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CAT Exam Pattern 2026 (Expected)

Section No.	Section Name	Duration	MCQs	TITA	Total
I	VARC	40 min	20	4	24
II	DI and LR	40 min	11	11	22
III	QA	40 min	14	8	22
Total		120 min	45	23	68

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[Rahul Gupta](#), CAT topper with 100 percentile and IIM Ahmedabad pass out says, “Mocks played a huge role in improving my performance as I got to know my strengths and weaknesses by analyzing my past performance and to work on my test strategy as well.”

[Tanuj Ruia](#), CAT topper with 99.69 percentile and IIM Bangalore pass out took 30 Mocks before the exam and invested close to seven hours to analyse each of them to check his mistakes. Sharing how Mocks helped him to crack CAT, Tanuj says, “I used to attempt the mocks as if I was actually giving CAT. I gave close to 30 mocks. After the mocks, I made it a point to analyse each and every question.”

[Sruthy S Kumar](#), CAT topper with 97.71 percentile and IIM Lucknow pass out concentrated on taking as many mocks as possible. Sharing the importance of Mocks in CAT preparation, Sruthy says, “Everyone serious about CAT needs to take at least 20+ mocks. Initially, taking a mock test and reviewing it used to take me almost an entire day and gradually I was able to analyse in 3 hours or so.”

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- **Analyse More Than You Attempt:** Spend at least double the time on analysis that you spent on attempting the paper. Analyse every wrong answer, every skipped question, and every correct answer that took too long. Maintain a dedicated error log notebook. Note the question type, topic, and reason for the error. Check for pattern in your errors. After 5–6 papers, your error log will reveal your most vulnerable topics. These should be the focus topics for your revision.
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