

NMIMS Competency Test Preparation 2026: Check Pattern, Syllabus, Previous Year's Questions, Candidate Experiences, Expert Tips; Download PDF

NMIMS Competency Test 2026 Preparation Guide: NMIMS University is conducting **NMIMS Competency Test 2026** for their MBA admissions 2026 process, and has allocated 60 percent weightage to competency test scores. Last year, NMIMS had announced major changes in its admission process by cutting down NMAT weightage, and introducing competency test. In exclusive MBAUniverse.com interview, [NMIMS Vice Chancellor Dr Ramesh Bhat](#) had shared important details, and preparation guidance. This year, for Admission 2026, NMIMS has further increased weightage for competency test, and made some changes. Read this article to know **NMIMS Competency Test 2026 Pattern, Syllabus, Previous Year's Questions, Candidate Experiences, Expert Tips**. Also download **NMIMS Competency Assessment Test Preparation PDF 2026** from the link below.

1. What is NMIMS Competency Assessment Test?

Before coming to NMIMS Competency Test preparation 2026, candidates should note important background information. Last year, NMIMS University had introduced a new component “Competency Assessment” test for its MBA Admission 2025 process with weightage of 50 per cent. NMIMS Competency Assessment Test replaced “WATSON”, and WAT tests which were held earlier. As shared by [NMIMS Vice Chancellor in MBAUniverse.com interview](#), NMIMS Competency Assessment is the second-stage assessment that focuses on evaluating key **managerial competencies and abilities**.

This year, NMIMS University is also conducting **NMIMS Competency Test 2026** for their MBA admissions 2026 process, and has allocated 60 percent weightage to competency test scores. Check image taken from the official announcement by NMIMS University announcing components and their weightages for NMIMS MBA Admission process.

Table: Components and Weightages for NMIMS MBA Admission 2026 Process

Sr. No	Components in MBA Admission Process	Weightages
1	NMAT by GMAC	10%
2	Competency Assessment*	60%

3	Personal Interview	15%
4	Work Experience*	15%
	Total	100%

2. NMIMS Competency Test Pattern 2026

The next step in NMIMS Competency Assessment (CA) Preparation to understand the exam pattern. The NMIMS Competency Assessment Test 2026 is a 45-minute, computer-based test of moderate difficulty. NMIMS competency test 2026 pattern is expected to have 30 questions. Shuffling within each section is permitted, and navigation between sections is allowed. Check NMIMS competency test pattern (expected) in the table below.

Table X: NMIMS Competency Test Pattern 2026

Details	Information
Duration	45 Minutes
Sections	4 sections: - Verbal Ability (VA) - Mental Ability - Managerial Ability - Quantitative Ability
Number of questions	30
Question format	Multiple-choice questions (MCQs)
Options per question	4 Options
Marking scheme	3 Marks for the Correct Answer -1 Mark for Incorrect Answer

Last year, NMIMS Competency Assessment test 2025 exam pattern had only 20 questions divided into 3 sections:

Table X: NMIMS Competency Test Pattern 2025

Section Name	Total Number of Questions
1. Verbal Ability	9

2. Mental Ability	6
3. Managerial Ability	5
Total	20

3. NMIMS Competency Test Syllabus 2026

The Competency Test under NMIMS MBA admission is divided into four sections, each designed to evaluate specific traits of the candidate:

Verbal Ability (10 Questions): This is the largest section. It includes Reading Comprehension (RC) with approximately three questions, paragraph summaries, paragraph completion (CAT style), inference-based questions, and occasionally antonyms or vocabulary-based questions.

Mental Ability (8 Questions): This section focuses on logical reasoning and cognitive skills. Common question types include arrangement-based puzzles (often involving one set of 3–4 questions) and critical reasoning topics such as assumptions, strengthening, and weakening arguments.

Managerial Ability (6 Questions): Drawing similarities to the Decision Making (DM) section of the XAT, this section presents business, ethical, or HR scenarios. Questions might cover ethical dilemmas in drug pricing, conflict resolution in teams, prioritising tasks during supply chain disruptions, or data-driven decision-making following a sales decline. Some questions may also lean toward finance-heavy or commerce fundamentals.

