

# AICTE - CMAT – 2012



## ~ Experience, Precautions, Strategy ~

Given below is a detailed experience-sharing from a test-taker's point of view:

- The CMAT 2012 testing process has commenced from 20th Feb 2012
- Students across test centres in India are reporting a technically smooth and glitch-free testing experience
- Things were smooth. Contrary to popular perception and experience of Indian examinations and examinees, the CMAT test centres are not madly crowded
- Please ensure that you check all the data submitted while filling the online CMAT admission form (name, date of birth etc.)
- You must bring the attested CMAT 2012 Admit Card and the attested copy of Class X mark-sheet (other certificates also needed in case of SC/ST category students etc.)
- As a precaution, ensure that you carry at least two photo IDs in original (for ex: Pan card and passport, or Pan card and Voter ID card)
- Photocopies of these ID proofs will be asked for. Be ready
- For the first slot (morning), the process starts early. One has to be there by 8:00 am sharp.
- Thus, you have to be at the test centre 1.5 hrs before the test. You have to wait for the supervisors to start their 'checking of documents' process
- It happens carefully, slowly, one candidate at a time
- Then you will be ushered into the test centre to the biometric confirmation console (photos are clicked, thumbprint taken)
- Physical checking prior to this was not strict. If mobiles are seen, a polite request is made to keep them away at a designated place
- A camera mounted on the PC takes the picture and a fingerprint reader takes one reading of your thumb of right hand
- Once the Biometric supervisor is confident of the process completion, he will allot you your PC station number, and direct you to the computer lab
- Other supervisors/invigilators will physically guide you to the computer allotted to you
- Once you are seated, you will be given a sheet - 'CMAT 2012' – with various points mentioned covering all aspects of your expected behaviour over next 3 hours
- You will then be given 4 blank rough sheets. More papers are available on demand. Pen/Pencils are to be carried by you
- Your roll number is the Username for entering on the PC, and a common password was given to everyone
- Now the Non-Disclosure Agreement appears on the screen, and you have to click it
- The test instructions were displayed on the computer screen in sets of 3 / 4 each
- Don't get too excited! You are not to start anything now. Wait for their instructions
- Once they ask you, please click on the "Start" button, and start the test
- There is no test tutorial, like it was in the IIMCAT
- The test gets loaded now. It may take some time – so don't panic!
- Once the test (CMAT 2012) loads, the test starts
- The first section in CMAT 2012 is 'Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation' of 25 questions
- The second section in CMAT 2012 is 'Logical Reasoning' of 25 questions
- The third section in CMAT 2012 is 'Language Comprehension' of 25 questions
- The fourth section in CMAT 2012 is 'General Awareness' of 25 questions
- There is no sectionwise time limit. You have a total of 180 minutes. You can move anywhere inside the Test as per your wish, using a small scroll bar on right side of the screen that lists all 100 questions' links (each can be clicked)
- A timer is slowly ticking away on bottom right of the screen, reminding you of all the computerised tests you took at your training/ coaching class!
- Keep solving the questions, as per your convenience. You can keep moving back and forth throughout the 100 questions test
- Rough work (which you will need to do) has to be carefully managed in the sheets given, with a pencil / pen
- Be gentle with the pencil – if the edge breaks, you may need a new one
- Questions that are attempted (answers marked) appear in Green colour in the scroll bar. The unattempted ones are in Black colour.
- A bell is rung 15 min before the end of 3 hours to remind you of the inevitability of destiny awaiting you
- The test has to be finally "Submitted" for it to end
- Don't get excited. They won't allow you to leave immediately
- After a few minutes, the invigilator(s) will collect the rough sheets and instructions sheet from you, and then will ask you to leave
- Don't forget to collect your belongings by giving the token to the security guard
- Overall, you took 4.5 hours to finish the whole process
- Remember – you need to have stamina to give your best shot. Hence, take lots of rest in the 3-4 days prior to your testing slot

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Detailed analysis follows in next 2 pages...

