

CAT 2025 Syllabus – Complete Section-Wise Guide

Exam Pattern Overview

Section	Number of Questions	Marks
VARC	24	72
DILR	22	66
QA	22	66
Total	68	204

Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension (VARC)

Topic	Expected Questions	Notes
Reading Comprehension (RC)	12–14 (4–5 passages)	Dominates section (~67%). Focus on long-form comprehension, inference, tone, and structure.
Para Jumbles	2–3 (TITA)	Rearrange sentences to form coherent paragraph; no negative marking.
Para Summary	2–3	Choose the best summary of a passage or paragraph.
Odd Sentence Out	2–3	Identify the sentence that doesn't fit logically into the paragraph flow.
Inference, Analogy, Verbal Logic, One-word Substitution	1–2 each	Short conceptual items; test reasoning, vocabulary, and analogy skills.

Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (DILR)

Topic	Subtopics	Notes
Data Interpretation	Charts (Bar, Line, Pie), Tables, Graphs	Calculation + analysis heavy; often mixed data sets and caselets.
Caselets & Mixed Sets	Data-based reasoning	Multi-step interpretation requiring synthesis across tables/caselets.
Logical Reasoning	Seating Arrangements, Blood Relations, Venn Diagrams	Focus on deduction, conditional logic, and constraints.
Puzzles & Series	Matching, Number/Letter Series, Coding-Decoding, Binary Logic, Directions	Typically time-consuming; practice speed and pattern recognition.
Miscellaneous	Clocks & Calendars, Syllogisms	Occasional; moderate difficulty.

Quantitative Aptitude (QA)

Topic	Subtopics	Weight / Notes
Arithmetic	Percentages, Ratio, Averages, Time & Work, Time & Speed, Profit & Loss, Mixtures	Highest weightage (~35–40%); strong accuracy and speed required.

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Algebra	Linear/Quadratic Equations, Inequalities, Functions, Progressions, Sequences & Series	Moderate weight; practice equation solving and inequalities.
Number System	HCF/LCM, Divisibility, Remainders, Properties of Numbers	Conceptual base for many QA problems.
Geometry & Mensuration	Triangles, Circles, Polygons, Coordinate Geometry, Solids	Requires precise diagrams and formula application.
Modern Math	Permutations & Combinations, Probability, Set Theory, Logarithms	Lower frequency (~5–10%) but important for high-scoring attempts.