***CMAT: COMMON MANAGEMENT ADMISSION TEST***

Earlier conducted by AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education), the common management admission test is the way through to entitle yourself in a management program across the nation. This examination is conducted on an All India level and is very competitive in nature. The examination is a three hours online test (computer based) which judges and evaluates the candidates ability in various domains such as, quantitative reasoning, general awareness, language comprehension, logical and analytical reasoning skills and all of it is to be done in one session. This test is now conducted by NTA.

The test scores are accepted in all institutes affiliated to AICTE. It is a mean to facilitate institutes to choose the eligible candidates for a management program in their college.

***ELIGIBILITY:***

The eligibility criteria to appear for CMAT is as follows:

1. The candidate must have earned a bachelors degree in any discipline. (could be appearing for final year of UG course)
2. Must be a citizen of India.
3. There is no upper limit for the age of appearing candidate.
4. There is no minimum marks/ percentile requirement during UG.

***TEST STRUCTURE:***

***Duration:***  180 mins.( The candidates can switch through the various sections as there is no time limit allotted per section. )

Format:

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| Question type | No. of questions | Maximum marks |
| Quantitative abilities | 25 | 100 |
| Logical reasoning | 25 | 100 |
| Language comprehension | 25 | 100 |
| General awareness | 25 | 100 |

Mode of examination: CBT (Computer Based Test).

Marking scheme: each question carries 4 marks. Upon answering correctly the candidate is awarded 4 marks but if answered incorrectly, 1 mark is deducted.

(negative marking of -1 for incorrect answers.)

Detailed explanation of each section:

* Quantitative reasoning: the quantitative section focusses entirely on the mathematical ability of the candidate. It consists of data interpretation and high school mathematics. A few of the sections in this region may be advanced for non- mathematics background students. This section needs precision and excellent time management skills.

1. Ratios
2. Percentage
3. Probability
4. Geometry and mensuration
5. Progressions
6. Simple and compound interest
7. Numbers
8. Allegations
9. Profit and loss
10. Quadratic equations
11. Averages
12. Permutation and combination
13. Simple equations
14. Time and work
15. Data handling
16. Coordinate geometry
17. Trigonometry
18. Data sufficiency
19. Bar graph
20. Pie graph
21. Multiple graph

Reference books recommended:

1. Arihant
2. NCERT
3. Disha
4. Ananta Ashisha

* Logical reasoning: this is one of the basic sections which ranges from common sense to some tough IQ challengers.

Here are the topics most likely to appear in the exam:

1.Analytical Reasoning

2.Cause and Effects

3.Non-Verbal Reasoning

4.Linear Arrangements

5.Symbol Based Problems

6.Blood Relationship Tests

7.Analogy Test

8.Statements Arguments

9.Direction and Distance Test

10.Statements and Conclusion

11.Number Series

12.Statements Assumptions

13.Inferences

14.Matrix Arrangements

15.Ranking Tests

16.Coding and Decoding

17.Sequencing

* Language comprehension: one the most vital and comparatively easier sections of the test. The motive is to judge the understanding in the subject of English. Grammar and other basic skills are understood. Its one of the time consuming sections. It consists of the following:

1.English Grammar

2.Paragraph Completion

3.Sentence Improvement

4.English Usage Errors

5.Synonyms and Antonyms

6.Reading Comprehension

7.One-word Substitution

8.Jumbled Para

9.Idioms and Phrases

10.Sentence Correction

* **General awareness:** current affairs and news world wide are covered in this section. It is truly difficult to crack this section and the questions are based on general knowledge. This section ranges from ancient history to the most recent advancement in technology. There is no definite syllabus for the section. Based on previous papers the following are the recurring and comparatively important topics:

1.Literature

2.Current Affairs of National and International Economy

3.History

4.Sports News

5.Science in everyday life

6.Politics

7.Geography

8.Culture

9.Economics

10.Trade Awareness

11. news around the globe

12.Indian Constitution

These are the essential and required information needed before starting preparation for the management exams. It is difficult to crack the exam, but with the right amount of practice and dedication one can definitely join their dream college!

Here are a few tips to stay ahead of things:

1. Keep a handbook: it might turn out to be beneficial to keep a book separately that consists of all the formulas. You may keep a book separately for the current affairs, history or any other topic that needs a quick glance from time to time.
2. Time management: it is very important to manage your time during the examination. Solving mocks and keeping habit of timing yourself will prove to be beneficial.
3. Important topics: it is crucial for one to know all the repeated topics and practice them religiously.
4. Keeping the basics clear: the CMAT is a conceptual exam. It is important to focus on the basics.