

# CAT Exam Pattern 2025

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## 1 CAT 2025 Exam Pattern

The CAT 2025 exam is a computer-based test (CBT) with a total duration of 120 minutes, divided into three sections, each with a strict 40-minute time limit (53 minutes and 20 seconds for PwD candidates). The exam is conducted in three slots on the same day: morning (8:30 AM–10:30 AM), afternoon (12:30 PM–2:30 PM), and evening (4:30 PM–6:30 PM). The total number of questions is expected to be 68, with a total of 204 marks.

Topic	Details
Exam Mode	Computer-Based Test (CBT)
Total Duration	120 minutes (2 hours)
Sections	3 (VARC, DILR, QA)
Sectional Time Limit	40 minutes per section (53 min 20 sec for PwD)
Total Questions	68 (expected)
Total Marks	204
Slots	3 (Morning, Afternoon, Evening)
Question Types	MCQs and Non-MCQs (TITA)

Table 1: Exam Format Overview

### 1.1 Key Features

- **Fixed Section Order:** Candidates must follow the sequence VARC → DILR → QA, with no option to switch between sections.
- **Sectional Time Limit:** Each section has a 40-minute limit, and the screen automatically moves to the next section once time expires.
- **Onscreen Tools:** An onscreen calculator and clock are provided for computations and time management.
- **Question Types:** Includes Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs) and Type-In-The-Answer (TITA) questions.

## 2 Section-Wise Breakdown

The CAT 2025 exam comprises three sections, each testing distinct skills. Below is a detailed breakdown of each section, including question distribution and key topics.

## 2.1 Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC)

- **Number of Questions:** 24
- **Marks:** 72 (3 marks per question)
- **Weightage:** Approximately 35% of the total exam
- **Question Types:**
  - Reading Comprehension (RC): 16-18 questions (65-70% of VARC), typically 4 passages with 4-5 questions each
  - Verbal Ability: 6-8 questions, including Para Jumbles, Odd Sentence, Paragraph Summary, and Sentence Correction
- **TITA Questions:** 4-6 (no negative marking)

## 2.2 Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR)

- **Number of Questions:** 22
- **Marks:** 66 (3 marks per question)
- **Weightage:** Approximately 32% of the total exam
- **Question Types:**
  - Data Interpretation (DI): 8-10 questions, often in sets of 4-5, based on tables, graphs, pie charts, and caselets
  - Logical Reasoning (LR): 12-14 questions, focusing on puzzles, seating arrangements, blood relations, and Venn diagrams
- **TITA Questions:** 4-6 (no negative marking)

## 2.3 Quantitative Ability (QA)

- **Number of Questions:** 22
- **Marks:** 66 (3 marks per question)
- **Weightage:** Approximately 32% of the total exam
- **Question Types:** Predominantly MCQs with 4-6 TITA questions
- **TITA Questions:** 4-6 (no negative marking)

Table 2: Section-Wise Question Distribution and Weightage

Section	Questions	Marks	Weightage (%)
VARC	24	72	35
DILR	22	66	32
QA	22	66	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>100</b>

### 3 Marking Scheme

The CAT 2025 marking scheme is consistent across all sections:

- **Correct Answer (MCQ and TITA):** +3 marks
- **Incorrect Answer (MCQ):** -1 mark
- **Incorrect Answer (TITA):** No negative marking
- **Unattempted Questions:** 0 marks
- Negative marking applies only to MCQs, making TITA questions less risky.

Table 3: CAT 2025 Marking Scheme

<b>Response Type</b>	<b>MCQ</b>	<b>TITA</b>
Correct Answer	+3	+3
Incorrect Answer	-1	0
Unattempted	0	0