CAT 2024 Exam Pattern – Based on 10 Year's Analysis

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Common Admission Test (CAT) is the largest MBA entrance exam for admission in 21 IIMs and majority of other top B-schools. CAT is a computer based test of two hours duration and is divided into three sections: Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension; Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning; Quantitative Ability. CAT 2024 exam date is Nov 24, 2024 and the CAT exam 2024 will be held in three slots – Morning, Afternoon and Evening. CAT 2024 exam pattern is expected to remain same as last year comprising 66 questions.

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1. CAT 2024 Test Pattern: Sections, Number & Type of Questions

CAT 2024 Sectional Pattern is given below. The table shares the CAT exam sectional order from Section-1 to Section-3, number and type of questions in each section, questions with and without negative marking

Section	No of Questions	MCQ/ NMCQ	Sectional Time Limit (In Minutes)	Scoring Pattern (Negative Marking is only for MCQs)
Section-1: Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension (VARC)	24	19/5	40	+3 for Correct; -1 for Incorrect; 0 for Not Attempted
Section-2: Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (DILR)	20	15/5	40	+3 for Correct; -1 for Incorrect; 0 for Not Attempted

| Section-3: Quantitative Ability (QA) | 22 | 14/8 | 40 | +3 for Correct; -1 for Incorrect; 0 for Not Attempted |
| Total | 66 | 66 | 120 | 198 |

2. CAT 2024 Sectional Pattern for Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension

CAT pattern for Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension is as below:

CAT Syllabus for VARC Topics	Topics	No of Questions
Verbal Ability	Para Summary; Jumbled paragraphs; Out of Context Sentence; Error Correction in Sentences; Sequence of sentences; Fill in the blanks; Completion of Last Sentence of Paragraph; Analogies; Critical Reasoning; Sentence Completion	8
Reading Comprehension	RC Passages on Literature, Current Affairs, Social, Economic, Business issues followed by questions based on Inferences, Statements, Arguments, Main idea in the RC Passage; Author's assumption; Synonyms-antonyms; Meaning of the phrase; Vocabulary usage	16

Read more for VARC Topics & Type of Questions Appeared in CAT

3. CAT 2024 Sectional Pattern for Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (DILR)

CAT pattern for Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning with syllabus is as below:

CAT DILR Section Syllabus & Number of Questions

CAT DILR Sub Sections	Topics	No of Questions
Data Interpretation (DI)	Bar charts - Simple, Stacked, Composite Bar charts; Pie charts; Caselets; Data Analysis; Data comparison from Table; Graphs; Line Graphs; Data Sufficiency. Comparison of Data of various years, ages, classes, Groups; Decoding and finding out the data of missing period, taking clues, interpreting the missing links; Analysis of data and coming to conclusion, making future projections	15

Logical Reasoning (LR)	Direction sense, Team formation, Seating Arrangement, Blood Relation, Clocks, Calendars, Binary logic, Logical Sequence, Assumption, Premise, Conclusion, Linear and matrix arrangement, Input-Output, Series, Syllogism, Cubes, Rows, Set Theory, Venn Diagrams. Seating arrangement, Ranks, different type of team formation, puzzles on words, letters, statements, arguments	5

4. CAT 2024 Sectional Pattern for Quantitative Ability

CAT pattern for Quantitative Ability with syllabus is as below:

CAT Quantitative Ability Section Syllabus & Number of Questions

Topic	Syllabus	No of Questions
Arithmetic	Averages; Ratio & Proportion; Speed, Time and Distance; Time and Work; LCM and HCF; Percentages, Profit and Loss; Interest (Simple and Compound); Number System;	10
Algebra	Linear & Quadratic Equations; Inequalities; Functions; Progressions; Algebraic Expressions to Polynomials; Complex numbers; Sequences and series; Permutations and combinations	8
Geometry/ Mensuration	Triangles, Lines and Angles (Supplementary, Complementary, Obtuse, Acute, and Right), Quadrilaterals, Circles; Theorems (Pythagoras, Midpoint, Apollonius, Basic Proportionality, Internal and External Angular Bisector), Co-ordinate Geometry, Quadrant System, Areas of Hexagonal Polygon, Triangle, and Rectangle. Square, Rhombus, Trapezoid, Volume, Total Surface Area, and Lateral Surface Area of Different Solids like Cubes, Cuboids, Cylinders, Pyramids, Cones, Spheres, Hemispheres, and Frustum	3
Trigonometry	Trigonometric ratios, identities, and heights and distances, Sine, Cosine	0
Modern Math	Sequence and Series, Binomial Theorem, Set Theory, Probability, Permutation & Combination	1

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