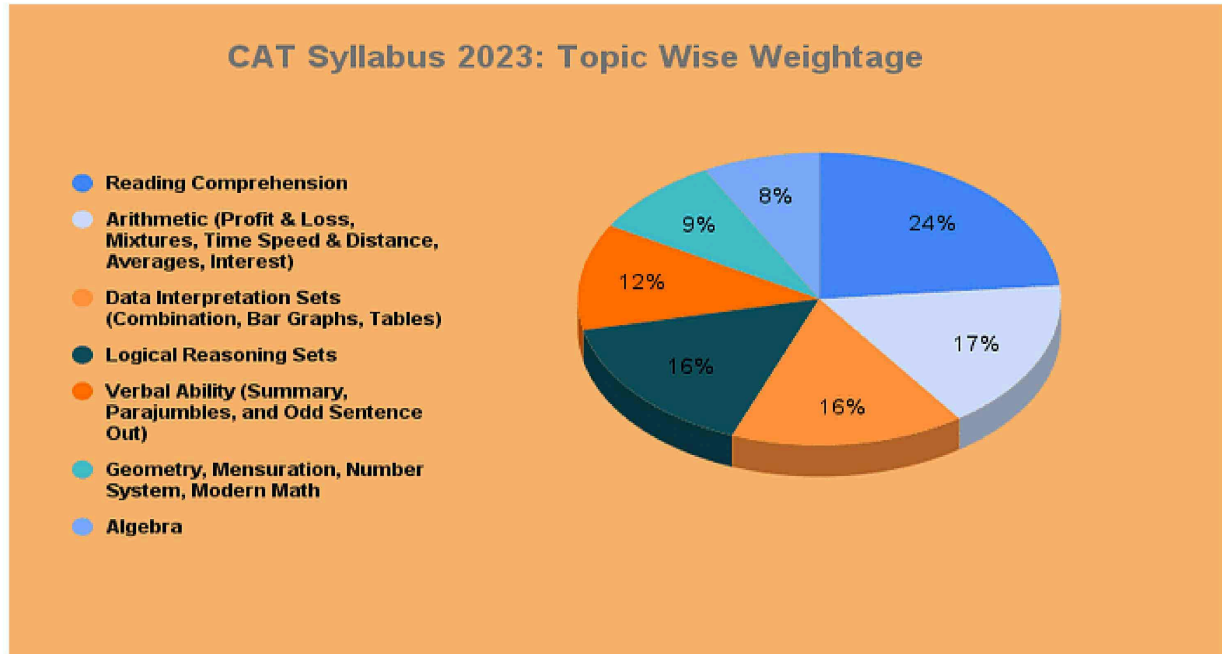# CAT Syllabus 2023

CAT Syllabus 2023 for VARC, DILR, and QA is tabulated below. The list of all topics and sub-topics that are included in CAT syllabus 2023 irrespective of the weightage is provided here:

Section	CAT Syllabus 2023
CAT Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension Syllabus	Verbal Ability: Para Jumbles, Summary, Sentence Completion, Odd Sentence Out, Antonyms & Synonyms, Error Detection, Phrase Modifiers, Idioms, Analogies, Cloze Test, Word Usage, Reading Comprehension: Facts-Inference-Judgement, Critical Analysis of Passage, Themes of the RC passage
CAT Quantitative Aptitude Syllabus	Arithmetic: Profit & Loss, Time & Work, Time Speed & Distance, Mixtures, Ratio & Proportion, Percentage, Averages, Simple & Compound Interest, Chain Rule Geometry & Mensuration: Lines & Angles, Circles, Triangles, Polygons, Area & Volume of 2D and 3D figures, Coordinate Geometry Algebra: Quadratic Equations, Series, Inequalities, Functions, Surds & Indices, Logarithm Numbers: Real Numbers, Irrational Numbers, Complex Numbers, HCF, LCM, Unit's Digit, Remainders, Zeroes Modern Math: Permutation and Combination, Probability, Set Theory
DILR CAT Syllabus	Caselets, Tabular Data, Pie Charts, Line Graphs, Bar Graphs, Column Graphs, Combination Graphs/ Charts, Syllogisms, Puzzles, Blood Relations, Coding-Decoding, Seating Arrangement, Ranking, Direction sense test, Logical Sequence

CAT Topic Wise Weightage

On observing the question papers of the last 3 years, it is evident that IIMs have started giving higher weightage to some topics over the others. Reading Comprehension and Arithmetic alone account for more than 40% weightage in CAT syllabus. Some topics have not been asked in the last 2 years like calendars, clocks, trigonometry, error

detection, cloze tests, etc. CAT topic wise weightage is provided below for the CAT 2023 aspirants.

