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# Get to know XAT

Hey! Everyone....Welcome to CATKing Family.

I am here to guide you about XAT. So, what exactly is XAT?

XAT is a national-level management entrance examination conducted by XLRI, Jamshedpur for admission to MBA/PGDM programmes. Apart from XLRI and 10 other XAMI member colleges, over 1,000 B-schools accept XAT scores for admission to their post-graduate management programmes. The XAT question paper consists of 100 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) from Decision Making, Verbal & Logical Ability, Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation and General Knowledge.

**\*XAT 2025 expected date - 5 Jan 2025**

## Now, Lets see the Exam Pattern of XAT

| Section | Subjects                                   | Questions  | Time Taken      | Negative Marking   |
|---------|--|------------|-----------------|--|
| Part 1  | Verbal Ability & Logical Ability           | 26         | 175 mins        | Yes<br>+1<br>-0.25<br>-0.1*(for more than 8 unattempted questions) |
|         | Decision Making & Analytical Reasoning     | 22         |                 |  |
|         | Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation | 28         |                 |  |
|         | <b>Total</b>                               | <b>76</b>  |                 |  |
| Part 2  | Mock Keyboard Testing                      | -          | 5 mins          | No   |
| Part 3  | General Awareness                          | 25         | 30 mins         |  |
|         | Essay Writing                              | 1          |                 |  |
|         | <b>Total</b>                               | <b>102</b> | <b>210 mins</b> |  |

\*Negative marking for unattempted questions is like -

- (0-8) unattempted questions - no marks deducted
- >8 unattempted questions -  $(0.1 * \text{no of questions})$  marks are deducted
- for eg :- if 7 unattempted - 0 marks deducted
  - if 8 unattempted - 0 marks deducted
  - if 10 unattempted -  $0.1 * (10-8) = 0.2$  marks deducted
  - if 12 unattempted -  $0.1 * (12-8) = 0.4$  marks deducted



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## Registration Dates are not out yet, but here are the dates as per last 3 years...

| XAT                 | Last Year(2023) | 2 Years Ago(2022) | 3 years Ago(2021)   |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Exam Registration   | 15 Jul - 10 Dec | 10 Aug - 11 Dec   | 10 Aug - 10 Dec     |
| Admit Card Download | 29 Dec onwards  | 26 Dec onwards    | 24 Dec - 2 Jan 2022 |
| Exam Date           | 7 Jan 2024      | 8 Jan 2023        | 2 Jan 2022          |
| Result              | 20 Jan 2024     | 28 Jan 2023       | 17 Jan 2022         |

## So, what is the eligibility criteria for XAT?

Candidates must have completed graduation or can be in the final year of the graduation.

## Ohh! There are some important highlights of XAT. Let's see what they are

- Scores of General Knowledge section are not considered for calculating XAT percentile
- No marks are allotted to essay
- The essay will be evaluated at the time of PI shortlisting



**Pradhyuman Pradeep, XAT**  
**99.3%ile**

I got introduced to CATKing from the YouTube Channel when I was researching various examinations for MBA, and later joined in their course. I got a lot of help from it especially the mocks. My weak point was time management and working on mocks really helped me get better at managing time, which allowed me to take my time solve the Quant section increasing my accuracy a lot. Thanks to CATKing their course helped me with improving rapidly.



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## XAT Syllabus

| Section  | Syllabus  |
|--|---|
| Verbal & Logical Reasoning                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Comprehension, Verbal reasoning</li> <li>• Analogy, Parajumble, Grammar, Critical Reasoning, Fill in the Blanks, etc</li> </ul>                        |
| Decision Making                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Arrangement, Conditioning, Grouping, Complex Arrangement, Caselets, Assumptions, Premises, Conclusions, etc.</li> </ul>                                   |
| Quantitative, Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arithmetic, Geometry, Mensuration, Percentage, Surds and Indices, Algebra, Mensuration, Bar Diagrams, Pie Charts, Tables, Data Interpretation, etc.</li> </ul> |
| General Knowledge                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science, Economy, Business, Politics, Static GK, Sports, Prize and Award, World, Government, Constitution of India, etc.</li> </ul>                            |

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The material CATKing provides is more than enough as far as most of the Management Exams are concerned esp. CAT. Mocks (Full length & Sectional) are at par with real CAT exams and analysis dashboard gives you in depth and easily inferable insights about your performance. The last and the most important factor - persistence is key to cracking Management exams, and an average human needs motivation in one form or another. CATKing has it all!





