



CMAT Exam Analysis 2026: No Change in Pattern; Check Type of Questions, Difficulty-level, Good Attempts, Cutoffs

CMAT 2026 Exam Analysis (Live): CMAT 2026 exam is over. CMAT exam was held today, January 25, 2026 in single shift from 9.00 AM to 12.00 PM. Slight delay is reported in some CMAT exam centre where the exam started at 9.30 AM due to technical reasons. CMAT analysis 2026, published below, covers **Exam Pattern, Section-wise Topics, Type of Questions and Difficulty Level, and CMAT Score Vs Percentile 2026**. There was no major change in CMAT 2026 exam pattern, type of questions and difficulty level. Of the 20 questions in the QTDI section, **17 questions were on Quantitative Technique and only 3 were on Data Interpretation**. The questions were dominated by **Arithmetic questions**. In Logical Reasoning section, **16 questions were on Non-Verbal Reasoning**, and just 4 questions were on Verbal Reasoning. In Language Comprehension Section, there were **18 Non-RC questions and just 2 Reading Comprehension questions**. Out of the 20 General Awareness questions, **almost all were based on Indian Static GK**. In Business and Entrepreneurship paper had questions on concepts like Atal Innovation Mission, **Startup Valuation, Entrepreneur, Angel Investing, Copyright etc**. Read detailed analysis in the article below. Download **CMAT Exam Analysis 2026 PDF**.

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CMAT Exam Analysis 2026

**Check Difficulty Level, Type of Questions,
Cutoffs; Past Paper Analysis (Available)**

CMAT Exam Analysis 2026: Exam Pattern

There was no major change in CMAT 2026 exam pattern, type of questions and difficulty level. Check type of questions:

- **Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation:** In CMAT 2026, out of 20 questions in the QTDI section, **17 questions were on Quantitative Technique and only 3 were on Data Interpretation.** The questions on Quants were dominated by **Arithmetic questions.**
- **Logical Reasoning:** In Logical Reasoning section, **16 questions were on Non-Verbal Reasoning,** and just 4 questions were on Verbal Reasoning.
- **Language Comprehension:** In Language Comprehension Section, there were **18 non-RC questions and just 2 Reading Comprehension questions.**
- **General Awareness:** Out of the 20 General Awareness questions, almost **all 20 questions were based on Indian Static GK.**
- **Innovation and Entrepreneurship:** This section had questions on concepts like bootstrapping, venture capital, factors impacting markets, qualities of entrepreneurs, ambidexterity theory, design thinking.

Check exam pattern in the table below.

Table: CMAT Exam Pattern 2026

Section	No Of Questions	Marks per Question	Maximum Marks
Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation	20	4	80
Logical Reasoning	20	4	80
Language Comprehension	20	4	80
General Awareness	20	4	80
Innovation and Entrepreneurship	20	4	80
Total	100		400

CMAT Exam Analysis 2026: Difficulty Level

CMAT 2026 exam paper difficulty level was on easier side. Check CMAT exam difficulty level in the table below.

Table: CMAT 2026 Exam Difficulty Level

Section	No Of Questions	Difficulty Level
Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation	20	Easy
Logical Reasoning	20	Easy
Language Comprehension	20	Easy-Moderate
General Awareness	20	Medium
Innovation and Entrepreneurship	20	Medium

Section	No Of Questions	Difficulty Level
Total	100	

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CMAT Exam Analysis 2026: Good Attempts

For CMAT exam, high accuracy level is important to score 99 Percentile. Check CMAT 2026 good attempts in table below.

Table: CMAT Exam Good Attempts (Expected)

Section	No Of Questions	Good Attempts (At 80% Accuracy)
Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation	20	16-17
Logical Reasoning	20	15-16
Language Comprehension	20	15-16
General Awareness	20	10-11
Innovation and Entrepreneurship	20	11-12
Total	100	70-75

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CMAT Score Vs Percentile 2026

Based on difficulty level of CMAT question paper, the expected CMAT 2026 Score Vs Percentile is as follows.

CMAT Score	CMAT Percentile
295 – 305	99.5+

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275 – 285	99
255 – 265	95
235 – 245	90

X. CMAT 2026 Analysis: Quantitative Technique and Data Interpretation Section

CMAT 2026 Quantitative Technique and Data Interpretation section was of easy difficulty level. Out of 20 questions in the section, 3 questions were on Data Interpretation and the remaining 17 were on Quantitative Technique. There was a set of 3 questions on Data Interpretation which consisted of questions based on a Table which involved simple calculations. As expected, the questions on Quantitative Techniques were dominated by questions on Arithmetic. Out of 17 questions on Quantitative Techniques, 7 questions were on Arithmetic, which included questions on Time and work, Ratio-Proportion, Profit & Loss, Percentages, Allegations and Mixtures and Clocks. There were 6 questions on Numbers. There were 3 questions on Geometry, 1 question on Modern Math zero questions on Algebra. Most of the questions on Quantitative Technique were relatively easy.

