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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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- Header:** CAT 2025 - SLOT 2
- Navigation:** CAT 2025 - SLOT 2 - VERBAL ABILITY & READING COMPREHENSION (VARC) | CAT 2025 - SLOT 2 - DATA INTERPRETATION & LOGICAL REASONING (DILR) | CAT 2025 - SLOT 2 - QUANTITATIVE ABILITY (QA)
- Question No. 15:** Marks for Correct Answer: 3 | Negative Marks: 1
- Q:** The given sentence is missing in the paragraph below. Decide where it best fits among the options 1, 2, 3, or 4 indicated in the paragraph.
- Sentence:** Historically, silver has been, and still is, an important element in the business of 'show' visible in private houses, churches, government and diplomacy.
- Paragraph:** (1) . Timothy Schroder put it succinctly in suggesting that electric light and eating in the kitchen eroded this need. As he explained to the author, 'Silver, when illuminated by flickering candlelight, comes alive and almost dances before the eyes, but when lit by electric light it becomes flat and dead.' (2) . Domestic and economic changes may have worked against the market, but the London silver trade remained buoyant, thanks to the competition of collectors seeking grand display silver at the top end, and the buyers of 'collectables', like spoons and wine labels and 'novelties', at the bottom. (3). Another factor that came into play was the systematic collection building of certain American museums over the period. Boston, Huntington Art Gallery and Williamsburg, among others, were largely supplied by London dealers. (4) .
- Options:**
 - 1. ☐ Option 4
 - 2. ☐ Option 3
 - 3. ☐ Option 1
- Buttons:** Mark for Review & Next, Clear Response, Save & Next
- Question Palette:** A grid of 24 questions (1-24) with status indicators (Answered, Not Answered, Marked, Not Visited).
- Legend:**
 - Answered (Green circle)
 - Not Answered (Red circle)
 - Marked (Purple circle)
 - Not Visited (Grey circle)
 - Answered & Marked for Review (Red circle with checkmark)
- Filter:** All
- Buttons:** View Instructions, Submit
- Time Remaining:** 119:44 minutes

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CAT Exam Sample Papers 2026: Understanding Importance

CAT toppers give high importance to sample papers and mock tests in their preparation strategy and found that they are the most important part of CAT preparation when it comes to assessing your preparation level and to find your strong and weak areas where you need improvement.

Rahul Gupta, CAT topper with 100 percentile and IIM Ahmedabad pass out says, "Mocks and sample tests 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 batch took 30 Mocks and Sample Tests before the exam and invested close to seven hours to analyse each of them to check his mistakes.

[Sruthy S Kumar](#), CAT topper with 97.71 percentile and IIM Lucknow pass out concentrated on taking as many sample tests and mocks as possible. Sharing their importance, 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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How to Analyse CAT Exam Sample Questions?

Taking CAT exam Sample Papers 2026 is only half the work — the real preparation happens during their analysis! CAT toppers spend twice the time analysing a mock as they do attempting it. Here is how to analyse your CAT sample test results effectively:

- **Accuracy Check:** Do not focus only on your score. Calculate your accuracy separately for each section — correct attempts divided by total attempts.
- **Time Analysis:** Identify which questions consumed disproportionate time. CAT rewards smart question selection, not brute-force attempts.
- **Error Classification:** Categorise every wrong answer — was it a conceptual error, a calculation mistake, or a misread question? Each type needs a different fix.
- **Skipped Questions Review:** Go through every question you skipped. If you could have attempted 3 more correctly, that directly impacts your percentile.
- **Sectional Cut-off Check:** Verify whether your section-wise scores would have cleared typical IIM sectional cut-offs. A high overall score with a weak DILR section can still result in rejection.
- **Trend Tracking:** Maintain a mock test log. Track your score, accuracy, and time per section across every mock. Improvement is visible only when tracked consistently.

CAT Sample Papers 2026: Sectional-Tests

Apart from full-length mocks, CAT aspirants must also take sectional sample papers for each of the three sections — VARC, DILR, and Quantitative Aptitude. Sectional mocks allow deeper, focused practice without the fatigue of a full exam. They are particularly useful in the early preparation phases when candidates are still building fundamentals in specific areas.

- **VARC Sectional Samples and Mocks:** Focus on RC passage speed, comprehension accuracy, and Verbal Ability question types — paragraph completion, odd sentence, and jumbled paragraphs. Attempt at least 3 VARC sectional mocks per week during Phase 2 of preparation.
- **DILR Sectional Samples and Mocks:** Practice set selection under time pressure. DILR is the most unpredictable section in CAT. Sectional mocks help candidates develop

the instinct to identify solvable sets quickly and skip difficult ones without wasting time.

- **QA Sectional Samples and Mocks:** Target topic-wise accuracy. Use QA sectional mocks to identify weak topics — Geometry, Modern Math, or Algebra — and revisit them before the next mock cycle.

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CAT Official Mock Test 2026

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Summary

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