

XAT Exam Pattern 2025: Sectional Composition, Marking Scheme, Question Types, Duration

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XAT Exam Pattern 2025 is divided in four sections: Verbal Ability & Logical Reasoning; Decision Making; Quantitative Aptitude & Data Interpretation and General Knowledge. Total number of questions in XAT Exam are 95 and exam duration is 3 hours. Overall, XAT exam pattern is quite different from CAT exam (check comparison below) and is considered as tougher test.

XAT Exam Pattern 2025: Sections, Type of Questions, Marking Scheme

XLRI has made some changes in XAT 2025 exam pattern. Revised and final XAT 2025 Exam Pattern is given below.

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Exam Sections	Number of questions	Overall Time & Scoring Pattern
Part-1	75 Total MCQs	170 Minutes. Max.75 Marks(+1 Mark for each Correct answer; -0.25 Negative Marking for each wrong answer)
Verbal Ability and Logical Reasoning	26	No Sectional Time Limit. +1 and -0.25 (Max 26 Marks)
Decision Making	21	No Sectional Time Limit. +1 and – 0.25(Max 22 Marks)
Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation	28	No Sectional Time Limit. +1 and – 0.25 (Max 28 Marks)
Part-2	20 Total MCQs	10 Minutes
General Knowledge	20	Complete in 10 Minutes. +1; No Negative Marking (Max 20 Marks)
Analytical Essay Writing (AEW)	1 Descriptive Topic (Dropped for XAT 2025)	No Test in XAT 2025

Total questions (Part 1 + Part 2)	95 MCQs	Max 95 Marks
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XAT Marking Scheme 2025

XAT Exam marking Scheme is quite different from CAT Exam. XAT 2025 exam follows a 'structured marking scheme' that is designed to reward correct answers, and penalises incorrect responses and excessive skipping of questions. By understanding XAT 2025 marking scheme you can prepare your own strategy to maximise your score. Here are the details:

- Marks per Question: Each question carries 1 Mark.
- Marks for Correct Answers: 1.0 Mark is awarded for every correct answer
- Marks for Wrong Answer: XAT has negative marking for incorrect answers. 0.25 marks is deducted for every incorrect answer.
- Penalty for Skipping Questions: You can skip up to 8 questions without any penalty. For each question skipped after the 8th one, a penalty of 0.1 marks per question will be applied.
- No Negative Marking in GK Section. Marks in GK Section are NOT included in calculating overall XAT 2025 percentile or XAT cutoff score. However, GK marks will be considered in the final XLRI selection process.

XAT 2025 marking scheme rewards accuracy and smart decision-making. By carefully planning your attempts and skips, you can reduce penalties and increase chances of high score.

XAT 2024 | Section wise Topics & Types of Questions

Check XAT Exam Pattern 2024 details.

Section: Verbal Ability & Logical Reasoning (VALR)

Sub-section/ Topic	Type of Questions	Description	No of Questions
Verbal Ability	Sentence Correction	Grammatically Correct & Incorrect Sentences	3
--	Para Summary	Making choice of Summary of small Paragraph	1
--	Jumbled Paragraph	Placing the 5 Jumbled sentences in coherent paragraphs	2

--	Fill in the Blanks	Filling 2 Blanks in each sentence with correct words	2
Reading Comprehension	--	--	--
Questions on True False Statement, Argument, Inference, Main Idea, Interpretation of Phrase as used in RC; Passage Title	RC Passage 1	Topic: Beauty has an aesthetic, but it is not the same as aesthetics	2
--	RC Passage 2	Topic: The problem of unrecognized ignorance	3
--	RC Passage 3	Topic: Simplified moral frames	3
--	RC Passage 4	Topic: Reductive instinct and realist storytelling	2
--	RC Passage 5	Topic: Mass vaccination and herd immunity	3
--	RC Passage 6	Topic: Poem	2
Reasoning	Critical Reasoning	True False, Correct Logica following the Statements, Best combination	3
--	Total Questions	--	26

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XAT Exam Pattern 2024 for Decision Making (DM)

Sub-section/ Topic	Type of Questions	Description	No of Questions
Caselet-1	Problem Based on Human Resources	Experience Credentials of Employees	3
Caselet-2	Problem Based on ABC Business School	Disciplined School with High Placements but less learning	3
Caselet-3	Problem Based on Taxis	Competition among Taxi Drivers	3

Caselet-3	Problem Based on Sales & Marketing	SUV Sales Target Met but recovery of loss a concern due to extended warranty	3
Caselet-4	Problem Based on Household help	Wrongful Termination of Domestic Help	3
Caselet-5	Problem Based on Human Resources at IT Firm Symbolis	Distribution of Performance Bonus to the Best Employees	3
Caselet-6	Problem Based on Gas Extraction Company Deep Sea c	Releasing the Natural Gas Pressure and Safety Arrangements	3

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XAT Exam Pattern 2024 for Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation (QADI)

Sub-section/ Topic	Type of Questions	Description	No of Questions
Arithmetic	Time Speed Distance	Pilot increasing speed of Aircraft to reach Destination	1
Arithmetic	Profit & Loss	Cost of Running Movie Theatre and required capacity to ear profit; Selling Price at Food Stall	2
Arithmetic	Arithmetic Progression	Number of students in a class	1
Number System	Increasing, Decreasing	Real Numbers, Value	3
Permutation & Combination; Set Theory	Combination of Items in Restaurant; Vegetable Market	Making a combination of Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian items from Menu; Aman buying vegetables	3
Geometry	Triangles and Rectangles	Farmer's Tringalular land; Rectangle Football ground; Right Angle	3
Algebra- Polynomials	Roots of Polynomial	Ratio of area from largest to smallest	1
Linear Equation, Log, Quadratic Equation	Real Numbers, Logs	Coinciding Lines represented by the two equations; Equation Log	3
Data Interpretation	DI Set-1	T-20 Match	3
Data Interpretation	DI Set-2	Statistics – Hinge number	3
Data Interpretation	DI Set-3	Discount Coupon	3

Data Interpretation	DI Set-4	Shortlisting for Interview	2
Total Questions	--	--	28

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XAT Exam Pattern 2024 for General Knowledge (GK)

Sub-section/ Topic	Type of Questions	Description	No of Questions
Static GK	History	Historical capital cities of India; Famous battles; Doctrine of lapse	3
Static GK & Changes	Geography	National capitals of countries; Flow of River Ganges	2
Static & Current	Economics & Business	Brics	1
Current Affairs	Personality & Awards	Dr Akshata Krishnamurthy, Matthew Perry,	2
Current Affairs	Science & Technology	Aditya L-1; X 37B	2
Current Affairs	Sports	Women's Premier League, Asian Games	2
Static & Current	Books & Authors	Match the authors of the books	1
Current Affairs	Latest National & International	Country pulling out of "Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe"; Air India's AI; "Ghol" as the state fish; City illuminating 22.23 lakh earthen lamps; Earthquake in Japan;	5
Miscellaneous	Companies, people, work, action	Leap Year calculation; Dedicated air cargo service in India; ChatGPT, Google Bard, Chatsonic	3
Current Affairs	Nobel Prize	Nobel Peace Prize, Nobel Prize in Economics	2
Static & Current	Culture & Entertainment	Movie Oppenheimer, Nabanno harvest festival of Bengal and Bangladesh	2
Total	--	--	

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