

MAT Syllabus 2026

Overview of MAT

The Management Aptitude Test (MAT) is a national-level entrance exam conducted by the All India Management Association (AIMA) for admission to MBA, PGDM, and allied management programs in over 600 B-schools across India. MAT is held multiple times a year in Computer-Based Test (CBT), Paper-Based Test (PBT), and Internet-Based Test (IBT) modes. The syllabus for MAT 2026 is expected to align with 2025, covering five sections: Language Comprehension, Intelligence and Critical Reasoning, Data Analysis and Sufficiency, Mathematical Skills, and Indian and Global Environment. For updates, visit: <https://www.aima.in/content/testing-and-assessment/mat>.

MAT Exam Pattern 2026

MAT is a 2.5-hour exam with 200 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) across five sections, each with 40 questions. Negative marking applies.

Section	Questions	Suggested Time	Marks/Answer
Language Comprehension	40	30 min	+1
Intelligence and Critical Reasoning	40	30 min	+1
Data Analysis and Sufficiency	40	35 min	+1
Mathematical Skills	40	40 min	+1
Indian and Global Environment	40	15 min	+1
Total	200	150 min (2.5 hr)	200

Table 1: MAT 2026 Exam Structure

Marking Scheme:

- Correct Answer: +1 mark
- Incorrect Answer: -0.25 marks
- Unattempted: 0 marks

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The syllabus covers five sections, testing verbal, quantitative, analytical, and general awareness skills.

Language Comprehension

Evaluates English proficiency and comprehension.

- Reading Comprehension
- Vocabulary (Synonyms, Antonyms, One-word Substitution)
- Grammar (Sentence Correction, Parts of Speech)
- Para Jumbles
- Fill in the Blanks
- Idioms and Phrases
- Critical Reasoning

Intelligence and Critical Reasoning

Tests logical and analytical thinking.

- Analogies
- Series Completion (Number, Alphabet)
- Coding-Decoding
- Blood Relations
- Direction Sense
- Syllogisms
- Statement-Conclusion
- Cause and Effect
- Seating Arrangements
- Clocks and Calendars

Data Analysis and Sufficiency

Focuses on data interpretation and sufficiency.

- Data Interpretation (Tables, Pie Charts, Bar Graphs, Line Graphs)
- Data Sufficiency
- Caselets
- Venn Diagrams
- Quantitative Comparisons

Mathematical Skills

Assesses quantitative aptitude.

- Arithmetic (Percentages, Profit & Loss, Ratios, Time & Work, Time-Speed-Distance, Interest)
- Number System (HCF, LCM, Divisibility)
- Algebra (Equations, Inequalities)
- Geometry (Lines, Angles, Triangles, Circles, Mensuration)
- Modern Math (Permutations, Combinations, Probability)
- Statistics (Mean, Median, Mode)

Indian and Global Environment

Tests general awareness.

- * Current Affairs (National, International)
- * Indian Economy and Polity
- * Business News
- * Awards and Honors
- * Sports
- * Books and Authors
- * Science and Technology
- * Global Organizations

Preparation Tips

- * Use NCERT books for Mathematical Skills.
- * Read newspapers (e.g., The Hindu) for Indian and Global Environment.
- * Practice AIMAs mock tests for CBT/PBT/IBT formats.
- * Solve previous years papers.
- * Focus on time management and accuracy.
- * Use standard books (e.g., R.S. Aggarwal for Reasoning, Quantitative Aptitude).