CAT Syllabus 2025

The Common Admission Test (CAT) is a highly competitive entrance exam for admission to prestigious management institutes in India. The CAT syllabus is divided into three main sections: Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC), Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR), and Quantitative Aptitude (QA). Each section tests specific skills essential for management studies. The table below outlines the weightage of each section in the CAT exam.

Table 1: Weightage of all Sections

Section	Number of Questions	Marks
Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension (VARC)	24	72
Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (DILR)	22	66
Quantitative Aptitude (QA)	22	66
Total	**68**	**204**

CAT VARC Syllabus

The Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC) section is the first part of the CAT exam and evaluates a candidate's language proficiency and comprehension skills. It is divided into two sub-sections: Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension. The Reading Comprehension portion dominates, with passages followed by questions, while Verbal Ability includes topics like sentence correction and para jumbles.

Table 2: Key Topics in CAT VARC Syllabus

Fill in the Blanks	Para Completion and Inference	Verbal Logic
Verbal Reasoning	Subject-Verb Agreement	Sentence Completion
Foreign Language Words in English	Different Usage of Same Word	Grammar
Reading Comprehension	Idioms	Syllogisms
Analogies	Antonyms	Jumbled Paragraphs
Sentence Correction	One-Word Substitution	Parts of Speech
Prepositions	Types of Clauses	Phrase Modifiers
Errors in Tenses	Article Usage	

CAT DILR Syllabus

The Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR) section, the second part of the CAT exam, tests a candidate's ability to analyze data and solve logical puzzles.

Table 3: Weightage and Difficulty of VARC Topics

Topic	Number of Questions	Level of Difficulty
Reading Comprehension	16	Moderate to Difficult
VA-Parajumbles	3	Moderate to Difficult
VA-Odd Sentence	2	Easy to Moderate
VA-Summary	3	Easy to Moderate
Total	**24**	**Moderate to Difficult**

It consists of two sub-sections: Data Interpretation, which involves interpreting charts, graphs, and tables, and Logical Reasoning, which includes puzzles and reasoning-based questions.

Table 4: Key Topics in CAT DILR Syllabus

Data Interpretation	Logical Reasoning
Bar Graphs	Seating Arrangements
Line Charts	Blood Relations
Pie Charts	Syllogisms
Tables	Logical Sequences
Caselets	Binary Logic
Data Sufficiency	Puzzles
Venn Diagrams	Direction Sense

Table 5: Weightage and Difficulty of DILR Topics

Topic	Number of Questions	Level of Difficulty
Data Interpretation	10	Moderate to Difficult
Logical Reasoning	10	Moderate to Difficult
Total	**20**	**Moderate to Difficult**

CAT Quantitative Aptitude Syllabus

The Quantitative Aptitude (QA) section is the third part of the CAT exam and assesses mathematical skills. It covers a wide range of topics, including arithmetic, algebra, geometry, number systems, and modern mathematics. Candidates need a strong foundation in these areas to excel.

Table 6: Key Topics in CAT Quantitative Aptitude Syllabus

Category	Topics
Arithmetic	Averages, Mean-Median-Mode, Percentages, Ratio and Proportion, Simple and Compound Interest, Profit and Loss, Mixtures and Allegations, Time and Work, Time-Speed-Distance
Algebra	Basic Algebraic Formulae, Linear Equations, Problems on Ages, Quadratic Equations, Roots, Maxima and Minima, Inequalities, Logarithms, Functions
Number System	Properties of Numbers, Divisibility Rules, HCF and LCM, Last Digit, Last Two Digits, Trailing Zeroes, Remainders, Fermat's Theorem, Euler's Theorem, Base Systems
Geometry	Lines and Angles, Triangles, Polygons, Circles, 3D Geometry, Coordinate Geometry, Trigonometry
Modern Maths	Sequence and Series, Binomial Theorem, Set Theory, Permutation and Combination, Probability

Table 7: Weightage and Difficulty of QA Topics

Topic	Number of Questions	Level of Difficulty
Arithmetic	8	Moderate
Algebra	6	Moderate to Difficult
Geometry	4	Moderate to Difficult
Number System	4	Moderate
Modern Maths	4	Moderate
Total	**22**	**Moderate**