Quantitative Ability (6 Questions): This section will have arithmetic and calculation-based problems

4. Questions Appearing in NMIMS Competency Assessment Test

Feedback received from experience of students who appeared in the NMIMS Competency Test 2025 was that the test included the following questions:

Section Name	Type of Questions
1. Verbal Ability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fit in the Sentence in the Passage (Like CAT Verbal Question) Summary of Passage (Like CAT Verbal Question) Inference based questions. Reading Comprehension (3 Questions)
2. Mental Ability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> One LR set with 4 questions (Arrangement type) Critical reasoning questions on Assumption, Reasoning
3. Managerial Ability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Question on problem faced in Management Most of the other questions in the section were inference type questions.

5. NMIMS Competency Test Preparation Tips

Based on last year's questions and mock questions (check details below), **Patrick Dsouza, CAT Mentor**, has recommended following approach to prepare for NMIMS Competency Assessment test:

a) How to Prepare for NMIMS CT Verbal Ability?

Last year, the question type was that what was asked in CAT Verbal Section. You can prepare from CAT VA section. Apart from fill in the blanks question, you can look at other type of Verbal questions like Para Summary, Para Jumble, Reading Comprehension, etc.

Since Verbal Ability has the maximum weightage, can look at other sources like Verbal questions from other Management Entrance Tests too.

b) How to prepare for NMIMS CT Critical Reasoning?

For Critical Reasoning the best source would be the GMAT Critical Reasoning Questions. GMAT Club portal has a huge source of CR questions of different levels. Practice questions from different difficulty level to help you get familiar with the question types.

Other sources would be CR questions from any preparatory material for Management Entrance test like NMAT, CET, SNAP, etc.

c) How to prepare NMIMS CT Mental Ability Section?

The logical reasoning question type looked similar to puzzles that appear in MAH MBA CET exam. So that could be a good source of preparation.

Another source could be Puzzles from Banking Exam material. You could refer to various banking exam preparation websites for the same.

d) How to prepare for NMIMS CT Managerial Ability Section

Prepare a few questions on **Decision Making** from XAT past papers related to Business.

6. NMIMS AI Assisted Personal Interview (PI) Preparation

Along with the competency test, NMIMS is conducting Artificial Intelligence (AI) Assisted Personal Interview Process. NMIMS PI Preparation requires understanding the format and type of questions asked during the interview.

Speaking with MBAUniverse.com, Dr Ramesh Bhat, VC, NMIMS shared following details: "NMIMS, a leader in higher education, is introducing an innovative and cutting-edge approach to candidate selection through its AI-assisted Interview process," said Dr Bhat. This is perhaps the first time such an initiative has been taken by an Indian B-School on a large scale."

NMIMS Vice Chancellor had revealed that the Personal Interview round will be conducted in two broad stages:

Stage 1: AI-driven Screening Phase

The advanced AI assisted PI method streamlines the evaluation process by first subjecting candidates' documents—such as statements of purpose, qualification records, and experience—to an AI system. Based on this initial assessment, along with the candidate's statement of purpose and a detailed form filled by the candidate, the questions may focus on academic performance, professional experience, and the data shared by the candidate.

Stage 2: In-depth Interview by Expert

Following this AI-driven screening phase, candidates are subjected to in-depth questioning by an expert, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation while maintaining transparency throughout the process.

Read more details about [NMIMS AI Assisted Personal Interview 2026](#).

7. NMIMS CT Preparation 2026: Candidates' Experience Sharing

Read feedback and experiences of candidates who took NMIMS Competency Test 2025 last year and shared experiences with MBAUniverse.com. Their experiences are invaluable resource for your NMIMS competency test preparation. NMIMS Competency Test Candidate Experiences are shared below.

Test date & time: January 30th, 2025

Candidate Profile - NMAT 225 | 9/8/7 | 24 months' work experience

“This day was full of surprises for me. Some good some bad. Starting with as soon as you reach, you’re supposed to go to the VIP lounge, as they mentioned in the video.

