

CAT Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension (VARC) Syllabus 2026

1. Overview

The VARC section evaluates reading skills, comprehension, verbal reasoning, and grammar. It is often considered one of the most scoring yet time-consuming sections.

CAT 2026 Expected Pattern: 24 questions in 40 minutes.

2. VARC Syllabus 2026

- **Reading Comprehension (RC):** 4–5 passages (Philosophy, Economics, Science, Abstract, Sociology, Technology).
- **Verbal Ability (VA):**
 - Para Jumbles (4–5 sentences)
 - Para Summary
 - Odd Sentence Out
 - Para Completion / Sentence Insertion

3. 5-Year Topic-Wise Trend

Topic	Expected Questions	Weightage
Reading Comprehension	16	65–70%
Para Jumbles	2–3	10–12%
Para Summary	2–3	10%
Odd One Out	2	8–10%
Para Completion	1–2	5%

4. High-Yield Areas for 99 Percentile

- Inference-based RC passages
- Long & complex RC (600–900 words)
- Logical VA questions (TITA heavy)

5. CAT VARC Exam Pattern 2026 (Expected)

Particulars	Details
Section Name	VARC
Time Allotted	40 minutes
Total Questions	24
Total Marks	72

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Question Types	MCQ + TITA
Difficulty Level	Moderate to Difficult

6. Preparation Tips for VARC 2026

- Read 1–2 editorials daily (The Hindu, Economist).
- Practice 4–5 RC passages daily.
- Focus on vocabulary in context and inference questions.
- Best Books: Arun Sharma & Meenakshi, Norman Lewis (Word Power), Past CAT papers.
- Target: 16–18 correct attempts.