

CAT Exam Analysis - 28 November 2021 (Slot 1)

CAT Exam Slot 1 Analysis 2021: IIM Ahmedabad has successfully conducted Slot 1 of the Common Admission Test (CAT) 2021. Slot 1 was conducted today from 8:30 am -10:30 am. As per the official CAT media release earlier, it was suggested that the CAT Committee attempt to reduce the number of questions across all three sections. As expected and discussed by the BYJU'S Exam Prep Experts, the number of questions was reduced to 66. As per the CAT 2021 Analysis given by the BYJU'S Exam Prep Experts this year, the difficulty level was slightly easier than CAT 2020. We at BYJU'S Exam Prep will be covering the CAT 2021 Analysis for all three slots.

In the following CAT Analysis article, we are sharing the exam highlights, the exam pattern, the section-wise review, questions asked, difficulty level, good attempts, and the expected cut-off scores for the IIMs.

Important Highlights of CAT 2021 Exam

- The total number of questions in CAT 2021 was reduced to 66.
- There were a total of 18-Non MCQs and 48 MCQs.
- CAT 2021 was similar to CAT 2020. However, it was slightly easier than CAT 2020.
- Due to the pandemic situation, CAT 2021 was conducted at over 400 centres, spread across 159 cities.
- The exam duration was 2 hours, and the paper was spread across 3 sections - Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension, ii) Quantitative Ability, and iii) Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning.
- The sectional duration for CAT 2021, was 40 minutes instead of the traditional 60 minutes, thus making the total duration of the test to be of 120 minutes (consisting of 3 sections of 40 minutes each)

CAT Exam Pattern 2021

The CAT 2021 Exam pattern was different than that of CAT 2020 exam pattern in terms of number of questions. Each section had a sectional time of 40 minutes each (53 Minutes 20 seconds for PwD candidates) with the following breakup:

CAT Paper Pattern - Slot 1

SECTIONS	QUESTIONS	TIME (in minutes)
Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension	24	40
Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning	20	40
Quantitative Aptitude	22	40
Total	66	120

Note:

- For MCQs: +3 marks for every correct answer and -1 marks deducted for every incorrect answer.
- TITA (Non-MCQ): There is No Negative Marking for TITA-type (Non-MCQ) questions.

CAT Exam Analysis 2021: Difficulty Level

The overall difficulty level of CAT 2021 (Slot 1) was similar to CAT 2020. However, it was slightly easier than CAT 2020.

Components	Details
Most Difficult Section	DILR
Easiest Section	VARC
Total Number of MCQs	48
Total Number of TITA Questions	18

CAT Slot 1 Sectional Analysis 2021

The section-wise analysis of CAT 2021 (Slot 1) is given below:

CAT 2021 Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC) Analysis

The overall difficulty level of the VARC section was Easy to Moderate. Most of the questions asked were from RCs. The topics of the RCs were Utopia Dystopia, Tea trade, What Mayans considered a 'person', and Cuttlefish. Para Summary was doable.

Topic	Number of Questions (MCQ and Non-MCQ)	Level of Difficulty
Reading Comprehension	16 (4 Sets of 4 questions)	2 Easy, 1 Moderate, 1 Difficult
Para Jumbles	3	2 Easy 1- Difficult (sequence Para jumble)
Odd sentence out (PJ)	2	1 - Easy, 1- Difficult
Para Summary	3	Easy

CAT Slot 1 Quantitative Ability (QA) Analysis 2021

The QA section was Easy to Moderate. The majority of the questions were from Arithmetic and Algebra. Following is the topic-wise breakup of the questions.

Topic	Number of Questions (MCQ and Non-MCQ)
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Arithmetic	
Percentage	1
CI	1
Time and Work	2
Ratio and Proportion	1
Average	1
TSD	1
Mixture	1
Number System	1
Algebra	
Modulus	2
Logarithm	1
Functions	2
Simple Equations	3
Modern Maths	
Permutation and Combination	1
Progression	1
Geometry & Mensuration	
Geometry	3

CAT Slot 1 Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR) Analysis 2021

In the DILR section, the level of difficulty of DI was Easy to Moderate and LR was Moderate to Difficult. The total number of questions was 20 out of which 5 were Non-MCQs and 15 were MCQs. The questions asked included:

- Table - Arranging People into Countries & Categories
- Bar Graph - Percentages (The bar graph wasn't clear)
- Table - 3 Girls making a drink
- Table - Relationship (Acquaintance, Friend, and Stranger)

Among the 4 DILR sets asked in the CAT 2021 Slot 1, 1 set was easily doable whereas the other 3 were lengthy and difficult to solve.

The CAT 2021 DILR Question wise breakup is

Topic	Number of Questions	Difficulty Level
Data Interpretation	2 sets- 6+4 Questions	Easy-Moderate
Logical Reasoning	2 sets i.e. 10 Questions	Moderate-Difficult

CAT Exam Analysis 2021: Good Attempts/Score (Slot 1)

As per the CAT 2021 Analysis of Slot 1, a raw score of 99-104 is considered to be a good score to get a call from the IIMs and other Top B schools.

Section-wise CAT 2021 Good Attempts (Slot 1)

The expected good attempts of CAT 2021 for 99 %ile are mentioned below:

Section	Good attempts
VARC	13-14
DILR	9-10
QA	14-15