I reached in at 7:40, and the first surprise was, the room was already full. I was anticipating 50-60 people in my slot, but it was exactly double of that. 100-120 people in one slot. 4 slots in a day, which means about 400-500 people in a day....

Moving forward, you’ll submit your bags and phones. You don’t really need anything another than your call letter, your id, and a pen. You can keep your wallets though.

Then, you’re given a group. There are about 10 people in a group, but with my slot I could see half of them were no shows. Which means they were anticipating about 200 people in a slot.

Then, you’re made to sit in the auditorium, they verify your id everything, then they take you to the lab in groups.

Now comes the main -- Competency Test... Verbal ability had para summary, para completion, inference-based question and an RC. Mental ability had an arrangement set, a few critical reasoning. Managerial Ability is what looked like DM, but a little finance heavy. Overall, difficulty level is easy to moderate. Some of the questions were jokes, like the RC and the arrangement set was an absolute joke, but some other questions were tricky. 45 mins end up really quickly though!

Then they take you for the PI in groups again, where your group is taken to a cabin, where a laptop and a person from the panel is sitting. They are listening to everything you say, and are monitoring if everything is being recorded.

The PI part, was again a surprise because I was not expecting it to be this advanced! They have your profile ready with the system and the first question is already asked as soon as another person (who’s accommodating you from the CT to the PI) logs you in. Even the mic is on by default. I fumbled a bit cause I took some time to register this technology in front of

me. Another very advanced thing was, how the AI was asking follow up questions to whatever you were saying. For example, I spoke about my dad's business a bit. And it asked me about how inflation has impacted it and how e-commerce has impacted it. Basically, made situation out of everything you were saying. Then it changed trajectory and asked me about India's performance in the recent world test championship. Really? I rambled on over there. One more thing, was how strong the mic was. It's catching everything you're saying very accurately. Even the umms, ands, uhhhs. So initially as soon as you start talking, you can see it typing in the text box, then you can take a few seconds to read and edit it. And then you're supposed to submit the answer.

The AI bit is for 12 mins. Mine stopped while I was talking and post that the panel expert...is going to ask some follow up and additional questions as well. Not too stressful...

The entire process got done in about 3 hours. My tip would be to not have any expectations with the process. Take it easy and have fun and enjoy the swanky building!"

Test date & time: January 30th, 2025

Candidate Profile - NMAT 218 | No work experience

I took NMIMS Competency test days at NMIMS University. Here are is a summary of my experience today.

Competency Test

- Verbal: Fit the sentence in a passage, Summary of passage, 3 questions on a RC (very easy and straight forward)
- Logical: 4 questions on 1 LR set, Assumption reasoning,
- Managerial: Question on problem faced in inventory management, Rest were which inference follows type questions
- Overall: Very similar but easier than NMAT

Personal Interview

- AI Interview: Your background is more on the technical side, what inspired you switch to a managerial role? How has digitization in rural areas of India impacted people's finances? How has supply chain optimization benefited consumer goods companies in india like Unilever? Something about global economic welfare
- Expert Panel Interview: I had 97% in 10th and 78% in 12th, he asked me the reason for this. What is your opinion on DeepSeek in AI?

Things to carry: Call for Interview document, ID proof, pen and remember your NMAT ID."

Test date & time: January 30th, 2025

Candidate Profile – NMAT: Not Shared | Work Experience 2.5yrs

“I went to the VIP lounge and deposited my bag and phone at the counter. There was a board which had the list of all the candidates in groups of 5-6 people and also the Lab no. in which the Competency Test is to be held. I noted my group and lab details and proceeded to the Auditorium to complete the registration process, after which they gave me the seat number for the Competency Test. Then I was escorted to the designated Lab for Competency Test. The test began at 1.00 pm.

My NMIMS Competency Test Experience:

1. Verbal section contained an RC with 3 follow-up questions, Para summary, para completion (CAT style), one Antonym question, and a Critical Reasoning Questions.
2. Mental Ability section contained a fairly simple Arrangement set with 4 follow-up questions.
3. Managerial ability section asked a fairly technical question relating to a finance which I skipped. Rest of the questions were Decision Questions with one inference question and one Assertion and Reason question as well.

