting the relevant information from that which is given, and in the real situation it will be time pressured. There may also be a logic test, this will resemble the tests used for the 11 plus, if you are familiar with them?

Read the article below from the Telegraph which discusses this, and have a go at the 5 problems shown at the end of the article. (Hopefully this link will take you to the article, if you are asked to subscribe please close the link, and continue to the examples below).

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/men/thinking-man/11950474/Can-you-pass-a-basic-maths-test-for-investment-bankers.html>

Click on the links below to try a full numeracy test and see where you would fit in the spectrum of people who have taken the test. The test is time limited initially, but you can click at the bottom to try the test without a time limit.

You are allowed the use of a calculator where needed. Have a pen and paper to hand ready to jot down notes and numbers.

<https://www.assessmentday.co.uk/numerical/Free/NumericalTest1/index.php>

Here is a link to a logic and reasoning test, this is all about spotting patterns and patterns within patterns.

<https://www.assessmentday.co.uk/logic/free/LogicalReasoningTest1/index.php>

If you want to try some alternative tests, click on the link below to see some options.

<https://www.assessmentday.co.uk/>

Further information about what happens on an assessment day can be found on the link below.

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/applications-and-interviews/14-assessment-day-tips-for-school-leaver-programmes>