

Detailed Analysis of CAT 2017

CAT 2017 had 3 section of 1 hour each.

Section 1: Verbal Ability (34 questions - 60 Minutes)

Reading Comprehension (24 questions) and Verbal Ability (10 questions)

Section 2: Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (32 questions - 60 Minutes)

8 Set of 4 Questions each

Section 3: Quantitative Ability (34 questions - 60 Minutes)

The paper was in the same order as mentioned. You could not switch between the sections.

Questions were of two types MCQ and non MCQ. MCQ questions had four options each and you had to mark only one option as the right alternative. Non MCQ questions required only typing of the right answer not the detailed solution.

For all MCQ questions 3 marks were awarded for a right answer and 1 mark was deducted for a wrong answer. For all non MCQ questions 3 marks were awarded for a right answer and no marks were deducted for a wrong answer.

The sectional, in depth analysis is as follows:

1. RC & VA Section: *(Dil khush passages, Sote Sote padh lo)*

This section had 34 questions, out of which 27 were MCQ and 7 were non MCQ type.

RC's featured a total of 24 questions and were 5 in number; 3 RC's with 6 questions each & 2 RC's with 3 questions each. **(Same as CAT2016)**

These 24 RC questions were broadly of 3 categories,

- Fact based
- Exception based (What is not true according to the passage)
- Inference based.

Most of the questions were inference based. Interestingly there were no questions on identifying tone of the passage. The RC's were simple, direct and interesting to read. All the RC questions were multiple choice questions.

Verbal Ability had just 3 types:

- Summary of a passage (3 in number)
- Odd one out (3 in number)
- Parajumbles (4 in number).

Of these 3 categories, Summary of a passage was MCQ type and Odd one out and Parajumbles were non MCQ type. *(Unlike CAT2016 in which all the questions of these three types were of the non-MCQ type)*. So, Parajumbles were difficult as expected because they were non MCQ type. It meant each of the Parajumbles had 5 sentences to be rearranged and it could be done in 5! or 120 ways. But nevertheless, you could take a shot because there was no negative marking.

No questions based upon Vocabulary, Grammar, Logical Continuation & Critical Reasoning were asked.

All in all, the section was Easy to Average.

A score of around 72 marks would be in the range of 99%ile.

A score of around 65 marks would be in the range of 98%ile.

A score of around 57 marks would be in the range of 95%ile.

A score of around 50 marks would be in the range of 90%ile.

2. LRDI section: (SETs dekhne ke liye the ya karne ke liye, Rona Aajayega Bas)

The paper had 8 sets of 4 questions each. Apart from 2 or 3 sets, all the sets were time consuming. It was difficult to judge which ones were easy and which ones were difficult to solve within the time limit of 1 hour. It was difficult to crack more than 3 or 4 sets out of these 8 sets in the given time limit of 1 hour. The overall process to solve sets was tricky.

There was no need of using the calculator as calculation in DI sets was easy. Sets were confusing/tricky and required deep logic. Almost all the sets were caselets and required analysis and logic to arrive at solutions whether the sets were based on percentage or reasoning.

This was the only section where there was some difference in level between both slots. If one could attempt 12-13 questions in Slot 1 then the same person would have been able to attempt 14-15 questions in Slot 2. *(In contrast, in CAT 2016, Slot 2 was the slot with higher difficulty level than Slot 1. In CAT 2016, if one could attempt 14-15 questions in Slot 1 then the same person would have been able to attempt 12-13 questions in Slot 2)*

All in all, the section was Difficult.

Slot 1: **A score of around 35 marks would be in the range of 98%ile.**
A score of around 30 marks would be in the range of 95%ile.
A score of around 25 marks would be in the range of 90%ile.

Slot 2: **A score of around 40 marks would be in the range of 98%ile.**
A score of around 35 marks would be in the range of 95%ile.
A score of around 30 marks would be in the range of 90%ile.

3. QA Section: (Khush to bahut hoge isko Dekhkar)

This section was easier than expected. There were 34 questions, of which around 8 were non MCQ type. Nearly every chapter had a representative there with Arithmetic and Algebra predominating and also easy to solve. The paper consisted of about 40%-60% easy questions, 30%-40% average questions and 3-4 tough ones. Questions were there from all the chapters.

a) Arithmetic	(11-12 Questions)	Easy to Average
b) Number System	(3-4 Questions)	Easy to Average
c) Geometry	(6-7 Questions)	Average
d) Algebra	(9-10 Questions)	Easy to Average to Difficult
e) Permutation & Combination	(2-3 Questions)	Average

Questions from Arithmetic were very easy and one could easily solve almost all of them.

All in all, the section was Easy to Average.

A score of around 67 marks would be in the range of 99%ile.

A score of around 60 marks would be in the range of 98%ile.

**A score of around 51 marks would be in the range of 95%ile.
A score of around 44 marks would be in the range of 90%ile.**

Overall: Section 1 RC&VA and Section 3 QA were easy and Section 2 LRDI was difficult.

**A score of around 180+ marks would be in the range of 99.5%ile.
A score of around 165+ marks would be in the range of 99%ile.
A score of around 155+ marks would be in the range of 98%ile.
A score of around 140+ marks would be in the range of 95%ile.
A score of around 120+ marks would be in the range of 90%ile.
A score of around 100+ marks would be in the range of 80%ile.**

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