



Indeed all CAT Aspirants who are appearing for exam might get panicked before the exams, especially during when CAT is nearing. But, it is important to maintain your cool during this period because this time is very crucial.

MBA Rendezvous presents Top 10 Tips for your smooth Preparation:

- 1. Focus on Your Speed and Accuracy:** - For QA, you need to revise your basics thoroughly and focus on your speed and accuracy of calculation to reduce solving time, as well as decrease mistakes and increase accuracy.
- 2. Topics from Which Questions are asked:** - Quantitative Ability section tests knowledge of mathematics-based questions, from areas like arithmetic, algebra, geometry/mensuration, etc. Students need to practice well and decide according to their interest the relative importance of various chapters like numbers, geometry, time-speed-distance, time-work, permutations-combinations, etc. The proportion of questions from any topic is unknown and CAT is known to throw surprises
- 3. Strategies that can be followed:** - Management of time is crucial in the QA section as there are 34 questions and 60 minutes. QA mostly tests applications of simple, mostly class X level concepts. Thus, conceptual knowledge has to be combined with lots of practice – what helps this is trying out many types of questions to increase one's comfort level with as many chapters as possible. In questions on algebra and numbers, sometimes, substituting the given options can answer questions straight away, instead of solving them for the unknown quantity. For topics like geometry, surds, logarithms, and progressions, students must memorise the standard properties and formulae.
- 4. Pitfalls to be Avoided:** - Although CAT has the reputation of being one of the, if not the, toughest exams, it is obvious that each paper will still have enough solvable questions. The biggest hurdle to avoid is to panic during the exam. Through practice, the procedure of identifying the easier and solvable questions and answering them correctly must be developed and honed
- 5. Vedic Mathematics:** - DI checks the candidate's ability to study and analysing the data that is given in the question. DI entails a lot of calculations and to get correct answers in as less time as possible, becoming well-versed in Vedic Mathematics is a great idea.
- 6. Topics from Which Questions are asked:** - The DI section is almost completely application-based, requiring knowledge as well as on-the-spot deduction. This section tests understanding of the given information (charts, graphs, case lets, etc.) and using the relevant data from the information given to answer the questions. It requires calculations as well as reasoning or interpreting the data visually. There are more data question types e.g. Venn diagrams, routes and networks, 3-d or spider charts, games and tournaments, etc. which appear in various exams, including CAT.

7. Time Allocated: - In DI (along with LR) there will be 32 questions to be finished in 60 minutes

8. Questions must be studied carefully: - A brief explanation of why each choice is correct or incorrect follows each practice question. If you understand this reasoning for the practice items, you will do well on the actual assessment. Both the factual passage and the sentence completion instruction must be read carefully. Both must be considered in making your choice. Be sure to read all the response choices carefully before choosing one.

9. NO Assumptions: - You need not assume or use any information that the question fails to give you. This is NOT an assessment of how much you know about economics in general. Consider ONLY the information given in each reading passage when choosing among the alternative responses.

10. Valid Conclusion: - In questions that ask you to select a valid conclusion, always choose the one conclusion that must definitely follow from the information you are given. In questions that ask you to find the invalid alternative, choose the one conclusion that does not definitely follow from the information.

MBA Rendezvous wishes you All the best for your CAT Preparation