

CAT Exam Analysis - 28 November 2021 (Slot 3)

CAT Exam Slot 3 Analysis 2021: The 3rd Slot of the Common Admission Test (CAT) 2021 was conducted today from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Slot 3 was similar to the previous 2 Slots of CAT 2021 in terms of the exam pattern. The number of questions remained the same as that of the previous 2 Slots. It was earlier suggested through a media release by CAT officials that the CAT Committee was attempting to reduce the number of questions across all three sections. As a result, the number of questions was reduced from 76 (CAT 2020) to 66. As per the CAT Exam Analysis 2021, given by BYJU'S Exam Prep Experts, the overall difficulty level of the paper was Moderate compared to Slot 1 being Easy-Moderate and Slot 2 being Moderate. BYJU'S Exam Prep will be covering the CAT 2021 Analysis for all three slots.

Important Highlights of CAT 2021 Exam Slot 3

- The total questions asked in the 3 Slots was 66.
- The pattern of CAT 2021 was different from CAT 2020.
- DILR Section was the most difficult in CAT 2021
- 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 (Slot 3)

The CAT 2021 Exam pattern was a bit different than CAT 2020 in terms of the number of questions. CAT 2020 had 76 questions, whereas the number of questions in CAT 2021 was 66. CAT 2021 had a sectional limit was 40 minutes each (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 Aptitude	22	40
Total	66	120

Note:

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

CAT 2021 Analysis Slot 3: Difficulty Level

The overall difficulty level of CAT 2021 (Slot 1) was Easy-Moderate, whereas Slot 2 was Moderate and Slot 3 had the overall difficulty level of Moderate. The following table shows the highlight of CAT 2021 Slot 3.

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

CAT 2021 Sectional Analysis (Slot 3)

CAT 2021 Slot 3 saw some major changes. We will be discussing the section-wise Slot 3 CAT 2021 Analysis.

CAT 2021 Slot 3 Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC) Analysis

The overall difficulty level of the VARC section of Slot 3 was Moderate to Difficult. However, the overall difficulty level of the VARC section of Slot 1 was Easy-Moderate and Slot 2 was Moderate to Difficult. The VARC section was easier compared to Slot 2. The majority of the questions asked were from the RC passage. There were 16 questions from RCs and 8 questions from VA. VA was tougher than RC. The RCs were covered from the following topics:

- Nano-technology
- Robotics
- Psychology
- Time and Clock

Among the 4 passages, 1 was easy to solve, and the other 3 passages were Moderate in terms of difficulty level.

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

CAT 2021 Slot 3 Quantitative Ability (QA) Analysis

The CAT 2021 Slot 3, QA section was Moderate. This section was similar to Slot 2. Questions from Arithmetic and Algebra dominated this section. It was seen that in this Slot, there was no question from Mensuration. Following is the topic-wise breakup of the questions.

Topic	Number of Questions (MCQ and Non-MCQ)
Arithmetic	8-9
Number System	1
Algebra	6-7
Modern Maths	1
Geometry & Mensuration	4-5

CAT 2021 Slot 3 Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR) Analysis

The overall difficulty level of the DILR section was moderate to difficult. DILR had 4 sets where 2 sets were doable, and the other 2 were difficult to solve. 1 set was on Mixtures which had 4 questions. In DILR, the set was from the following topics:

- Games and Tournaments - 6 Qs
- Mixtures - 4 Qs
- Gantt Chart - 4 Qs
- Content Creation - 6 Qs

The CAT 2021 DILR Question wise breakup is:

Topic	Number of Questions	Difficulty Level
Data Interpretation	2 sets (4 questions were easy, 6 questions were difficult)	1 set was Easy to Moderate, 1 was Difficult
Logical Reasoning	2 Sets (10 Qs)	1 Moderate, 1 Moderate to difficult

CAT 2021 Exam Analysis: Good Attempts/Score

As per Slot 3 of CAT 2021 Analysis, a raw score of 95-100 is considered to be a good score to get a call from the IIMs and other Top B schools.

CAT Expected Cut Off 2021

The number of good attempts in Slot 3 of CAT 2021 to get 99%ile is mentioned below:

Section	Good Attempts
VARC	13-14

DILR	10-11
QA	12-13

