

MAT Exam Pattern 2026

150 questions • 5 sections • 120 minutes • Negative marking

Exam duration 120 minutes	Total questions 150	Sections 5 × 30 questions	Wrong answer −0.25 marks
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Section-wise Exam Pattern

Section	Subject / Area	Questions	Raw marks*
I	Language Comprehension	30	30
II	Intelligence & Critical Reasoning	30	30
III	Mathematical Skills	30	30
IV	Data Analysis & Sufficiency	30	30
V	Economic & Business Environment	30	30
Total	5 sections	150	150

Marking Scheme

Response	Marks	What it means
Correct answer	+1	One mark is awarded.
Incorrect answer	−0.25	One-fourth mark is deducted.
Unattempted	0	No marks are added or deducted.

Key Points to Remember

- **Exam modes:** Paper-Based Test (PBT) and Computer-Based Test (CBT).
- **Question type:** Objective-type multiple-choice questions.
- **Time management:** The full 120 minutes are shared across all five sections; no separate sectional timer is specified in the published structure.
- **Scoring:** Negative marking applies, so avoid blind guessing.

Important note: AIMA's published MAT structure lists the fifth section as "Economic & Business Environment." Check the official MAT information page for the latest instructions applicable to your chosen session. The table's raw marks show one mark per question for a simple pattern overview; score reporting and admission use may follow AIMA's published score methodology.

Sources: AIMA MAT information page — <https://www.aima.in/content/testing-and-assessment/mat/mat> • AIMA MAT FAQ — <https://www.aima.in/content/testing-and-assessment/mat/faqs-for-mat> • Collegedunia MAT Exam Pattern — <https://collegedunia.com/exams/mat/exam-pattern>

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