



NMAT Exam Pattern 2025

NMAT (NMAT by GMAC) is an important national level MBA entrance test leading to admission in many top MBA colleges including NMIMS Mumbai, TAPMI, XIMB, KJ Somaiya and SDA Bocconi amongst others. NMAT exam is conducted by Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), the body that also conducts GMAT Exam across the world. Based on previous year's trends, [NMAT 2025 exam](#) will be held from November 5 till December 20, 2025.

NMAT exam pattern is similar to other exams like CAT and XAT, but NMAT has a lower difficulty level and does not have negative marking. NMAT exam paper has 3 sections covering Language Skills, Logical Reasoning and Quantitative Skills. Based on previous year's trends, NMAT exam pattern 2025 will have 108 questions which are equally divided into three sections. NMAT 2025 exam duration is 120 mins only. Check details in the table below.

NMAT Exam Pattern 2025

Exam Sections	Number of Questions	Allotted time in Minutes
Language Skills	36	28
Quantitative Skills	36	52
Logical Reasoning	36	40
Total	108	120

NMAT Marking Scheme 2025

The NMAT 2025 exam pattern follows a simple marking scheme. NMAT exam awards +3 marks for each correct answer with no negative marking or penalty for unattempted questions.

NMAT Exam Pattern for Quantitative Skills



Mathematics (28 questions)

Topic	Number of questions	Question Topics with Number of Questions
Arithmetic	14	Profit & Loss (3), Percentages (3), Ratio-Proportion (2), SICI (1), Averages (1), Calendars (1), Time & Work (1), Mixtures & Alligations (1), Time-Speed Distance (1)
Modern Math	8	Permutation & Combination (3), Probability (3), Logarithms (2)
Algebra	2	Quadratic Equations
Numbers	4	Factors & Multiples

Data Interpretation (8 questions)

Caselet	4	
Bar graph + Line graph	4	

NMAT Exam Pattern for Logical Reasoning

NMAT 2025 exam pattern for logical reasoning section includes questions on Verbal Reasoning and Nonverbal Reasoning.

Verbal Reasoning (20 Questions)

Topics	No of Questions
Implicit Statements (Assumption/Conclusion)	3
Strong argument/ Weak argument (1 paragraph – 3/4 arguments)	2
Course of Action	2



Decision Making	2
Critical Reasoning (Strengthen, Weaken, Assumption, Conclusion /Inference)	8
Syllogisms (3 statements)	1
Miscellaneous	2

Non-verbal Reasoning (16 Questions)

Topics	No of Questions
Linear Arrangement	Total 4 (A set of 4 questions)
Sequential Output	Total 8 (Two sets of 4 questions each)
Standalone questions (Logical Puzzles, Numerical puzzles, Venn Diagram)	4

NMAT Exam Pattern for Language Skills

Topics	No of Questions
Reading Comprehension (3 passages with 4 questions each)	12
Paragraph Jumbles (4/5 sentences)	4
Analogies	5
Fill in the Blanks (vocabulary-based, 2-blanks)	2



Fill in the blanks with 3 Prepositions	5
Spot the error in the underlined parts	5
Sentence Completion	3

NMAT Exam Pattern Vs CAT & XAT: A Comparative Analysis

NMAT exam pattern as compared to CAT and XAT has many similarities. A comparative analysis of NMAT Vs CAT and NMAT Vs XAT is shared below:

NMAT Exam Pattern 2025 V/s CAT

NMAT exam and CAT exam patterns have some similarities, and a few differences. Check details in the table below.

Component	NMAT Exam Pattern 2025	CAT 2025
Total questions	108	68
Overall time limit to attempt the exam	2 hours	2 hours
Type of questions	All MCQs	48-50 questions MCQs, rest Non-MCQs (TITA)
Answer options for MCQs	5	4
Marks awarded for each correct answer	1	3
Negative marking	No negative marking	MCQs with 1/3 negative marking; No negative marking for Non-MCQs
Exam difficulty level	Moderate	Comparatively high
Number of sections	3	3
Name of section-1 with number of questions	Language Skills-36	Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension- 24



Name of Section-2 with number of questions	Logical Reasoning-36	Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning - 20
Name of Section-3 with number of questions	Quantitative Skills-36	Quantitative Ability- 22
Facility to choose order of sections	Yes, but once chosen, order is fixed	No, has to follow pre specified sectional order
Individual Sectional time limit	Yes, varying time limits	Each section with 40 minutes time limit

NMAT Exam Pattern 2025 Vs XAT 2026

NMAT exam and XAT exam patterns have some similarities, and a few differences. Check details in the table below.

Component	NMAT Exam Pattern 2025	XAT 2026
Total questions	108	95
Overall time limit to attempt the exam	2 hours	3 hours
Type of questions	All MCQs	All MCQs
Answer options for each MCQ	5	5
Marks awarded for each correct answer	1	1
Negative marking	No negative marking	75 MCQs with 1/4 negative marking; No negative marking for 25 MCQs on GK
Exam difficulty level	Moderate	High



Number of sections	3	3 Main sections, 1 GK Sections
Section 1 and Number of questions	Language Skills-36	Verbal Ability and Logical Reasoning (VALR) – 26
Section 2 and Number of questions	Logical Reasoning-36	Decision Making (DM) - 21
Section 3 and Number of questions	Quantitative Skills-36	Quantitative Aptitude & Data Interpretation (QA & DI) - 28
Section 4 and Number of questions	None	General Awareness - 20 MCQs
Facility to choose order of sections	Yes, but once chosen has to follow	Any question from any section within overall time limit of 170 mins for first 3 sections. Then attempt GK section
Individual Sectional time limit	Yes, varying time limit of 28 minutes to 52 minutes	No
Top MBA colleges accepting exam score	NMIMS, VIT, XIMB	XLRI, MICA, IMT, IMI, FORE, TAPMI, XIMB

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