Area	Details	
	Total	
Arithmetic	7	Time and Work (1), Ratio-Proportion (1), Profit & Loss (2), Clock(1), Allegations and Mixtures (1), Percentages (1)
Geometry	3	Triangles (1), Mensuration (1), Quadrilateral (1)
Modern Math	1	Probability (1)
Numbers	6	Surds (1), indices (1), fraction (1), classification (1), HCF – LCM (1), Misc (1)
Algebra	0	
Data Interpretation	3	Table (Set of 3 questions)

X. CMAT 2026 Analysis: Logical Reasoning Section

CMAT 2026 Logical Reasoning section was of easy difficulty level. Similar to last year's pattern, out of the 20 questions in this section, 16 were on Non-Verbal Reasoning and 4 questions were on Verbal Reasoning. All the questions were standalone questions and there were no set-based questions.

The questions on Non-Verbal Reasoning were spread across different topics in Logical

Reasoning such as Family tree, Directions, Cubes, Counting figures, Linear Arrangements, coding and clocks etc. The questions on Verbal Reasoning included questions such as Assertion Reason, Strong/Weak Arguments, Syllogisms, Analogy. The questions were not lengthy and many questions were straightforward and easy to solve. Check detailed breakup of questions in the table below.

Area	No. of Qs.
Directions	1
Cubes	1
Counting figures	2
Linear Arrangement	2
Family tree	3
Clocks	1
Numerical Puzzle	2
Coding	2
Logical venn diagram	1
Alpha numeric	1
Verbal Reasoning	
Assertion Reason; Strong/Weak Argument; Syllogisms (3 statements); Analogy	4

X. CMAT 2026 Analysis: Language Comprehension Section

CMAT 2026 Language Comprehension section was of easy to medium difficulty level. The Language Comprehension Section consisted of 2 Reading Comprehension questions and 18 Non-RC questions. The passage was easy to read. The non-RC questions were largely easy as well with one or two moderate questions. The non RC questions were dominated by grammar topics such as prepositions, verb forms, compound sentences, in familiar question types like identifying the correct/incorrect sentence, sentence completion, assertion reason, etc.

Area	No. of Qs.
Reading Comprehension - 1 Passage - 150 words Topic: Scientific theories	2
Cloze Passage (3 blanks)	3
Jumbled Sentence	1
Vocabulary (1 meaning of underlined idiom, 1 meaning of a phrase)	2
Grammar (compound sentence, verb forms, active-passive voice, reported speech, prepositions, degrees of comparison, miscellaneous)	12

X. CMAT 2026 Analysis: General Awareness Section

CMAT 2026 General Awareness section was of medium difficulty level. Out of the 20 General Awareness questions, 19 were based on Static GK, with only 1 question was on current affairs. The majority of questions were based on Indian news and events. Only a few questions were on international developments and events. The questions were on science, sports, books, famous personalities, institutions, history, among others.

Area	No. of Qs	Specifics/Topics
Static GK	19	Science (2q), Sports (2q), Management (3q), Indian history, awards, art, personalities, (7q), International awards institutions, etc (4q), books and authors, miscellaneous questions (2q)
Current Affairs	1	

X. CMAT 2026 Analysis: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Section

CMAT 2026 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Section was of easy to moderate difficulty level. Out of the 20 questions, 17 were based on Business and Entrepreneurship concepts like bootstrapping, venture capital, factors impacting markets, qualities of entrepreneurs, ambidexterity theory, design thinking. 3 questions were on Business GK.

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CMAT 2025 Exam Analysis

To understand past patterns and type of questions, read complete CMAT 2025 exam analysis below.