The test concluded at 1.45 pm after which, we were taken to the 7th floor to wait for our turn for PI. Refreshments were given to the Candidates who were waiting for their PI turn.

My NMIMS Personal Interview Experience:

I was called after about 20-25 mins for My PI. I was escorted yet again to the 9th floor for my PI. I had to wait for some time before I was allowed in the room.

For PI, there was just a single professor in the room and 2 laptops, one for the professor, one for me to appear for the AI-assisted interview.

I faced minor technical issues while trying to sign in but it got resolved after some time.

The AI assistant was already given my SOP and my profile details so it straight away asked me the question of Why MBA after Engg?

I answered the question promptly and at the end, the professor asked some follow up questions based on my answer. I gave replies to his questions and all of this was being transcribed by the AI assistant on to the textbox of the Interview app. Once I finished answering the professor’s questions, he asked me to submit my answer for the AI assistant to give another question.

I submitted and the AI bot gave me another question which I answered, then the professor again asked some follow up questions based on my answers.

This process continued until the very end. As given in the guidelines themselves, the interview is AI assisted and not completely driven by AI. The professor in-charge was actually the one who wanted to know the details of my answers to the AI bot's questions.

The nature of questions was more towards my Work Ex (since I have 2.5yrs of it) and very less of Current Affairs. No GK at all.

For current affairs, I was asked what are some new developments in the current business landscape of India.

The interview overall felt very relaxing and not stressful at all. I did get stuck in one question but the professor asked me if I would like to skip the question and I said yes and he didn't seem to bother much.

The interview lasted for about 15-20 mins, after which I headed to the VIP lounge to collect my bag and leave for home.”

Test date & time: January 31th, 2025

Candidate Profile – NMAT: Not Shared | Work Experience 2.5yrs

“My slot was M2 10 am. I reached at around 9:15 at the campus, entered through gate 2 into the VIP lounge. By 10:05 we were taken to the Auditorium where we were told to sit according to our groups. They checked call letters and govt ids here.

NMIMS Competency Test Experience:

Competency test started at around 10.45 AM. It was NMATish level only i would say, the RC was quite complex to make sense of but questions could be solved through elimination. For the solving part I had 1 arrangement set (3 questions) which was doable. Rest 17 questions could be done without a pen and paper. All in all you won't need more than 30 mins for the test.

By 11:30 AM the test was over and we were escorted to the 7th floor for the PI and refreshments. We all sat in a hall named Girls Common Room. They started calling names for PI right away. Some of us got a chance to have refreshments before PI, while some took it afterwards. I was immediately called for the PI.

My NMIMS Personal Interview Experience:

At around, 11:40 AM I reached Personal Interview cabin, i was the first person to walk in. There was one panelist and a dell laptop waiting for me. The volunteer (who brought me inside the cabin) told me to enter my credentials, soon after my interview began rolling and the volunteer walked outside the cabin.

AI interview

There is a 12-minute timer but the panelist might ask you submit the interview before 12 mins. Questions revolved around my SOP, right from the first question itself. Questions were as follows Tell me about a scenario where you used your problem-solving skills (SOP) Your interest in Prodman. (SOP) Current economic climate affecting Indian software world (SOP+workex) India's performance in WTC (lol this was best one).

Personal Interview

Panelist asked me about my workex. What better upgradations can AI bring in your domain? I told i had some experience with chat bots so he asked me rate the chat bot AI that they were using for the interview. What other exams you gave, i told I took CAT. He asked why NMIMS.

Total Interview lasted around 15 mins in total (AI+panelist) only.

I was escorted out, grabbed a few vadas for refreshment along with tea and left.”

8. NMIMS Competency Assessment Test Instructions

NMIMS competency test preparation should include understanding test instructions. Here are the NMIMS competency test instructions, as they appear in the test.