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# XAT 2022 – 2024 score vs percentile analysis

| %ile | 2024 | 2023 | 2022  | 2021 | 2020 |
|------|------|------|-------|------|------|
| 99   | 44   | 46   | 37    | 37   | 40   |
| 97   | 38   | 41   | 32.8  | 33   | 34   |
| 95   | 36   | 39   | 30.25 | 31   | 29   |
| 90   | 32   | 35   | 27    | 27   | 26   |
| 80   | 25   | 31   | 22.5  | 23   | 19   |
| 70   | 20   | 27   | 19.75 | 20   | 17   |

## Now Let's have a look on XAT Preparation Strategy

### Phase 1 (Till 25 Dec):-

#### For Quants and DI:-

1. Geometry - Full formula based, therefore make notes of it
2. Focus on Data Sufficiency, watch Dashboard videos for conceptual clarity
3. Prepare basics of trigonometry
4. Practice Bar, Line, and Pie graphs questions

#### For Decision Making

1. It is kind of combination of Critical Reasoning and Verbal Ability
2. Practice different types of questions based on Ethical Dilemma, Strategic Decision, Business Decision, Behavioural/Personal, Plan of Action/Course of Action, and Quant/LR based Decision making questions.

#### Verbal Ability

1. For Reading Comprehension, practice Direct and Inference Type Questions
2. For Poems, don't go for literal meaning
3. Focus on Critical Reasoning, Vocabulary, and Grammar





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## Mocks Strategy

1. Target 17-18 correct questions both in QADI or Verbal sections, and 12 questions each in other 2 sections
2. Daily 1 hour Decision Making practice
3. Practice from PYQs
4. Everyday read Aeon Essays at least for 30 mins
5. Prepare all the conceptual questions
6. Prepare Critical Reasoning from GMAT official Guide
7. Target Score to crack XAT is given below:-

| Section  | Cutoff | Target Score 1 | Target Score 2 |
|--|--------|----------------|----------------|
| Verbal & Logical Reasoning                           | 8-9    | 16             | 12             |
| Decision Making                                      | 7-7.5  | 12             | 12             |
| Quantitative, Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency | 8-10   | 12             | 16             |

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Satwik Soni

I was a student at CATKing and I must say, the dashboard they've created is very helpful especially the ebooks, mocks and also the everyday classes. The price is also decent in exchange for the quality.



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## What After XAT?

### Let's have a look on GD-WAT-PI process!

| Selection Process       | Description  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Group Discussion (GD)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A case or a group activity is given to 8-10 students. Students has to discuss &amp; come up with a solution within 30 minutes.</li> </ul> |
| Personal Interview (PI) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it is a in persona interaction with the panel of the college the student is applying for</li> </ul>                                       |

### Now, we see some Placement highlights of XAT accepting colleges

| College Name        | Cutoff %ile | Average Placement | Median Placement | Highest Placement | Total Fees | Batch Size |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| XLRI Jamshedpur     | 94-95       | 29L               | 21.5L            | 1.07Cr            | 23.15L     | 114        |
| XIM University      | 91-92       | 19.53L            | 18.37L           | 30L               | 20.9L      | 350        |
| MICA Ahmedabad      | 90-91       | 20.09L            | 19L              | 36L               | 19L        | 235        |
| IMT Ghaziabad       | 90-91       | 17.35L            | 16L              | 65.6L             | 21.53L     | 632        |
| TAPMI Manipal       | 85-87       | 14.6L             | -                | 24.8L             | 17.34L     | 660        |
| Great Lakes Chennai | 85-86       | 17.3L             | -                | 39.3L             | 20.8L      | 345        |
| GIM Goa             | 85-86       | 14.87L            | 14.7L            | 55L               | 19.4L      | 300        |
| Great Lakes Gurgaon | 80-96       | 11.6L             | -                | 20.5L             | 18.5L      | 290        |
| K J Somaiya Mumbai  | 80-82       | 12.32L            | 11.75L           | 25.96L            | 20.87L     | 600+       |
| Welingker Mumbai    | 70-75       | 12L               | 12.04L           | 25.8L             | 13         | 840        |
| Fore Delhi          | 77-87       | 15.1L             | 14L              | 30L               | 18.27L     | 480        |
| NIBM Pune           | 84          | 14.16L            | -                | 26.5L             | 16L        | 120        |
| BIM Trichy          | 75-85       | 12.4L             | 11.4L            | 20.5L             | 12.8L      | 120        |
| IRMA                | 80-85       | 11.39L            | 10L              | 46.5L             | 18.69L     | 180        |
| IMI Delhi           | 85-90       | 17.01L            | 16.33L           | 50L               | 20.95L     | 420        |



