



CAT 2021 : ANALYSIS

CAT 2021 Slot 1 Exam Analysis: Key Highlights

- CAT 2021 Overall Exam Difficulty Level was Moderate.
- Key changes: Total Questions Reduced to 66 from 76 last year
- Questions split (MCQs and Non-MCQs): MCQ 48; Non MCQs 18
- Sectional Key Changes in CAT 2021:

VARC

- Total No of Questions: 24
- No of MCQS – 5
- No of NMCQs – 19
- 4 RC Passage with 16 Questions

DILR

- Total No of Questions: 20
- No of MCQS – 15
- Non MCQS – 5
- LR 2 Sets: Each set was followed by 6 Questions
- DI 2 Sets: Each set was followed by 4 Questions

Quantitative Ability

- Total No of Questions: 22
- No of MCQS – 14
- Non MCQS – 8

CAT 2021 Slot - 1 Question Paper Pattern: Overall & Sectional Composition

The table below shares the CAT exam sectional order from Section-1 to Section-3, number and type of questions in each section, questions with and without negative marking for each section for the 2 hours CAT exam 2021. The CAT 2021 question paper with key changes had the following pattern and sectional composition.

CAT 2021 exam components	Total MCQs (With negative marking)	Total Non-MCQs (TITA Qs Without negative marking)	Total Questions
Section-1: Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension (VARC) (Time limit: 40 Minutes)	19	5	24
Section-2: Data Interpretation &	15	5	20

Logical Reasoning
(DILR)
(Time Limit: 40
Minutes)

Section-3:

Quantitative Ability
(QA)
(Time Limit: 40
Minutes)

14

8

22

Total (Overall) (Time
limit: 120 Minutes)

48

18

66