

AICTE - CMAT – Feb 2013



~ Experience, Precautions, Strategy ~

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

- The CMAT 2013 testing process has commenced from 21st Feb 2013
- Students across test centres in India are reporting a technically smooth and glitch-free testing experience
- Things were generally smooth. It was a nice scene to see crowded test centres!
- 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 Admit Card and a valid ID Proof (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)
- For the first slot (morning), the process starts early. One has to be there by 8:00 am sharp and for the second slot (afternoon), the process starts at 1 pm
- 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. Thus, ensure you have taken your lunch prior to reaching here
- 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 2013' – with various points mentioned covering all aspects of your expected behaviour over next 3 hours
- You will then be given 4 blank rough sheets, green coloured. Pen/Pencils are to be carried by you - nothing is provided
- Your roll number is the Username for entering on the PC, and a common password was given to everyone
- 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
- At our test centre, almost all PCs reported "hanging" right at the start, and the problem was slowly handled and removed one by one, in 10-15 minutes. It was distracting, but that's the way it is. Aptech is handling the IT part.
- 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 2013) loads, the test starts
- The first section in CMAT 2013 is 'Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation' of 25 questions
- The second section in CMAT 2013 is 'Logical Reasoning' of 25 questions
- The third section in CMAT 2013 is 'Language Comprehension' of 25 questions
- The fourth section in CMAT 2013 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
- **STRATEGY IS VERY CRITICAL TO SCORING HIGH. Solve as per S-S-S-S technique only, and focus on your strengths first**
- Once they ask you, please click on the "Start" button, and start the test
- **BEAUTY OF CMAT - there are no "sets of questions"; all questions are stand-alone**
- 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.
- 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 to 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

~ Kar ke dikhayenge ~

Detailed analysis follows in next 2 pages...

Bird's Eye View

CMAT started on 21st February, 2013 at 62 cities across India. Admission to more than 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	50 min	17 +	58 +
Logical Reasoning	25	100	Easy to Moderate	60 min	18 +	62 +
Language Comprehension	25	100	Moderate to Tough	60 min	16 +	54 +
General Awareness	25	100	Easy to Moderate	10 min	18 +	57 +

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

Section I - Quantitative Techniques & Data Interpretation

Questions from topics like Number Systems, Linear equations, Inequalities, Pipes and cisterns, Profit & Loss, Averages, Mixtures and Alligations, Coordinate Geometry, Mensuration, Probability, and Permutation & Combination.

Questions were based on almost all the topics and could be solved easily using options. Questions were of easy to moderate difficulty level. In **Data Interpretation**, there was one bar graph and one pie chart containing one question each. These involved simple calculations like addition, percentages, and ratios. Two questions were from Data Sufficiency. DS was tough - answers were not obtainable even using both statements.

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

Questions on Data arrangement, Blood Relations, Family relations, Linear arrangements, Coding-Decoding, Visual Reasoning, Alphabet Series, Direction based questions, Calenders etc.

Majority of the questions was from grouping and conditionality. A lot of information was given in these questions followed by only one question following it. This makes it tough.

Section III - Language Comprehension

It was not an easy section this time. CMAT expected you to be well-read. A person with reasonable linguistic skills can attempt and score very well in the section. Most of the questions were **based on critical reasoning** based on the information given in short passages. Questions were from the areas like parajumbles, idioms, vocabulary and fill-in-the-blanks.

What is required is the ability to read quickly and meticulously, along with hidden messages and implicit connotations plus decent amount of vocabulary and analytical ability.

Section IV - General Awareness

Questions were asked on various areas of general awareness like banking, 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 230+ (out of 400) should be good for getting call from eminent B-Schools.

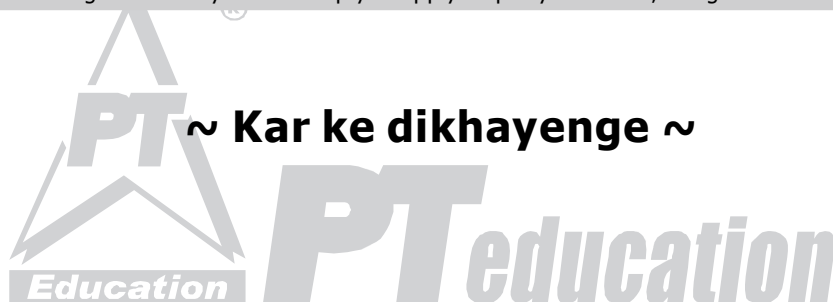
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Some memory based questions:

1. Difference between SI and CI on a certain sum of money for 2 years @ 10 %pa is Rs. 50. Find the sum.
2. $2a \log b - 2 \log a - 2 = 0$. what is the value of $a^b \times b^a$?
3. -8, -6, -4,..... Sum of how many terms of this series is 52?
4. Find the sum of the series, $1/7 + 2/7^2 + 1/7^3 + 2/7^4 + 1/7^5 + \dots$ to infinity.
5. Convert 1001001(binary) to hexadecimal.
6. If $\sec A = 1.25$, find $\tan A$.
7. Find the number of ways of arranging the letters of the word "razzmatazz".
8. Two numbers are chosen at random from 2,3,4,5,6. What is the probability that one number is even and the other is odd?
9. Find the equation of a line whose y-intercept is -5 and slope is 2/3.
10. If 2 hands of a clock points north at 12 pm, in which direction will the hour's hand points at 1.30 pm?
11. What is the solution of the equations $|-x| < 5$?
12. Find the angle of elevation of the top of a tower if length of its shadow is $\sqrt{3}$ times the height of the tower.
13. Which of the following term is not mentioned in the preamble? (Ans. was "federal")
14. UN day is celebrated on which date? (Ans. 24th Oct.)
15. One followed by 100 zeros is name of which company? (Ans. Google derived from Googol)
16. When Sun enters the tropic of capricorn, which festival is celebrated? (Ans. Makar Sankranti)
17. IBRD and IDA is also called..... (Ans. The World Bank)
18. Who is the President of Egypt (as on 01-12-2012) ? (Ans. Md Morsi)
19. BCCI chief N Srinivasn is associated with which of the following company? (Ans. India Cements)
20. Nalanda is located in which state of India? (Ans. Bihar)
21. Dispute between Tamilnadu and Karnataka is for water of which river? (Ans. Kavery)
22. What is the next term of the series 3,6,15,42,123....?
23. What is the weight of the highest weight used to measure any weight from 1 kg to 40 kg using minimum number of weights?
24. Which is the next term of the series A,C,F,J,O,U.....?
25. Mobile : Radiation :: ? : pollution. (Ans. was "Industry")
26. Virginia House is the HQ of which company? (Ans. was ITC)
27. Raman Magasaysay award is based on name of President of (Ans. was Phillipines)
28. Culture Consumers was a book by ... (Ans. was Alvin Toffler)
29. JINGOIST is the synonym of... (Ans. was 'patriotism')
30. Amber King Man Singh was awarded the title of by Aurangzeb. (Ans. was 'sawai')

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