

Topics under Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension

VARC section is the first section of the [CAT question paper](#) and is to be attempted first. The section is divided into two sub-parts, VA and RC. The sectional time limit for VARC is 60 minutes. Take a look at important topics and some key points of this section.

Fill in the blanks	Verbal Reasoning	Sentence completion
Grammar	Syllogisms	Jumbled paragraphs
Para Completion and inference	Contextual usage	Foreign language words used in English
Reading Comprehension	Analogies	Sentence correction
Verbal Logic	Different usage of same word	Idioms
Parajumbles	Antonyms	One word substitution

Verbal Ability (VA): Key Points

- Number of questions asked range from 7-11.
- Sectional weightage of this section is 7-11 per cent.
- The type of questions are all non-MCQs, which means the candidates have to type in the answer (TITA).
- There is no negative marking in VA since the questions are non-MCQ type.
- Types of questions range from para-jumbles, out of context sentence in a para, error correction in a para, vocabulary usage and sentence completion to analogies and critical reasoning.

Reading Comprehension (RC): Key Points

- Number of questions asked range from 24-28.
- Sectional weightage of this section is 24-28 per cent
- The type of questions are all MCQs, hence there is negative marking of -1
- CAT has a mix of RC passages, on an average 4-3 long passages and 2-3 short passages.
- According to the trend of the last three years, long passages are of 900 word and short passages are of 600 words.
- Topics of these RCs range from science, history, politics, environment, society to literature, mythology and abstract topics.

Topics under Logical Reasoning and Data Interpretation

LRDI is the second section of CAT question paper and is to be completed after the VARC section. This section has a sub-division of LR and DI. The sectional time limit for LRDI is 60 minutes. Take a look at important topics and some key points of this section.

Blood Relations	Series	Proposition
Direction Sense	Coding-Decoding	Assumptions
Puzzles	Clocks and Calendars	Statements
Data Arrangement	Family Tree	Binary Logic

Seating Arrangement	Venn Diagram	Sets
Data Structures	Syllogism	Caselets
Tables	Pie Charts	Data Sufficiency
Bars	Line Graphs	

Logical Reasoning (DILR): Key Points

- Number of questions asked are 16.
- Sectional weightage of this section is 16 per cent.
- LR contains both MCQ and Non-MCQ type questions.
- Number of MCQs and non-MCQs may vary.
- There is negative marking for MCQs.
- There is no negative marking for non-MCQs.

Data Interpretation (DI): Key Points

- Number of questions asked are 16.
- Sectional weightage of this section is 16 per cent.
- LR contains both MCQ and Non-MCQ type questions.
- Number of MCQs and non-MCQs may vary.
- There is negative marking for MCQs.
- There is no negative marking for non-MCQs.

Topics under Quantitative Ability

QA is the last section of CAT question paper and is to be completed in the last one hour of the exam. Take a look at important topics and some key points of this section.

Geometry	HCF & LCM	Averages
Trigonometry	Algebra	Partnership (Accounts)
Mensuration	Profit & Loss	Time-Speed-Distance
Ratios and Proportion	In-equations Quadratic and linear equations	Surds and Indices
Number system	Geometric Progression	Inequalities
Work and time	Percentages	Logarithms

Quantitative Aptitude (QA): Key Points

- Number of questions asked are 34.
- Sectional weightage of this section is 34 per cent.
- LR contains both MCQ and Non-MCQ type questions.
- Number of MCQs and non-MCQs vary every year. Past trends suggest, the number of MCQs in QA section range from 24-27 and non-MCQs range from 7-10.

- There is negative marking for MCQs.
- There is no negative marking for non-MCQs.