

Q. WHAT CAT STANDS FOR?

A. Common Admission Test is what CAT stands for.

Q. WHO CONDUCT CAT?

A. All Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) jointly conduct CAT.

Q. HOW MANY INSTITUTES FOLLOW CAT SCORES?

A. FOLLOWING ARE THE IIMs AND NON-IIM INSTITUTES LIST :-

IIM INSTITUTES :

- IIM AHMEDABAD
- IIM BANGALORE
- IIM CALCUTTA
- IIM INDORE
- IIM LUCKNOW
- IIM KOZHIKODE
- IIM SHILLONG

SOME NON-IIM INSTITUTES

Q. HOW MANY CANDIDATES APPEAR FOR CAT EVERY YEAR?

A. Almost two lack candidates appear for cat every year. To be factual - 1.91 lack candidates in 2006 and 2.3 lack candidate in 2007 appeared in CAT and 2.11 lack applications are already sold for current year, last date is still a little far.

Q. WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT STEPS OF SELECTION IN CAT?

A. There are three steps in selection procedure :

1. WRITTEN TEST
2. GROUP DISCUSSION
3. PERSONAL INTERVIEW

And broadly the selection is based on various things like :

AREAS	CREDIT
WRITTEN TEST	200
GROUP DISCUSSION	17
VERBAL REASONING	17
ACADEMIC RECORD AND WORK - EXPERIENCE	6
TOTAL	240

Q. WHAT IS THE MARKING SCHEME IN CAT?

A. CAT follows negative marking scheme. Each correct answer carries 1 mark and incorrect deducts 1/3 mark.

Q. WHAT ARE THE CAT SCORES AND SCORE DISTRIBUTION?

A. CAT score is evaluated in Percentile form but scorecard is divided in to three parts.

SUBJECT	SCORE	PERCENTILE
PROBLEM SOLVING	XX	XX
DATA INTERPRETATION	XX	XX
VERBAL REASONING	XX	XX
TOTAL	XXX	XXX

Q. WHAT TYPE OF QUESTIONS CAN WE EXPECT?

A. There are various type of questions from various topics from different sections. To have an idea you can have a look at [CAT-2007](#). For detailed information check out [tests](#) and [lessons](#) available in the [community](#).

Q. IS THERE ANY INDIVIDUAL SECTION WISE CUT OFF?

A. There is no such fixed cut off for individual sections on written test. Cut off lists are declared every year for respective year as per the difficulty level of test. For example : last year i.e. 2007, verbal section was extra difficult so the cut offs of verbal section was lowest than ever. Some colleges don't give any preference to individual scores as well. So you can say there is no fixed criteria.

Q. HOW MUCH TIME YOU GOT TO PUT IN?

A. This is another question that can't be answered in concrete terms. This is totally based on individual capabilities but still i can say:

- for problem solving section: you need a preparation time of 6-8 weeks
- for reasoning section: 4-6 weeks are enough
- for verbal section: this is the area that has no time limit cause this section is very vast.

Q. HOW TO OBTAIN CAT APPLICATION FORM ?

A. The CAT application form from the selected branches of Axis Bank on payment of Rs. 1300/- (Rs. 650/- for SC/ST candidates). Under exceptional circumstances, CAT 2008 application form and bulletin can also be obtained from any of the IIMs by sending a crossed demand draft of Rs. 1300/- (Rs. 650/- for SC/ST candidates) drawn in favor of the respective IIM.

Request for the bulletin should be accompanied by a cloth lined self-addressed unstamped envelope of 12 X 10 size.

Q. WHAT ALL IS THERE IN THE CAT APPLICATION FORM AND WHERE TO SEND FILLED CAT ADMISSION FORM AND WHAT'S THE LAST DATE?

A. CAT admission form should be sent to the nearest IIMs office possible except IIM-SHILLONG.

CAT admission form broadly consists 35 inquiry boxes asking details ranging from personal details to academic background of the candidates.

Q. WHAT'S THE SYLLABUS OF CAT--- WRITTEN TEST?

A. Written Test is divided in three sections mainly:-

1. Problem Section

- Arithmetic and Algebra
- Advanced Maths (Part of Arithmetic and Algebra only but touches a different height)
- Geometry

2. Reasoning Section

- Data Interpretation
- Data Sufficiency
- Logical Reasoning

3. Verbal Section

- Verbal Ability
- Reading Comprehension