

KMAT Kerala Exam Pattern 2027: Sections, Questions, Marking Scheme, Duration and Qualifying Marks

The [KMAT Kerala 2027](#) exam pattern is expected to follow last year's format: a 3-hour Computer Based Test (CBT) with 180 multiple-choice questions carrying 720 marks, spread across four sections. As per Kerala KMAT exam pattern, each correct answer earns four marks, each wrong answer costs one mark, and unanswered questions carry no penalty. English Language Usage and Reading Comprehension and Quantitative Aptitude have 50 questions each, while Data Sufficiency and Logical Reasoning and General Knowledge and Current Affairs have 40 each. CEE Kerala has not released the KMAT 2027 Information Bulletin, so the details below are from last year's exam pattern. Read on for the section-wise marks, how the marking scheme works in practice, time management, the exam mode and the qualifying marks.

KMAT Kerala Exam Pattern 2027: Key Highlights

The table below sums up the KMAT Kerala exam pattern. CEE is expected to confirm these details for 2027 in the new Information Bulletin.

KMAT Kerala Exam Pattern 2027 Key Highlights

Parameter	Details (as per KMAT 2026)
Mode of exam	Computer Based Test (CBT)
Duration	3 hours
Number of sections	Four
Total questions	180 objective, multiple-choice questions
Total marks	720 (180 questions × 4 marks)
Marking scheme	+4 for a correct answer; –1 for a wrong answer; 0 for an unanswered question
Sectional time limit	None mentioned in the official documents; 3 hours for the full paper
Mock Test on exam day	Held after the reporting time, before the actual exam

Answer options	Four (A to D) per question, as in both 2026 papers
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KMAT Kerala Section-wise Pattern 2027

Every question in KMAT Kerala carries the same four marks, so the weight of a section depends only on how many questions it has. English and Quantitative Aptitude together carry 400 of the 720 marks, which is more than half the paper.

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Section	Questions	Marks
English Language Usage and Reading Comprehension	50	200
Quantitative Aptitude	50	200
Data Sufficiency and Logical Reasoning	40	160
General Knowledge and Current Affairs	40	160
Total	180	720

KMAT Kerala Paper Format 2026

The final answer keys of the two KMAT 2026 papers reproduce all question, so they show the exact paper pattern. MBAUniverse.com studied all 360 questions from Session 1 (22 February 2026, question paper code 2/2026/OL) and Session 2 (31 May 2026, code 15/2026/OL), and the format was the same in both. The Kerala KMAT exam pattern 2027 is expected to follow this format.

Section Order in 2026 Papers

Questions are numbered continuously from 1 to 180, and the papers do not print section headings, so the question number tells you which section you are in.

Question Format

- **Four options:** every question is multiple-choice with four options, A to D, and one correct answer.
- **Standalone questions:** almost every question stands on its own. Session 1 had no passage-based or diagram-based questions, and Session 2 had only one short reading

passage with a single question (Q48). Neither paper had charts or data sets with several linked questions.

- **Short, direct items:** most English questions are one-line vocabulary or grammar items, and most Quantitative Aptitude questions are short arithmetic problems based on school mathematics.
- **Same structure in both sessions:** the section order, question numbering and format did not change between the two papers.

For the topics asked in each section, see the most asked topics on the KMAT Kerala syllabus 2027 page.

KMAT Kerala Marking Scheme 2027

How Marks Are Awarded

- Four marks are awarded for each correct answer.
- One mark is deducted for each wrong answer.
- No marks are deducted for a question left unanswered.

How Negative Marking Affects Your Score

Because a wrong answer costs one mark and a correct answer earns four, four wrong answers cancel out the marks of one correct answer. For example, a candidate who attempts 120 questions and gets 90 right and 30 wrong scores $90 \times 4 - 30 = 330$ marks. If the same candidate had attempted only the 100 questions they were surest of, with 90 right and 10 wrong, the score would be 350. Accuracy, not the number of attempts, decides the final score.

KMAT Kerala Exam Duration 2027

KMAT Kerala exam time duration is 3 hours, or 180 minutes, for 180 questions. This works out to an average of one minute per question. There is no sectional time limit, so the 3 hours apply to the whole paper and you decide how to divide your time. Finish GK and other sections that you find easy in the exam and this will leave you with time for harder sections. Adjust this plan to your strengths in KMAT Kerala mock tests. General Knowledge questions are usually answered quickly if you know them, which can free up time for Quantitative Aptitude or Reading Comprehension.

KMAT Kerala Exam Mode 2027: Computer Based Test

KMAT Kerala is conducted as a Computer Based Test at centres across all districts of Kerala. While applying, candidates choose four exam city codes in order of preference, and CEE may

allot another city if too few candidates choose a particular one. On exam day, once the reporting time ends, candidates take a short Mock Test to become familiar with the computer-based format, and the actual exam follows. You must carry your admit card and an original photo ID, such as an Aadhaar card, Voter ID, Driving Licence or PAN card. Read the KMAT Kerala exam day guidelines and check the list of KMAT Kerala exam centres before the exam.

KMAT Kerala Qualifying Marks 2027

To qualify for MBA admission in Kerala, candidates must reach the minimum marks set by CEE. The table also shows the smallest number of correct answers needed if a candidate makes no mistakes.

Category	Qualifying cut-off	Minimum marks (out of 720)	Equivalent with no wrong answers
General and SEBC	10%	72	18 correct answers
SC, ST and PD	7.5%	54	14 correct answers (56 marks)

Qualifying only makes you eligible. Final selection gives the KMAT score 80% weightage, with Group Discussion and Personal Interview carrying 10% each, so a higher score directly improves your admission chances. See how scores are declared on the KMAT Kerala result page.

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KMAT Kerala Exam Pattern Summary 2027

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