CMAT 2025 was conducted on January 25, 2025, in two slots: The first slot was held between 9 AM to 12 Noon (Slot 1) and the second slot between 2.30 PM to 5.30 PM (Slot 2). There were no major changes in the CMAT 2025 exam pattern. It had a total of 100 questions spread across 5 sections for 400 marks. The test had no sectional timing. Incorrect responses invited negative marks (-)1 for each incorrect response

CMAT 2025 slot 1 analysis: Overview

Overall, the difficulty level of slot 1 of CMAT 2025 exam was similar to that of previous year CMAT 2024. Estimates of good attempts and difficulty level is follows:

Section	No Of Questions	Marks per Question	Maximum Marks	Difficulty Level	Good Attempts (At 80% Accuracy)

Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation	20	4	80	Easy	16-17
Logical Reasoning	20	4	80	Easy	15-16
Language Comprehension	20	4	80	Easy	15-16
General Awareness	20	4	80	Medium	10-11
Innovation and Entrepreneurship	20	4	80	Medium	11-12
Total	100		400		70-75

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CMAT 2025 Sectional Analysis: Quantitative Technique and Data Interpretation

This section was relatively easy in terms of Level of Difficulty. Out of 20 questions in the section, 3 were on Data Interpretation and the remaining 17 were on Quantitative Technique. A set of 3 questions on Data Interpretation consisted of questions based on pie charts. These questions on Data Interpretation involved simple calculations.

The questions on Quantitative Techniques were dominated by questions on Arithmetic. Out of 17 questions on Quantitative Techniques, 10 questions were on Arithmetic, which included questions on Time-speed-distance, Ratio-Proportion, Profit & Loss, SICI, Allegations and Mixtures. There were 2 questions each of Modern Math, Numbers and Algebra, 1 question on Geometry. Most of the questions on Quantitative Technique were easy. Some questions involved True-False statements.

Area	No of Questions				Details
	Easy	Medium	Difficult	Total	
Arithmetic	7	3	0	10	Time-speed-distance (3), Ratio-Proportion(, (2) Profit & Loss (2), SICI(1), Alligation and Mixtures (2)

Geometry	0	1	0	1	Triangles (1)
Modern Math	2	0	0	2	Probability (2)
Numbers	2	0	0	2	Surds (1) and indices (1)
Algebra	1	1	0	2	Quad equations (1), Linear equations (1)
Data Interpretation	3	0	0	3	2 Pie charts (Set of 3 questions)

CMAT 2025 Sectional Analysis: Logical Reasoning

Out of the 20 questions in this section, 16 were on Non-Verbal Reasoning and 4 questions were on Verbal Reasoning. All the questions were standalone questions and there were no set based questions.

The questions on Non-Verbal Reasoning were spread across different topics in Logical Reasoning such as Directions, Cubes, Counting the number of squares, Linear Arrangements, Family tree and clocks etc. The questions on Verbal Reasoning included questions such as Assertion Reason, Strong/Weak Argument, Assumption, and Conclusion. The questions were not lengthy and many questions were straightforward and very easy to solve.

Area	No. of Qs.
Directions	1
Cubes	2
Counting the number of squares	1
Linear Arrangement	1
Family tree	1
Clocks	1
Numerical Puzzle	1
Misc	1
Logical venn diagram	1
Set theory	1
Number Series	1

Analogy based sequence	1
Word based Analogy	1
Odd one out	1
Alpha numeric	1
Verbal Reasoning	
Assertion Reason; Strong/Weak Argument; Assumption; Conclusion	4

CMAT 2025 Sectional Analysis: Language Comprehension

The Language Comprehension Section consisted of 2 Reading Comprehension questions and 18 Non-RC questions. The passage was easy to read. The non-RC questions were easy as well.

Area	No. of Qs.
Reading Comprehension – 1 Passage – 62 words Topic: Shivaji capturing a fort	2
FIB, Replace underlined phrase, Passive voice, Cloze passage [3 blanks], Parajumbles, Jumbled sentence, Grammar (Compound Sentence, Articles, Noun-types), Sentence Correction, Miscellaneous	18

CMAT 2025 Sectional Analysis: General Awareness

Out of the 20 General Awareness questions, all 20 were based on Static GK. The majority of questions were based on Indian events. Only a few questions were on international events. The questions were on science, sports, Indian constitution, history, India and its culture, among others. Overall, this section was of medium difficulty level.

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CMAT 2025 Sectional Analysis: Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Out of the 20 questions, 19 were based on Business and Entrepreneurship concepts (Bootstrapping, Startup valuation, Fabian entrepreneur, Angel investment, Lean startup, Trademark, Feasibility analysis). 1 question was on Business GK. Overall, this section was of medium difficulty level.

In summary, CMAT Analysis 2026 will be published immediately after the CMAT exam on January 25, 2026. CMAT 2026 Analysis will include analysis of Exam Pattern, Section-wise Topics, Type of Questions and Difficulty Level, and CMAT Score Vs Percentile. Read previous year's CMAT Analysis and other details above. CMAT Paper Analysis is helpful for achieving high score in CMAT exam. Live Now: [CMAT Percentile Predictor 2026](#) - calculate

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