## **Bird's Eye View**

CMAT started on 20th February, 2012 at various cities across India. Admission to around 2000 colleges all over India are linked with this exam.

The test has in all **100 questions**, to be solved in a time span of **180 minutes**. Four alternative were provided for each questions. **There were four sections viz. Quantitative Techniques & Data Interpretation, Logical Reasoning, Language Comprehension and General Awareness**. 25 questions were asked in each section.

It was declared in the instructions that each correct answer will carry four marks, while there was a negative marking of one marks for each incorrect answer.

**Total Number of Questions – 100**

**Total Time – 180 minutes (3 hrs)**

**The Marking Scheme –** Four marks for each correct answer. (–)1 marks for each incorrect answer.

**Total Marks – 400**

**Number of Options – 4 per question**

**Sections/Sectional Time Limit – 4 sections, no limits**

**Break-up –**

Sections	Number of questions	Maximum Marks	Difficulty Level
Quantitative Techniques & Data Interpretation	25	100	Easy to Moderate
Logical Reasoning	25	100	Easy to Moderate
Language Comprehension	25	100	Moderate
General Awareness	25	100	Moderate

## **Detailed Analysis**

Sections	Number of questions	Maximum Marks	Difficulty Level	Time suggested	Ideal Attempts	Ideal Score
Quantitative Techniques & Data Interpretation	25	100	Easy to Moderate	60 min	16+	54+
Logical Reasoning	25	100	Easy to Moderate	60 min	20 +	65+
Language Comprehension	25	100	Moderate	50 min	18+	57+
General Awareness	25	100	Moderate	10 min	15+	45+

Overall level of difficulty of the paper can be rated as easy. Ideal attempt would be 69+ questions in the three hours time with more than 85% accuracy.

### **Section I - Quantitative Techniques & Data Interpretation**

The questions on QA were from topics **Number Systems, Linear equations, Work and Time, Pipes and cisterns, Percentages, Averages, Mixtures and Alligations, Geometry, Mensuration, Probability and Permutation & Combination**. Most of the questions were based on linear equations and could be solved easily using options. The questions were easy to moderate difficulty level. For a well prepared student on an average, **not more than 1.5-2 minutes** would be required to solve one question of this area.

In **Data Interpretation**, there were three graphs (two tables and one pie chart) contains one question each. These three questions involved simple calculations like addition and percentage.

Disclaimer: All this information has been memorised by PT students. We are merely reproducing it here in fragments to ensure that the huge community of students eagerly waiting to see an objective comparison of their performance gets the right picture.

## Section II - Logical Reasoning

To check the students' logical and analytical abilities, there were questions on **Syllogism and set theory, Data arrangement, Blood Relations, Linear/circular arrangements, Coding-Decoding, Alphabet Series, strong and weak arguments, direction based questions, calendars**. Majority of the questions was from set theory and coding - decoding and questions were easy and direct. The only obstacle was some questions that contained incomplete data.

## Section III - Language Comprehension

The language section in CMAT was pretty lucid, understandable and scoring. A person with reasonable linguistic skills can attempt and score very well in the section. Questions on critical reasoning, logical completion of idea, parajumbles, idiom and fill in the blanks were asked. Major emphasis was on questions on critical reasoning. What is required is the ability to read quickly and meticulously the text along with hidden messages and implicit connotations. With decent amount of vocabulary and analytical ability, one can approach these questions. With adequate base of reading, one can comfortably attempt questions on Fill in the blanks, Logical completion of ideas and Para jumbles.

## Section IV - General Awareness

Questions were asked on various areas of general awareness like sports, arts and culture, geography, history, politics, business and so on. A consistent reading of newspapers/journals, as also keeping track of the goings - on in contemporary world would enable a candidate to do well in this section.

**Overall, a score of 220+ (out of 400) should be good for getting call  
from eminent B-Schools.**



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