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## XAT Sample Questions with Solutions

QADI

**Q1. Rajnish bought an item at 25% discount on the printed price. He sold it at 10% discount on the printed price. What is his profit in percentage?**

- 1.10
- 2.15
- 3.17.5
- 4.20
5. None of the above

**A1.** Let's assume that the printed price is ₹ 100.

Cost Price = 25% discount on the printed price = ₹ 75.

Selling Price = 10% discount on the printed price = ₹ 90.

Profit = SP - CP = ₹ 90 - ₹ 75 = ₹ 15

Profit % =  $15/75 \times 100 = 20\%$

**Q2. The addition of 7 distinct positive integers is 1740. What is the largest possible "greatest common divisor" of these 7 distinct positive integers?**

- 1.42
- 2.60
- 3.74
- 4.140
5. None of the above.

**A2.** Let the GCD of the 7 different positive numbers be x.

Then the sum of these 7 integers is at least 28x.

Think Why!?

The positive integers could be x, 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 7x

In this case The sum of the 7 integers is  $x \times 7(7+1)/2 = 28x$

In any other case, the sum will be some  $N \times y$ , where y is the GCD and N is greater than 28.

Realize that the sum is fixed,

$1740 = 28x = N \times y$

So, the maximum value of the GCD occurs when N is as close to 28 as possible.

(1740 is not a multiple of 28.)

29 is a multiple of 1740.

When  $N = 29$ ,  $y = 60$

So, the largest GCD of these 7 distinct positive integers is 60.

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Raghav Rozra

Thank you so much CATKing for all your help. I was able to crack XAT and convert XLRI, I prepared for XAT for 25 days, gave the mock tests, did the lectures and it helped a ton, I wasn't sure if I would be able to get into XLRI but because of CATKing I was able to do so! Thanks!





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**Q3. The Guava club has won 40% of their football matches in the Apple Cup that they have played so far. If they play another  $n$  matches and win all of them, their winning percentage will improve to 50. Further, if they play 15 more matches and win all of them, their winning percentage will improve from 50 to 60. How many matches has the Guava club played in the Apple Cup so far? In the Apple Cup matches, there are only two possible outcomes, win or loss; draw is not possible.**

1. 50
2. 40
3. 30
4. Cannot be determined, as the value of  $n$  is not given
5. 60

**A3.** Let the initial number of matches played be  $x$ .

By playing and winning  $n$  more matches, the winning percentage increases to 50%.

$$0.4x + n = 0.5 \times (n + x)$$

$$0.4x + n = 0.5n + 0.5x$$

$$0.5n = 0.1x$$

$$5n = x$$

By playing and winning 15 more matches, the winning percentage increases to 60%.

$$0.4x + n + 15 = 0.6 \times (15 + n + x)$$

$$3n + 15 = 9 + 3.6n$$

$$0.6n = 6$$

$$n = 10$$

$$x = 5$$

## VALR

**Q1. Carefully read the following statement:**

**When I ask people to name three recently implemented technologies that most impact our world today, they usually propose the computers, the Internet and the laser. All three were unplanned, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ upon their discovery and remained \_\_\_\_\_ well after their initial use.**

**Which of the following options will BEST fill up the above blanks meaningfully?**

1. Astonishing, Amazing, Amazing
2. Astonishing, Superb, Superb
3. Surprising, Fulfilling, Unfulfilling
4. Amazing, Shocking, Shocking
5. Unpredicted, Unappreciated, Unappreciated

**A1.** Before the first two blanks describing the discoveries is the word 'unplanned'. The words 'unpredicted' and 'unappreciated' chime with 'unplanned' and also make the best sense in the given context. All other options contain adjectives like 'astonishing', 'amazing', 'superb', and 'shocking' which don't really take forward the idea that the discoveries mentioned were not planned in advance. Also, for the third blank 'unappreciated well after their initial use' makes the best sense.







