

CAT Exam Analysis - 28 November 2021 (Slot 2)

CAT Exam Slot 2 Analysis 2021: Slot 2 of CAT 2021 was similar to Slot 1, with VARC being slightly tougher than Slot 1. CAT 2021 Slot 2 Exam was conducted today from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. As per the CAT 2021 Analysis given by BYJU'S Exam Prep Experts, the number of questions was reduced to 66. The Slot 2 paper was Moderate as compared to Slot 1. However, in Slot 2, the VARC section was slightly difficult due to lengthy RC passages. The total number of questions asked was 66. The overall difficulty level as per the CAT Analysis was Easy to Moderate. BYJU'S Exam Prep is covering the CAT 2021 Analysis for all three slots. Aspirants can also check the CAT Previous Year analysis to understand the difficulty level.

The following CAT 2021 Analysis article covers a detailed review of the following:

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Important Highlights of CAT 2021 Exam

- The total number of questions was 66 (similar to Slot 1 of CAT 2021).
- The LOD of Slot 2 of CAT 2021 was similar to Slot 1.
- The duration of the exam was 2 hours across 3 sections.
- The sectional duration is 40 minutes ((53 Minutes 20 seconds for PwD candidates).
- There were two types of questions: MCQs and TITA.
- CAT 2021 is conducted in 3 slots: Slot 1 - 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, Slot 2 - 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM and Slot 3 - 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

CAT Exam Pattern 2021 (Slot 2)

The CAT 2021 Exam level of difficulty of Slot 2 was similar to Slot 1. The VARC section was slightly more difficult than the rest of the sections with lengthy inference-based passages. DILR & QA section was similar to Slot 1 in terms of difficulty level. The exam pattern of Slot 2 of CAT 2021 was similar to Slot 1. Slot 2 CAT 2021 had 66 questions. Each section has a sectional time limit of 40 minutes (53 Minutes 20 seconds for PwD candidates).

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

Total	66	120
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Note:

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

CAT Slot 2 Analysis 2021: Difficulty Level

The overall difficulty level of CAT 2021 (Slot 2) was Moderate. However, the overall difficulty level of Slot 1 of CAT 2021 Analysis was slightly easier than CAT 2020.

Components	Details
Easiest Section	QA
The Most Difficult section	VARC
Total Number of MCQs	48
Total Number of TITA Questions	18

CAT Slot 2 Sectional Analysis 2021

The CAT 2021 Exam Analysis section-wise of Slot 2 is given below:

CAT 2021 Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC) Analysis

Though the Slot 1 overall difficulty level of the VARC section was Easy to Moderate, the difficulty level of Slot 2 was Moderate to Difficult. 70% of the VARC section consisted of RC questions. The RC passages were from similar genres as those asked in CAT 2020. The topics of the 4 passages are mentioned below:

- Nationalism
- Philosophy
- Knowledge
- Language

The questions took a bit more time as they were inference-based. There was only 1 main point question and no tone questions. Summary and Odd one-out questions were easy to solve but were a bit more difficult than last year.

Topic	Number of Questions (MCQ and Non-MCQ)	Level of Difficulty
Reading Comprehension	16 (4*4)	Moderate
Para Jumbles	3	Easy
Odd sentence out	2	Easy
Summary	3	Easy

CAT 2021 Quantitative Ability (QA) Analysis

The overall difficulty level of the QA section of Slot 2 was tougher due to the weightage of Algebra. The majority of the questions asked were from Arithmetic, followed by Algebra. The LOD of Slot 1 was Easy to Moderate. There was no question on Mensuration. Following is the topic-wise breakup of the questions.

Topic	Number of Questions (MCQ and Non-MCQ)
Arithmetic	
Percentage	1
Average	1
SI & CI	1
Successive Percentage	1
TSD	1
Time and Work	2
Partnerships	1
Alligations	1
Replacement	1
Algebra	
Range	1
Logarithm	1
AP/GP	1
X-Y	1
Functions	1
Modulus	1
Number System	2
Modern Maths (P&C)	1
Geometry and Mensuration (Rhombus, Triangles & Trapezium)	3

CAT 2021 Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR) Analysis

The overall difficulty level of the DILR section of Slot 2 was Moderate. Similar to Slot 1, 1 DILR set was doable, and the other 3 sets were difficult to solve. The total number of questions asked in Slot 2 was 20. The 4 sets are mentioned below:

- Games and Tournament- 4 Qs
- Rating- 6 Qs
- Stacked Horizontal bar graph- 4 Qs
- Number based Reasoning - 6 Qs

The CAT 2021 Slot 2 DILR Question-wise breakup is:

Topic	Number of Questions	Difficulty Level
Data Interpretation	1 Set	Bar graph based 1 set doable
Logical Reasoning	3 Sets	Number based Reasoning (Tough & Lengthy)

CAT Exam Slot 2 Exam Analysis: Good Attempts/Score

A raw score of 95-100 is considered to be a good score for getting a call from the IIMs and other Top B- Schools as per the CAT Exam 2021 Analysis

CAT Good Attempts 2021 (Slot 2): Sectional Overview

The good attempts for 99%ile of Slot 2 of CAT 2021 are mentioned below:

Section	Good Attempts
VARC	13-14
DILR	10-11
QA	12-13