

~ Experience, Precautions, Strategy ~

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

- The CMAT 2014 testing process has commenced from 26th Sept 2013
- Students across test centres in India are reporting a technically smooth and glitch-free testing experience
- Things were generally smooth.
- 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 breakfast/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 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) loads, the test starts
- The first section in CMAT is 'Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation' of 25 questions
- The second section in CMAT is 'Logical Reasoning' of 25 questions
- The third section in CMAT is 'Language Comprehension' of 25 questions
- The fourth section in CMAT 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 (except in R.C.)**
- 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 26th September, 2013 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	Moderate to Tough
Language Comprehension	25	100	Moderate to Tough
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	Moderate to Tough	60 min	14 +	44 +
Language Comprehension	25	100	Moderate to Tough	60 min	16 +	54 +
General Awareness	25	100	Moderate	10 min	15 +	47 +

Overall level of difficulty of the paper can be rated as MODERATE. Ideal attempt would be 62+ 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, Profit & Loss and Discounts, EMI, Averages, Mixtures and Alligations, Coordinate Geometry, Mensuration, Permutation & Combination, Calendars, Progressions, Ratio Proportions and DI.

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 table based containing one question each. These involved slightly odd calculations like addition, percentages, and ratios. No Data Sufficiency in QT-DI (1 in LR).

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Section II - Logical Reasoning

Questions on Data arrangements (most of them), Blood Relations, Family relations, Linear arrangements, Coding-Decoding, Visual Reasoning, Direction based questions, etc.

Majority of the questions was from grouping and conditionality, and data arrangement. Some questions looked unsolvable, but using options, they were manageable. 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 understanding and reasoning** based on the information given in short passages. Questions were from the areas like LCI, FIJ, parajumbles, Grammar, vocabulary and fill-in-the-blanks.

There were FIVE RC PASSAGES on varied topics, with 3 questions on each. 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 215+ (out of 400) should be good for getting call from eminent B-Schools. Topmost ones will go higher than this.

Declaration of result - 20th Oct, 2013



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