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**Q2. Read the passage carefully and answer the following question.**

**Geologists have been investigating a potential cycle in geological events for a long time. Back in the 1920s and 30s, scientists of the era had suggested that the geological record had a 30-million-year cycle, while in the 1980s and 90s researchers used the best-dated geological events at the time to give them a range of the length between 'pulses' of 26.2 to 30.6 million years. Now, everything seems to be in order – 27.5 million years is right about where we'd expect. A study late last year suggested that this 27.5-million-year mark is when mass extinctions happen, too.**

**Which of the following statements can be BEST concluded from the passage?**

1. Not all species go extinct once every 27.5 million years
2. Mass extinctions and 'geological pulse' are correlated
3. Geological disasters happen sporadically
4. 'Pulse' between geological events is constant
5. All species go extinct once every 27.5 million years

**A2.** The paragraph has two key ideas. One, that geological 'pulses' – potential cycles in geological events– are close to 27.5 million years, and two, that the 27.5 million year mark is when mass extinctions happen too. So, option B can be concluded from the passage.

Options A and E are somewhat related and both incorrect. The paragraph only talks about mass extinctions, not the extinction of all species. So, option E is incorrect. That not all species go extinct every 27.5 million years is not the main idea of the paragraph. Option C is incorrect as the paragraph talks of a cycle in geological events, not sporadic disasters. Option D is incorrect as the paragraph does not state that the pulse is an exact period. It just says that pulses are in a specific time range.

**Q3. Which of the following sentences have INCORRECT usage of preposition?**

1. The manager was sitting at the desk.
2. My work is superior to yours.
3. I prefer coffee than tea.
4. She was accused for stealing gold.
5. This is an exception to the rule.
6. They are leaving to England soon.

1. 1,3,6
2. 2,3,4
3. 3,4,6
4. 1,2,3
5. 3,4,5

**A3.** Sentences 3, 4, and 6 contain errors. The correct sentences are 'I prefer coffee to tea', 'She was accused of stealing gold', and 'They are leaving for England soon'.

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**Q1. Which two teams competed in the final match of the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2023, held on March 26, 2023 in Mumbai?**

1. Gujarat Giants & Delhi Capitals
2. UP Warriorz & Delhi Capitals
3. Royal Challengers Bangalore & Mumbai Indians
4. Delhi Capitals & Mumbai Indians
5. Delhi Capitals & Gujarat Giants

**A1. 4**

**Q2. Which of the following Indian states does the River Ganges not flow through?**

1. Bihar
2. Jharkhand
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Haryana
5. Uttarakhand

**A2. 4**

**Q3. Arrange the following famous battles in the order of their occurrence:**

- (a) Battle of the Hydaspes
- (b) First Battle of Tarain
- (c) Battle of Khanwa
- (d) Battle of Talikota
- (e) Battle of Buxar

1. (a) - (e) - (b) - (c) - (d)
2. (a) - (c) - (d) - (b) - (e)
3. (a) - (b) - (d) - (c) - (e)
4. (a) - (c) - (b) - (d) - (e)
5. (a) - (b) - (c) - (d) - (e)

**A3. 5**

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**Kislay  
Bhardwaj**

I joined CATKing & I must say the books provided are concise and diverse enough to prepare you for the examination and the mocks have the most varied difficulty level of any offering (I tried most of them). On top of all of this I got the daily live classes and recorded lectures on all the topics asked in the exam for a self paced learning experience, at this point looking back at it I couldn't have had better mentors and material to prepare with. Now that I have converted XIRI Jamshedpur campus I am confident enough in saying CATKing played a pivotal role in my journey. Hope this helps aspirants and I am available to engage on this page if anyone wants to discuss anything. All the best!!



