

CAT Syllabus

Following is the composition and distribution of questions amongst various topics for CAT 2021 (expected). Please note that the same changes every year depending on the institute conducting the exam.

1. Quantitative Ability (QA):

Geometry (29%), Algebra (24%), Arithmetic (23%), Number system (15%), Modern maths (9%)

Trigonometry, Mensuration, Partnership (Accounts), Profit & Loss, Ratios and Proportion, In-equations Quadratic and linear equations, Surds and Indices, Time-Speed-Distance, Number System, Geometric Progression, Inequalities, Work and Time, Percentages, Logarithms

2. Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC):

Interpretation-based, title-based, vocabulary-based etc. questions from reading passages (70%), Parajumbles (12%), Summary-based (9%), Sentence correction, completion and out-of-context identification (9%)

Word count in RC for long passages hovers around 900 words and for short passages around 600 words. Topics may vary a lot – politics, environment, science, literature, history, mythology, technology, economy and abstract topics.

3. Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR):

DI (50%) and LR (50%)

Blood Relations, Series, Proposition, Direction Sense, Coding-Decoding, Assumptions, Puzzles, Clocks and Calendars, Statements, Data Arrangement, Family Tree, Binary Logic, Seating Arrangement, Sets & Caselets, Syllogism, Venn Diagram, Data Structures, Tables & Pie Charts, Data Sufficiency, Bars & Line Graphs