CAT Syllabus 2023: Topic Wise Weightage

Legend:
- Reading Comprehension
- Arithmetic (Profit & Loss, Mixtures, Time Speed & Distance, Averages, Interest)
- Data Interpretation Sets (Combination, Bar Graphs, Tables)
- Logical Reasoning Sets
- Verbal Ability (Summary, Parajumbles, and Odd Sentence Out)
- Geometry, Mensuration, Number System, Modern Math
- Algebra

Pie chart values: 24%, 17%, 16%, 16%, 12%, 9%, 8%

CAT Syllabus for MBA	CAT Weightage
Reading Comprehension	24%
Arithmetic (Profit & Loss, Mixtures, Time Speed & Distance, Averages, Interest)	17%
Data Interpretation Sets (Combination, Bar Graphs, Tables)	16%
Logical Reasoning Sets	16%
Verbal Ability (Summary, Parajumbles, and Odd Sentence Out)	12%
Geometry, Mensuration, Number System, Modern Math	9%
Algebra	8%

VARC Syllabus for CAT

VARC Syllabus for CAT is now primarily focused on 5 topics- para jumbles, para completion, para summary, odd sentence out, and reading comprehension. Your preparation should be focused around these 5 topics of VARC CAT syllabus 2023- know the type of questions asked in previous years, how to approach these questions for accuracy, and the important CAT english syllabus topics required to attempt these questions. The topic wise weightage of VARC syllabus for CAT is provided here:

VARC Syllabus	Weightage in CAT 2022 (No. of Questions)	Weightage in CAT 2021 (No. of Questions)	Difficulty Level
Reading Comprehension	16	16	Moderate to Difficult
Para Jumbles	2-3	3	Moderate
Para Completion	2-3	-	Moderate
Odd Sentence Out	-	2	Easy to Moderate
Para Summary	3	3	Moderate

CAT Verbal Ability Syllabus

All the topics that form part of CAT Syllabus for Verbal Ability are provided below:

CAT Verbal Ability Syllabus		
Subject-verb agreement	Antonyms and Synonyms	Parallelism
Idioms and Phrases	Article Usage	Error Detection (Tenses & Prepositions)
Sentence completion (Vocabulary)	Foreign language words used in English	One word substitution
Parts of speech	Word Usage and Phrases modifiers	Types of clauses

Reading Comprehension Syllabus for CAT

There is no specific topic that you need to study in CAT syllabus 2023 for reading comprehension. Practicing more reading comprehension passages is the only way to master this section. With 67% weightage in the VARC section, it is extremely important to score well here. Given below is the list of topics on which RC questions were asked in 2020, 2021, and 2022. You can find the links to download and practice reading comprehension questions that have appeared in the last few years.

Slot	Reading Comprehension Topics in CAT 2022	Reading Comprehension Topics in CAT 2021	Reading Comprehension Topics in CAT 2020
Slot 1	• Chinese art of writing • Stoicism + Greek Philosopher • Ghost & their mysteries	• Mayan Civilisation • Evolution of Tea • Utopia and Dystopia • Marshmallow Experiment	• Anarchism • Grammar and Vocabulary • Migration of Seals • Currency of Tang Dynasty

	• Levels of emotional thinking		
Slot 2	• Music • Technology • Octopus • Philosophy	• Language and Indigenous People • Colonialism and Nationalism • Knowledge is a Scandal to Philosophy • Why Fiction Trumps Truth?	• International Trade and Piracy • Renewable Energy Technologies • Freudian Models of Aggression • Study of Visualization
Slot 3	• Crime Rate • Philosophy • Indian History • Human Automation and Technology	• Language Instinct • Time-Accuracy • Nanotechnology • Unconscious and Psychoanalysis	• The Need for Economic Literacy • Travel and Feminism during Colonialism • Screen Time and Undercurrents of Social Class • Analysis of Human Nature

DILR Syllabus for CAT

DILR Syllabus for CAT is further divided into 2 sections- logical reasoning and data interpretation. To cover the DILR Syllabus for CAT, daily practice is the most important aspect. In CAT 2023, you can expect 2 question sets of 4-6 questions each from DI and LR. Buy Arun Sharma CAT Books, see youtube videos, and solve previously asked DILR CAT questions to develop speed and accuracy.

CAT Syllabus for Logical Reasoning

CAT syllabus for logical reasoning includes the topics tabulated below. In CAT 2023 question paper, you will find question sets from 2-3 of these 10 topics. The most prominent among these are seating arrangement, blood relations, and logical puzzles.

