

CAT 2023

Detailed Syllabus & Exam Pattern



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CAT Syllabus and exam pattern provide an insight into the various sections and questions that would be asked for the CAT exam. The CAT exam pattern has undergone many changes over the years. There is no prescribed CAT syllabus but based on past years' trends the CAT syllabus has been curated by our experts. The Syllabus of CAT 2023 comprises of three sections:

1. Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension
2. Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning
3. Quantitative Ability

CAT exam or the Common Admission Test is a National-Level entrance test for admissions into the IIMs and several other prestigious B-Schools across India. CAT exam is conducted every year by the IIMs on a rotational basis. CAT 2022 was conducted by IIM Bangalore on 27th November 2022. Below is the detailed overview and the section-wise syllabus and exam pattern of the CAT exam.

CAT Exam Pattern- Overview The candidates aspiring to take the CAT 2023 exam must know the CAT exam pattern so that they can prepare well. Given below is an overview of the CAT exam pattern based on past year's trend:

Particulars	CAT 2023 (Expected)	CAT 2022	CAT 2021	CAT 2020	CAT 2019
Exam Duration	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	3 hour
Sectional Duration	40 minutes every section	40 minutes every section	40 minutes every section	40 minutes each section	60 minutes each section
Number of Questions in VARC	24-26	24	24	26	34
Number of Questions in QA	22-26	22	22	26	34
Number of Questions in DILR	20-24	20	20	24	32
Total	66-76	66	66	76	100

Marking Scheme is given below:

- +3 marks for every correct answer
- -1 marks for every incorrect answer
- 0 marks for not attempted questions

* CAT 2023 Exam Pattern is tentative and is based on past year's exam pattern.

CAT VARC Syllabus

Reading Comprehension
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Para Summary

CAT Quantitative Ability Syllabus

Arithmetic
Algebra
Number System
Geometry & Mensuration
Modern Maths

Arithmetic

1. Time, Distance and Speed
2. Time and Work, Pipes and Cisterns
3. Simple Interest and Compound Interest
4. Ratios, Proportions and Variations
5. Percentages and Averages
6. Profit and Loss, Discount
7. Mixtures and Alligations

Algebra

1. Inequalities and Modulus
2. Functions and Groups
3. Linear and Quadratic Equations
4. Polynomials
5. Logarithms
6. Algebraic Identities
7. Maxima and Minima

Number System

1. LCM and HCF
2. Divisibility Rules
3. Base Change
4. Finding Units place and tens place of a number
5. Cyclicity
6. Remainders
7. Prime Factorisation

Modern Maths

1. Permutations and Combinations
2. Probability
3. Set Theory & Venn Diagram
4. Binomial Theorem
5. Arithmetic progression, Geometric progression, Harmonic progression

Geometry & Mensuration

1. Circles
2. Triangles
3. Polygons
4. Coordinate geometry
5. Lines and Angles
6. Trigonometry
7. Cone
8. Cylinder
9. Sphere
10. Cube/Cuboid
11. Prism Pyramid

CAT Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning Syllabus

Data Interpretation

1. Tables
2. Data Caselet - Reasoning-Based DI
3. Column Graphs
4. Bar Graphs
5. Venn Diagrams
6. Line Charts
7. Pie Charts
8. Scatter Plot
9. Radar Chart
10. Routes and Network
11. Bubble Chart

Logical Reasoning

1. Binary Logic
2. Games and Tournaments
3. Arrangements
4. Team Formations
5. Order and Ranking

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