

Criteria for Evaluating MIT Comprehensive Exam Responses

Content Validity – Definitions and statements about theory, models and ID process are accurate and relevant to the question. Intent of question is interpreted correctly and all parts of question are addressed. Relevant topics and issues are included in response.

Depth of Analysis - Ability to identify representative set of key issues, questions, or missing information in the case/scenario. Demonstrates more than surface knowledge of ID processes. Sound rationale provided for approach taken in one's response to answering the exam question and for any recommendations given. Answer demonstrates understanding of the more subtle aspects of the case and application of ID principles/models.

Quality of Synthesis - Ability to demonstrate synthesis of conceptual/theoretical learnings from entire program. Answer reflects appropriate ways of integrating various ID theories and models studied. Also includes competence in evaluating ID practice(s).

Organization and Expression in Writing – Sound organization of response in both and take-home and in-house answers; also appropriate use of technical language from the ID field in both answers. Acceptable quality of writing (grammar, expression, clarity, development of ideas, detail, conclusions and summaries) in response to take-home question.