

CAT 2020

Exam Analysis

The CAT 2020 began with suspense on number of questions in slot 1. It was a question which had been on everybody's mind since the pattern changes were announced. With 76 questions in all 3 slots, the CAT exam went smoothly as per last available report. The difficulty level across sections and slot was more or less the same barring surprise in VARC section and Quant in Slot 2. As has been the norm, DILR was the toughest section across the slots.

Major Changes:

1. Total number of questions- 76 (down from 100 in 2019)
2. Duration: 2 Hours (reduced from 3 hours in 2019)
3. Difficulty Level: VARC –moderate, DILR difficult, Quant moderate to difficult

From the earlier duration of 3 hours, the test duration was reduced to 2 hours; with 40 minutes allotted to each section. CAT aspirants had to face 76 questions in 2 hours.

- **CAT 2020 VARC:** 26 questions
- **CAT 2020 DILR:** 24 questions
- **CAT 2020 QA:** 26 questions

The marking scheme remained the same: +3/-1 for MCQs, and +3/0 for non-MCQs. The overall level of difficulty for CAT 2020 slot 1 was slightly higher than that of the previous year. In terms of section-wise level of difficulty, VA & RC was lengthy and slightly complex to tackle.

Section Name	Total Questions	Time Limit	Marking Scheme
Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC)	26	40 Minutes	+3/-1 (for MCQs) +3/0 (for non-MCQs)

Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (DILR)	24	40 Minutes	+3/-1 (for MCQs) +3/0 (for non-MCQs)
Quantitative Ability (QA)	26	40 Minutes	+3/-1 (for MCQs) +3/0 (for non-MCQs)
Total	76	120 Minutes	+3/-1 (for MCQs) +3/0 (for non-MCQs)

CAT 2020 VARC Question-wise Breakup:

Topic	No. of Questions (MCQ/non-MCQ)	Ideal Attempt
Reading Comprehension	18 (5+5+4+4)	13-15
Verbal Ability - Parajumbles	3	All
Verbal Ability - Summary	3	All
Verbal Ability - Parajumbles (Odd-sentence out)	2	All

CAT 2020 DILR Question - wise Breakup:

Subject	Topic	No of Questions	Possible to Attempt
Data Interpretation	Drivers and Ratings	4	4
	Students and Exams	6	3
	Set on Patients	4	3
Logical Reasoning	Institutes Vendors	6	3

Set on Musicians

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CAT 2020 QA Questions- wise Breakup:

Topic	No of Questions (MCQ/non-MCQ)	Possible to Attempt
Number System	5	3
Algebra	8	5
Arithmetic	10	8
Geometry / Mensuration	3	1