

CAT 2018 Verbal Strategy Guide

Learn the most important strategies to
tackle all question types



Critical Reasoning – The CATKing Way

#Rule 1- Jo jaisa dikhta hai woh vaise nahi hota

#Rule 2- Always find the conclusion

#Rule 3- Assumptions are always unstated

#Rule 4- Options can be: 30% correct, 70% correct, OOC, Negative and Opposite

#Rule 5 - Consider CAS: Causal, Analogy and Statistical Assumptions

#Rule 6- Avoid smartly laid answers

#Rule 7- Whatever is said is true, don't question the writer's statements

#Rule 8 - There is a difference between inference and assumption

#Rule 9 - Assumptions may or may not be true, but if given an option-choose the one which is true

#Rule 10- Extreme options cannot be the answer

#Rule 11- Avoid None of these and All of the above options

#Rule 12 – Read the question first and then the argument

Para Jumbles – Rules to Remember

#Rule1: Decide on the opening phrase, first. The opening part of the sentence will usually contain the subject of the sentence. To locate the subject and select that part as the first in sequence. Now, select all options in the answer that begin with part you have chosen as the first.

#Rule2: If the Subject is passive, mostly, the following part will begin with by and contain the doer of the action in the sentence. Sentence with demonstrative pronouns or words like this, that, these or then, moreover, therefore, meanwhile are not opening sentences.

#Rule3: When the subject is active, follow the sequence SUBJECT-VERB-OBJECT

#Rule4: Preposition is never the last part. If a preposition is given as one of the parts match it with other part to find out what will follow the preposition.

#Rule5: If there are noun and pronoun as subjects in the different parts of a sentence, the part of a sentence, the part with the noun will be the opening part.

#Rule6: Predicate is the last part of the sentence.

#Rule7: Information given is specific to general or general to specific

#Rule8: Look for Pronoun

#Rule9: Look for connectors

#Rule10: Find the hero first

#Rule11: Find the combos

#Rule12: Never do word to word matching

#Rule13: Look for the closing statement

#Rule14: Cause and Effect Rule

Reading Comprehension: The Correct Approach

#Rule1: Fake it, till you make it

#Rule2: Construction should be good

- Organic: Reading Interestingly
- Inorganic: Shank Pushpi (for better memory)

#Rule3: Kill the standard question

- Tone of the RC
- Summary of the passage/ Main idea / Title of the passage/ Conclusion/
Inference of entire passage / Primary purpose of the passage

#Rule4: Read the Questions First and then read the RC

#Rule5: Make the mind map

#Rule6: Engage in material (visualize)

CONNECT | ASPIRE | TRANSFORM

How to get the Tone/Title/ Summary/Conclusion/

Main idea of the Passage:

1. Read the 1st paragraph and last paragraph
2. Main Idea should be consistent in all the paragraphs
3. Title should always be of minimum 3 or maximum 5 words.
4. Answer cannot be too general nor specific.
5. Avoid High sounding words.