# XAT 3 year Analysis



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|                        |                        | 2024                   | 2023          | 2022                   |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| VALR                   | Topic                  | No of Questions        |               |                        |
|                        | RC Type 1              | 13 (5 RCs - 3*3 & 2*2) | 4 sets x 3 Qs | 15 (6 RCs - 3*3 & 3*2) |
|                        | Poem                   | 1 set * 2 Qs           | 1 set x 2 Qs  | 1 set x 2 Qs           |
|                        | Fill in the Blanks     | 2                      | 1             | 1                      |
|                        | Critical Reasoning     | 5                      | 7             | 3                      |
|                        | Grammar / Punctuation  | 2                      | 3             | 3                      |
|                        | Para jumble            | 2                      | 1             | 2                      |
|                        | Total                  | 26                     | 26            | 26                     |
|                        | DM                     | 3 Questions Set        | 21            | 15                     |
| 2 Questions Set        |                        | 0                      | 4             | 0                      |
| 3 Question DI Type Set |                        | 0                      | 3             | 0                      |
| Total                  |                        | 21                     | 22            | 21                     |
| QADI                   | Algebra                | 4                      | 4             | 4                      |
|                        | Arithmetic             | 2                      | 8             | 2                      |
|                        | Arithmetic progression | 1                      | 0             | 0                      |
|                        | Geometry               | 2                      | 3             | 2                      |
|                        | Number system          | 3                      | 4             | 7                      |
|                        | Data Sufficiency       | 1                      | 2             | 0                      |
|                        | PnC                    | 1                      | 0             | 0                      |
|                        | Trigonometry           | 0                      | 1             | 0                      |
|                        | Polynomials            | 1                      | 0             | 0                      |
|                        | Investment             | 0                      | 2             | 0                      |
|                        | Probability            | 0                      | 1             | 1                      |
|                        | set theory             | 2                      | 0             | 0                      |
|                        | DI Sets                | 11 (3*3 Qs & 1*2 Qs)   | 3*1 Qs        | 12(4*3 Qs)             |
| Total                  | 28                     | 28                     | 28            |                        |


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## Mocks Schedule

| Mock No.    | Release Date |
|-------------|--------------|
| XAT mock 1  | 15/8/24      |
| XAT mock 2  | 22/8/24      |
| XAT mock 3  | 29/8/24      |
| XAT mock 4  | 5/9/24       |
| XAT mock 5  | 12/9/24      |
| XAT mock 6  | 19/9/24      |
| XAT mock 7  | 26/9/24      |
| XAT mock 8  | 3/10/24      |
| XAT mock 9  | 10/10/24     |
| XAT mock 10 | 17/10/24     |

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After graduating from NIT Rourkela, I started working with IT Consulting firm, and since my job role is consultant decided to pursue MBA. Saw few videos on YouTube of Rahul Sir and took Mocks of CATKing. The dashboard of CATKing is amazing and helped a lot in my XAT preparation. Additionally, content on Decision Making which is a new section in XAT was very well curated and guiding, helping me ace that section with ease. I would like to Thank whole CATKing team for the course and special thanks to Rahul Sir for his motivating daily live session on YouTube, helping me achieve 99.3998%ile in XAT.





# XAT 2022 – 2024 score vs percentile analysis

| %ile      | Total | VALR | QADI | DM   | Total | VALR | QADI | DM   | Total | VALR  | QADI  | DM   |
|-----------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
|           | 2024  |      |      |      | 2023  |      |      |      | 2022  |       |       |      |
| <b>99</b> | 44    | 15   | 15   | 12   | 46    | 15   | 18   | 13   | 37    | 14.75 | 17    | 12.5 |
| <b>97</b> | 38    | 13.5 | 13   | 10.5 | 41    | 13   | 14   | 11   | 32.8  | 11.5  | 14.25 | 11.5 |
| <b>95</b> | 36    | 12   | 11   | 9    | 39    | 12   | 12.5 | 10.8 | 30.25 | 10.5  | 12.75 | 10.5 |
| <b>90</b> | 32    | 10   | 9    | 7    | 35    | 8    | 12   | 8    | 27    | 9.5   | 10.5  | 9.5  |
| <b>80</b> | 25    | 8    | 7    | 5    | 31    | 6.5  | 8    | 6.5  | 22.5  | 8.25  | 7.75  | 8.25 |
| <b>70</b> | 20    | 5    | 5    | 3    | 27    | 5    | 6    | 5    | 19.75 | 7.5   | 6     | 7.5  |

