

The Entrance Examination of the Sri Lanka Law College has been changed with effect from the year 1999. The revised examination will consist of a two hour paper titled 'Background to the Law' in place of the earlier two papers on General Knowledge & Intelligence and Language. The Model question paper given in the Course Book consists of two parts; 1, 45 multiple choice questions, part 11, 20 structured essay type questions. For purposes of this research and in keeping with its objectives the 45 MCQs in Part 1 of the Model Paper were analyzed as the examiners were keen to get feedback on the effectiveness of the MCQ items.

The main purpose of this study was to appraise the effectiveness of the MCQ test items in order to provide a basis for increased skill in test construction. The model question paper was administered to a sample of 224 first year students. Facility indices and discriminative indices of items were used to assess the effectiveness. Of the 45 MCQ items of the used with slight revision. A percentage of the items (about 10) should be reconstructed, as they are too easy for a competitive examination.