- The test is a self-timed test.
- The three sections are Verbal Ability, Mental Ability, and Managerial Ability. These sections have 9, 6 and 5 questions, respectively. Each question carries 3 marks.
- Total time given to you is 45 minutes after you have read the instructions. The server clock will do timekeeping.
- You can see and answer any question of the three sections in the allotted time.
- Each question will have 4 alternatives, out of which only one will be the correct answer.
- There will be negative marking. One negative mark will be given for a wrong answer and zero marks for an unanswered question.
- The answer will automatically be submitted after 45 minutes if you do not hit the SUBMIT button.
- An escort will take you to a waiting room from the Computer Lab

9. NMIMS Competency Test Questions: Mocks

NMIMS Competency Test Questions were released as competency assessment mock test in January 2025. Here are some of the questions that appeared in the NMIMS Competency Assessment Test. These questions will help you get a good idea of type of questions that appear in the test.

NMIMS Competency Assessment Test - Verbal Ability Question

NMIMS Stage 2 Competency Assessment Mock			
NMIMS Stage 2 Complete...			
Section			Time Left:
Verbal Ability	Mental Ability	Managerial Ability	
Question Type: Multiple Choice Questions			
Question No. 1 Given below is a statement (Cause) followed by possible effects numbered I, II and III. Read the (Cause) carefully and decide which of the three can be possible effects. Cause — Since past 8 years, college X has been successful in placing only 14% of its students. Effect I - College X raised its fee substantially last year. Effect II - The number of admissions in college X had been very low since past 5 years. Effect III - A survey shows that top ranking students in the common admission exam do not wish to opt for college X. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Only I is a possible effect<input type="radio"/> Only II is a possible effect<input type="radio"/> Both II and III are possible effects<input type="radio"/> Both I and II are possible effects			
Mark for Review & Next Submit	Clear Response Save & Next		Save & Next

NMIMS Competency Assessment Test – Mental Ability Question

NMIMS Stage 2 Competency Assessment Mock			
NMIMS Stage 2 Comple...			
Section			Time Left:
Verbal Ability	Mental Ability	Managerial Ability	
Question Type: Multiple Choice Questions			
<p>Question No. 1</p> <p>There is a sentence that is missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide where (1, 2, 3, 4) the following sentence would best fit. Sentence: Originally the contextual integration of art in tradition found its expression in the cult. The uniqueness of a work of art is inseparable from its being imbedded in the fabric of tradition. (1) This tradition itself is thoroughly alive and extremely changeable. (2) An ancient statue of Venus, for example, stood in a different traditional context with the Greeks, who made it an object of veneration, than with the clerics of the Middle Ages, who viewed it as an ominous idol. Both of them, however, were equally confronted with its uniqueness, that is, its aura. (3) We know that the earliest art works originated in the service of a ritual - first the magical, then the religious kind. (4) It is significant that the existence of the work of art with reference to its aura is never entirely separated from its ritual function.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> 01<input type="radio"/> 02<input type="radio"/> 03<input type="radio"/> 04			
Mark for Review & Next	Clear Response		Save & Next
Submit	Save & Next		

NMIMS Competency Assessment Test – Managerial Ability Question

NMIMS Stage 2 Competency Assessment Mock			
NMIMS Stage 2 Complete...			
Section			Time Left:
Verbal Ability	Mental Ability	Managerial Ability	
Question Type: Multiple Choice Questions			
<p>Question No. 2</p> <p>The question consists of a statement and inferences. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true and based on the information given in the statement, decide whether the given inferences can be inferred from the statement: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a framework to promote the use of local currencies for cross border transactions. The MoU covers all current transactions, permissible capital account transactions, and any other economic and financial transactions as agreed upon by the countries. Inferences: I. This framework would enable exporters and importers to invoice and pay in respective domestic currencies II. Use of local currencies would optimize costs and settlement time for transactions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Both Inferences I and II are correct <input type="radio"/> Inference I is correct, but Inference II is incorrect <input type="radio"/> Inference I is incorrect, but Inference II is correct <input type="radio"/> Both Inferences I and II are incorrect 			
Mark for Review & Next	Clear Response		Save & Next
Submit	Save & Next		

In summary, NMIMS Competency Test process has started on January 30, 2025. MBAUniverse.com presents complete details NMIMS Competency Assessment Test Preparation Strategies and Tips. This article will be further updated based soon.