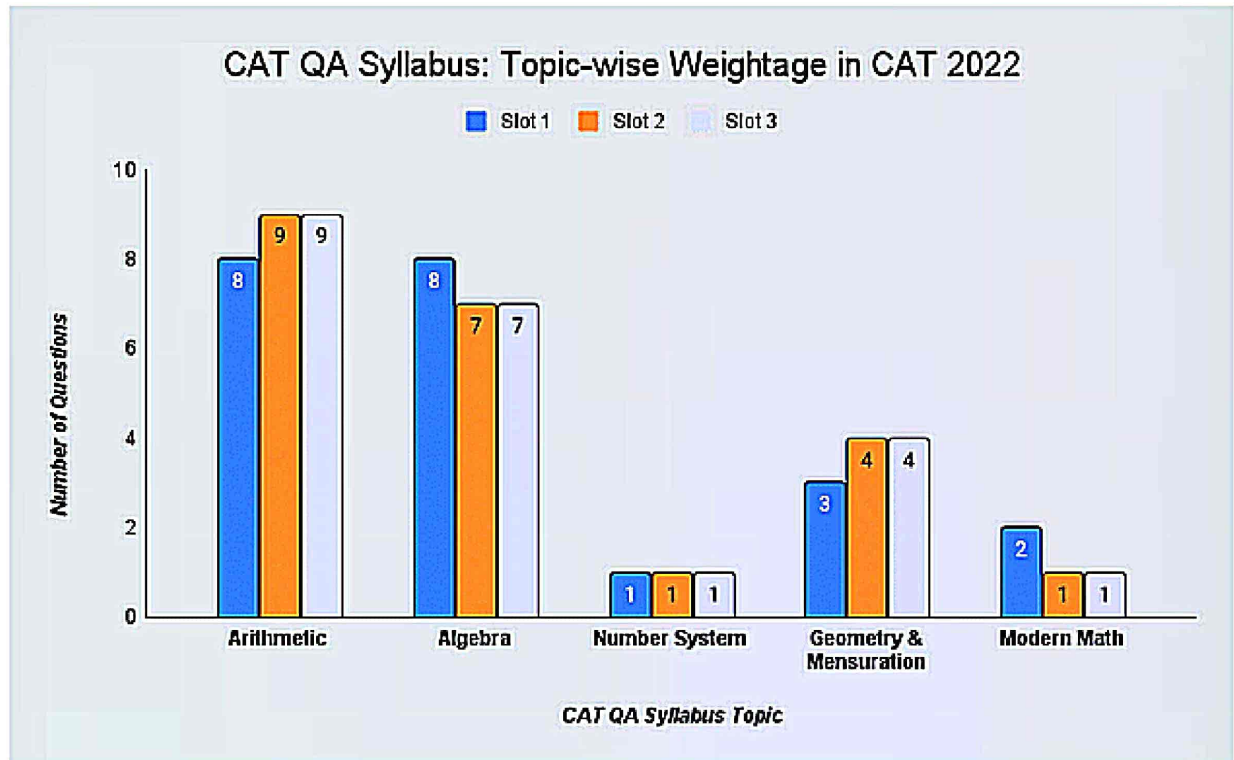|	
Seating Arrangement	Blood Relations
Data Arrangement	Logical Puzzles
Syllogisms	Direction-sense
Coding-Decoding	Binary Logic
Logical Matching	Logical Connectives

CAT Syllabus for Data Interpretation

CAT Syllabus for Data Interpretation includes a basic understanding of the types of graphs, charts, diagrams and how to calculate the required values from the given data.

- DILR CAT questions are also framed on the basis of data presented in tables and paragraphs.
- The most asked form of question is a combination of 2 or more types of data representation.

Quantitative Aptitude Syllabus for CAT

CAT Syllabus for Quantitative Aptitude is based on the topics of maths syllabus. Arithmetic accounts for more than 50% of the questions asked from CAT QA Syllabus. The major topics included are profit, loss & discount, time speed & distance, mixtures, average, work, percentage, ratio & proportion, and SI/ CI. The topic wise weightage of QA syllabus for CAT is provided here:

CAT QA Syllabus: Topic-wise Weightage in CAT 2022

Topic	Weightage in CAT 2022 (No. of Questions)	Weightage in CAT 2021 (No. of Questions)	Difficulty Level
Arithmetic	8-9	10-11	Easy to Moderate
Algebra	7-8	5-6	Moderate to Difficult
Numbers	1	1-2	Moderate
Geometry & Mensuration	3-4	3-4	Moderate to Difficult
Modern Math	1-2	1-2	Moderate

CAT Exam Pattern

CAT Exam Pattern has undergone major changes in the last 3 years. From 2015-19, CAT exam had 100 questions to be attempted in 180 minutes.

In 2020, the pattern of CAT question paper was revised due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of questions was reduced to just 76 and time to 120 minutes.

- In 2021, the number of questions was further reduced by 10 to 66.
- CAT exam 2022 was also as per the revised pattern of 2021.

The latest **CAT exam pattern** which will be followed for the year 2023 is provided below:

Section	CAT Questions	CAT Duration	CAT Total Marks
VARC	24	40 minutes	72
Quantitative Aptitude	22	40 minutes	66
DILR	20	40 minutes	60
Total	66	120 minutes	198