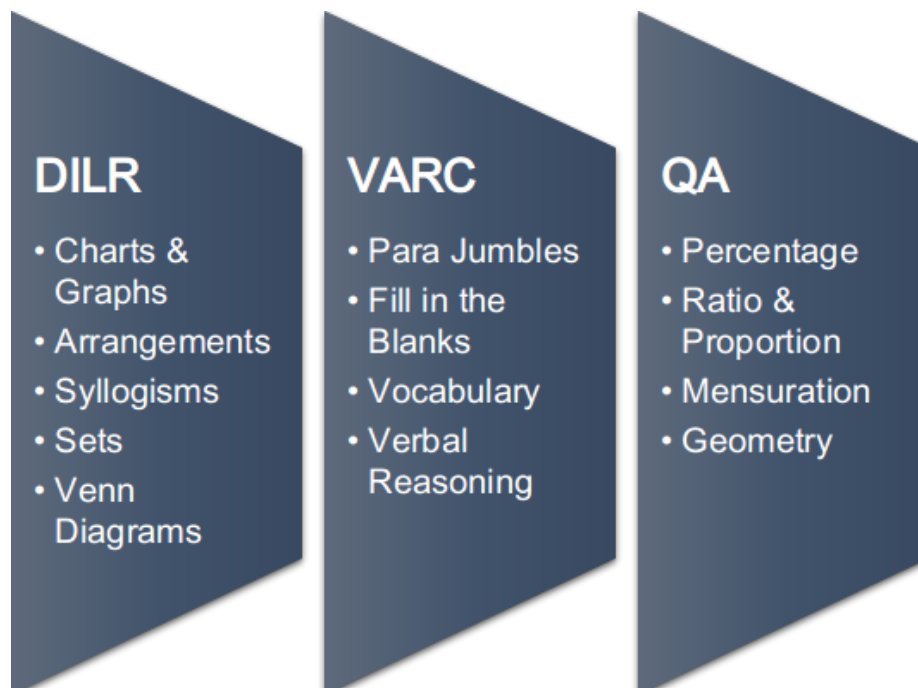


CAT 2020 Syllabus PDF

The Indian Institutes of Management (IIM) do not release any official syllabus for the Common Admission Test (CAT). However, the experts at CollegeDekho have provided this detailed syllabus of CAT 2020 based on the previous year question papers and current trends.

CAT 2020 Syllabus Overview and Important Topics

Section	Sub-Sections	No. of Questions	Total Questions
VARC	Part 1: Verbal Ability	10	34
	Part 2: Reading Comprehension	24	
QA	Quantitative Ability	32	34
DILR	Part 1: Data Interpretation	16	32
	Part 2: Logical Reasoning	16	



Important Topics in CAT 2020

CAT 2020 Detailed Syllabus

CAT Syllabus for Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension (VARC)

VARC is the first section of the CAT exam and has to be attempted first. It is further divided into 2 subparts — VA and RC. The sectional time limit for the VARC section is 40 minutes.

Fact Inference Judgment	Grammar	Fill in the Blanks
Para Completion and Inference	Para Jumble	Sentence Completion
Verbal Reasoning	Word Usage (Vocabulary)	Idioms
Analogies	Syllogisms	Reading Comprehension
Sentence Correction	Contextual Usage	Verbal Logic
Antonyms	One-word Substitution	Different Usage of the Same Word
Foreign Language Words Used in English		

CAT 2020 Verbal Ability (VA) Key Points

Listed below are some important points about CAT 2020 VA section

- The sectional weightage is 7-11 per cent
- The number of questions asked range between 7-11
- No negative marking in VA
- Questions are all non-MCQs and candidates will have to type in the answer (TITA)
- The questions usually cover para-jumbles, error correction in a para, vocabulary usage, out of context sentence in a paragraph, analogies, sentence completion and critical reasoning

CAT 2020 Reading Comprehension (RC) Key Points

- Sectional weightage of this section is between 24-48 per cent
- Negative marking of -1 as questions are MCQs
- This section includes a mix of RC passages and will have 3-4 long passages along with 2-3 short passages. Long passages will have 900 words usually and short passages will have 600 words usually
- RC topics will cover politics, history, society, literature, science, environment, abstract topics and mythology

CAT Syllabus for Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (DI & LR)

DILR is the second section of the CAT exam which has to be solved after the VARC section. This section is further divided into - DI and LR. The sectional time limit for this is 40 minutes.

Section	Topics
Data Interpretation	Bar Graph, Combination of Graphs, Caselet, Data Sufficiency, Line Graph, Pie Chart, Tables, etc.
Logical Reasoning	Assumptions, Blood Relations, Binary Logic, Clocks and Calendars, Constraint-based puzzles, Data Arrangement, Family Tree, Matching Puzzles, Proposition, Statements, Seating Arrangement, Sets, Syllogism, Venn Diagram

CAT 2020 Data Interpretation (DI) Key Points

- The sectional weightage of this section is 16%
- The number of questions asked in DI is 16
- It comprises both MCQ and non-MCQ type questions
- The number of MCQ and non-MCQs can vary
- Number of MCQs and non-MCQs may vary
- There is negative marking for MCQs and no negative marking for non-MCQs

CAT 2020 Logical Reasoning (LR) Key Points

- The sectional weightage of this section is 16%
- The number of questions asked in LR is also 16
- LR includes MCQs and non-MCQs and the number of questions for both can vary
- There is no negative marking for non-MCQs
- There is negative marking for MCQs

CAT Syllabus for Quantitative Ability (QA)

Topics	Sub Topics
Arithmetic	Number System, HCF, LCM, Ratio & Proportion, Simplification, Percentage, Average, Age Calculation, Time & Work, Distances
Algebra	Theory of Equations, Quadratic Equation, Permutation & Combination, Sequence & Series
Geometry	Angles, Lines, Triangles, Circles

Mensuration	Areas and Volumes – Rectangles, Squares, Triangles, Circles, Cubes, Cones, Spheres, Pipes and Cistern
Calculus	Maxima and Minima, Function
Trigonometry	Trigonometric Ratios, Heights, and Distances

CAT 2020 Quantitative Aptitude (QA) Key Points

- The sectional weightage of the QA section is 34 per cent
- The number of questions asked in this section is 34
- It has MCQ as well as non-MCQ questions
- The number of MCQs and non-MCQs vary every year
- According to the past trends, the number of MCQs in this section range between 24-27 and non-MCQs range between 7-10.
- For MCQs, there is negative marking
- For non-MCQs, there is no negative marking

Important Points About CAT 2020 Syllabus

CAT 2020 syllabus will consist of all the major topics that are expected to appear in the CAT 2020 question paper.

CAT 2020 syllabus will also determine the difficulty level of the CAT question paper.

Syllabus for CAT 2020 will also highlight the current structure of the CAT 2020 exam and the guidelines for the same.

The CAT syllabus for 2020 will also reflect the past tendencies

CAT syllabus for 2020 may differ from that of the previous year which is why the aspirants must only refer to the updated syllabus for CAT 2020.