

CAT 2006 Analysis

Executive Summary

An extremely malnourished CAT (just 75 questions!) The VA section - imported straight away from Her Majesty's palace. The biggest surprise was that the perennial villain "Quant" turned saviour. Only the level of LRDI section was on the expected lines. Looking from a distance, a tame CAT with a 'feel good' experience all around.

However, as expected there were a few surprises. Prominent ones being:

1. Five answer choices instead of the customary four, a la GRE / GMAT.
2. Vocabulary seemed to have taken the curtain call.
3. Every single question in VA was inferential with the options being extremely close; one felt the need for an electron microscope to discriminate amongst them.
4. Grammar was so conspicuous by its absence
5. Para Jumbles! Where art thou!

Quant surprisingly failed to intimidate. In fact, much the opposite all perennial quant strugglers would have been smiling with glee. Need we say more!!

LRDI had no surprises. It was similar to the Mocks that you have been writing for the past three months (in fact, easier!!)

Overview

Here is an overview of how you should have attempted this paper.

CAT - 2006							
Section	Topic	No. of Q's	Total Marks	Suggested time (min.)	Possible attempts	Possible Scores	Expected Cut-off's
I	Logical Reasoning and Data Interpretation	25	100	40	15	40 +	34-38
II	Verbal Ability	25	100	55	16	35 +	21-25
III	Quantitative Ability	25	100	55	15	40 +	36-40
Total		75	300	150	46	135 +	110-115

Disclaimer: These cut-offs are decided by our expert faculty who have attempted the CAT 2006 paper. These may not be the actual IIM cut-offs. These are calculations based on our experience and expertise. Expected Cut Off's for different institutes.

Institute	Expected Cut Offs in	Likely Cut Offs in
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	2006	2005
Any 1 IIM call	110+	44+
S P Jain, MDI (BM)	100+	42+
NITIE, MICA, MDI-HR	95+	40+
IMT, IMI, TAPMI	90+	38+
KJ Somaiya, BIM, Fore, UBS, NIRMA, IMI-HR	85+	36+
ITM(Mum), LBS, Wellingkar, FMS (BHU)	80+	33+
IFMR, IIFM, BIMTech, Kirloskar, IISWBM, Jaipuria	75+	28+
IILM (Lodhi Rd), IMDR, SDM-IMD, JIMS	65+	24+
SCM Cochin, IMM, Globsyn, Cosmic, Alliance, ISBM	60+	22+
NDIM, EMPI, Asia Pacific, Amrita, Suryadatta, Skyline	50+	18+

Comparison with CAT 2005 and CAT 2004

Parameter	CAT 2006	CAT 2005	CAT 2004
Number of sections	3	3 x 2	3 x 2
Number of questions	75	90	123
Difficulty level (Overall)	Moderate	Difficult	Difficult
Difficulty level (Quant)	Easy	Average	Average
Difficulty level (EU + RC)	Difficult	Average	Average
Difficulty level (DI + DS + AR)	Moderate	Difficult	Difficult
Expected cut-off (Overall)	110-115	47-49	55
Expected cut-off (Quant)	36-40	12-13	16
Expected cut-off (EU + RC)	21-25	17-18	21
Expected cut-off (DI + DS + AR)	34-38	10-11	14

Section-wise Analysis

Section I: Quantitative Ability

Topic	CAT 2006	CAT 2005	CAT 2004
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Overall	25	30	35
Arithmetic	10	9	13
Number system	7	5	6
Percentage, SI-CI, PLD	1	0	0
Ratio proportion	1	0	4
Speed Time Distance, Work	1	4	3
Algebra	9	8	9
Equations & Inequalities	4	2	2
Functions & graphs	1	2	4
Maxima minima	2	2	0
Series, sequences & progressions & logs	2	2	3
Geometry	4	10	10
Plane geometry	4	6	9
Mensuration		3	1
Co-ordinate geometry + trigonometry		1	0
Modern math	2	3	3
Miscellaneous math		0	0

Section II: English usage & Reading comprehension

Topic-wise breakup

Topic	CAT 2006	CAT 2005	CAT 2004
Overall	25	30	50
English usage	10	18	29
Usage Dictionary	0	3	10
Vocabulary: contextual meaning	0	0	3
Para-jumbles	0	3	8
Sentence Completion	0	4	3
Sentence correction	0	4	3
Replacement of words	0	4	0
Critical Reasoning	5	0	2
Paragraph Completion	5	4	0
Reading comprehension	15	12	5 passages (21 Qs)
Politics & Social	1	4Qs (2 marker)	2 Passages (8 Qs)

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History & Mythology	0	0	1 Passages (5 Qs)
Science & Technology	0	0	1 Passage (4 Q's)
Business & Economics	0	0	1 Passage (4Q's)
Fiction, Philosophy & Law	2	4Qs (2 marker)	0
Psychology & Management	0	4Qs (2 marker)	0

Section III: Data interpretation, Data sufficiency, Analytical reasoning Topic-wise breakup

Topic	CAT 2006	CAT 2005	CAT 2004
Overall	25	30	38
Data Interpretation	20	10	5 sets (20 Qs)
Table	1 set (5 Qs)	6	3 sets (12 Qs)
Line graph	0	0	1 set (4 Qs)
Pie chart	0	0	0
Bar graph	0	4	1 set (4 Qs)
Mixed data set	0	0	0
Caselet	3 sets (15 Qs)	0	0
Data sufficiency	0	0	6
Analytical reasoning	1 set (5 Qs)	20	3 sets (12 Qs)

CAT 2005 Actual Scores

	QA	DI	VA	Total
Maximum Score	42	39.33	50	76
99.5 percentile	19	19.67	26	51
99 percentile	17.33	18	23.67	46.67
98.5 percentile	16	17	22	44
95 percentile	12.67	13.33	17	
IIM Cut-offs	12.67	13.33	17	44

All The Best !!

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