CAT 2020 Syllabus

The syllabus of CAT is never defined by the IIMs. They just have defined the major sections for the exam which are:

1. Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension (VARC)
2. Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR)
3. Quantitative Ability (QA)

However, going by the trends and the analysis of the papers over the years, below are the topics from where the questions come in each of these sections:

Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension (VARC)

- Sentence Corrections
- Idioms
- Jumbled Passage
- Meaning-Usage Match
- Summary Questions
- Facts-Inferences-Judgements
    - Reading Comprehension
    - Verbal Reasoning
    - Syllogisms
    - Analogies
    - Antonyms and Synonyms
    - Fill in the blanks

Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR)

- Family Tree
- The course of Action
- Arrangement
- Pie Chart

- Calendars
- Statement Conclusions
- Strong Arguments and Weak Arguments
- Puzzles
- Series
- Blood Relations
  - Coding & Decoding
  - Column Graphs
  - Multi-dimensional
  - Arrangements
  - Visual Reasoning
  - Numeric Grid
  - Critical Reasoning
  - Syllogisms
  - Graphs representing Area
  - Linear and Matrix Arrangements

Quantitative Ability (QA)

- Arithmetic
- Ratio and Proportion
- Trigonometry
- Probability
- Permutation and Combination
- Algebra
- Mensuration
- Time and work
- LCM & HCF
- Averages
  - Harmonic Mean

- BODMAS

- Geometric Progression

- Partnership

- Installments & Payments

- Profit and Loss

- Percentages

- Number systems

- Lines

- Pipes and Cisterns

- Mean, Median, Mode

- Geometry

- Quadratic and linear equations

- Angles and Triangles

- Cubes and Cones

- Arithmetic Progression

- Clocks

- Higher Maths

- Arithmetic Mean

CAT 2020 Exam Pattern

The exam pattern of CAT is given below:

Duration: The entire test is held for duration of 3 hours

Mode: CAT is a computer based test (CBT)

Language: It is held in English language only.

Total Number of Questions: There are a total of 100 questions in the exam.

Marking Scheme: Each question carries 3 marks and -1 mark if the answer is incorrect.