

Syllabus

The CAT examination does not have a defined syllabus for CAT preparation. However, there is a practice test you can attempt in order to familiarize yourself with navigation through the questions, the pattern of examination and types of question asked. Check the CAT website regularly for the announcement of the practice test.

Based on analysing past year papers, the syllabus could be divided into the following groups:

- VA RC (Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension): English grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and critical reasoning.
- DI LR (Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning): Data interpretation, Data Sufficiency, logical reasoning, puzzles, and problem solving, etc
- QA (Quantitative Ability): Algebra, Number Theory, Arithmetic, Geometry, Trigonometry, Permutations and Combinations, etc

Marking Scheme

- Each correct answer is awarded 3 marks
- Each incorrect answer is penalized with -1 mark
- Unanswered questions are not penalized

Sectional Cut-off

The CAT exam has a sectional cut-off, which means that candidates must clear the minimum marks in each section to be considered for further rounds.

Minimum Percentile required for admission to IIMs

The minimum percentile required for admission to IIMs varies from year to year. Generally, it is around 90-95 percentile for general category candidates, and can require you to be in the 99th percentile for admission to IIM A, IIM B or IIM C.

Exam Pattern

The CAT exam consists of three sections:

1. Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC): 24 questions, 40 minutes

- Reading Comprehension (16 questions)

There are 4 passages based on which comprehension type questions are asked. 4 questions based on each passage, making a total of 16 questions.

- Verbal Ability (8 questions)

This section comprises para jumbles, most accurate summary, and odd-one-out type of questions.

Para-jumbles and Odd-one out type questions are not MCQs. These questions are of "Type in The Answer" (TITA) format.

There is no-negative marking for TITA type questions.

2. Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DI LR): (20 questions, 40 minutes)

- Data Interpretation (5 questions)
- Logical Reasoning (15 questions)

Note: The DI section has 3-4 TITA type questions and 1-2 MCQs.

The LR section comprises 3-4 TITA type questions and 11-12 MCQs.

3. Quantitative Ability (QA): (22 questions, 40 minutes)

The Quant section too comprises MCQs and TITA type question, which are generally 8 in number.

These sections must be attempted in a fixed order, and after the time limit for a section is over, the screen automatically transitions to the next section.

NORMALISATION

Note: Since the exam takes place in 3 slots and 3 different Test Forms are administered in these slots, the scores of candidates are subjected to the process of Normalization.

The Normalisation process adjusts for location and scale differences of score distributions across these different forms. After normalisation across different forms, the scores are further normalised across different sections. The Scaled Scores obtained by this process are then converted into percentiles for purposes of shortlisting.

Other rounds up to Admission

- **Group Discussion (GD):** Candidates who clear the CAT cut-off are called for GD
- **Personal Interview (PI):** Candidates who clear GD are called for PI
- **Written Ability Test (WAT):** Some institutes conduct WAT instead of GD

Note: The exam pattern, syllabus, and other details may change. It's essential to check the official CAT website for the latest updates.

When is CAT

CAT exam generally takes place in the month of November, or latest by first week of August.

The CAT results are likely to be declared by the second week of January. The CAT 2024 score is valid only till December 31st of the year the result is declared.

Admit cards are generally release 2-3 weeks before the exam.

Form Filling Details

- **Registration: Online**
- **Application fee: 2500 INR (1250 INR for SC/ST/ PwD candidates)**

What are OMETs

OMETs stand for other management Entrance tests. The tag of being 'other' is due to the pre-eminence of CAT. These 'others' include XAT, CMAT, MHCET, MAT, NMAT, TISSNET, GMAT, and a few others. Here is a brief overview of each one of them:

What is XAT (Xavier Aptitude Test)

XAT is conducted for admission to XLRI - Xavier Institute of Management (formerly Xavier Labour Relations Institute), the oldest management institute in the country. Located in the steel city of India- Jamshedpur, it offers two-year diplomas in Management- the Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management (PGDMB) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource Management (PGDHRM).

It also offers an 18-month full time residential Postgraduate Diploma in General Management, a three-year Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management for working Executives, a Fellow Programme in Management (FPM), and a programme on Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Venture.

Why XAT

XLRI was ranked 9th among management schools in India by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

Notable alumni of XLRI include Vineet Nayar (CEO, HCL Technologies), Srinivas Kandula (Chairman, Capgemini, India), Rakesh Kapoor (CEO, Reckitt Benckiser), and Leena Nair (CEO, Chanel), among others.

- **Conducting Body:** XLRI Jamshedpur conducts XAT on behalf of the Xavier Association of Management Institutes (XAMI).
- **Test Format:** XAT is an online computer-based exam with more than 1 lakh students registering for it annually.
- **Admission Acceptance:** The XAT score is accepted by 250+ B-Schools across India

This makes taking the XAT extremely relevant, as you not only get to study in the oldest and best Management institutes, you have pioneers to hold yourself up to, and an alumni network that helms global businesses.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the XAT exam, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Educational Qualification: Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree of a minimum three-year duration from a recognized university. There are no specific minimum marks required in graduation; candidates merely need to pass. Students in their final year of graduation are also eligible to apply, provided they can submit their degree certificate by the end of the admission year.

- Age Limit: There is no upper age limit for candidates appearing for the XAT exam. This allows both recent graduates and working professionals to participate without age restrictions

- NRI Candidates: NRI candidates can apply using valid GMAT scores, but they must also complete the XAT registration process

Syllabus

- **Verbal and Logical Ability:** This section assesses language comprehension, grammar, and logical reasoning skills.
- **Decision Making:** Candidates face scenarios where they must make informed decisions based on ethical, managerial, and practical considerations.
- **Quantitative Ability and Data Interpretation:** Questions in this section cover mathematical concepts and data analysis.
- **General Knowledge:** This part evaluates awareness of current affairs, business, and general knowledge.
- **Essay Writing:** Candidates write an essay on a given topic to demonstrate their writing skills, which ultimately is a test of your clarity of thoughts

Exam Pattern

The XAT exam consists of the following sections:

1. Verbal Ability and Logical reasoning
2. Decision Making
3. Quantitative Ability and Data Interpretation
4. General Knowledge
 - There is no negative marking in the GK section.
 - GK scores are considered during the Personal Interview (PI) round, not for percentile calculation

Note: The structure and content of the exam can vary slightly each year.

Question Paper Pattern

- Mode: Online (Computer-based test)
- Duration: 3 hours (2 pm to 5:10 pm)
- Language: English
- Type of Questions: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) and Subjective Questions

Sectional Details

Exam Structure

- Part 1:

- Duration: 185 minutes

- Sections:

- Verbal Ability & Logical Reasoning (VA & LR)

- Decision Making (DM)

- Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation (QA & DI)

- Total Questions: Approximately 100 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) across these sections.

- Part 2:

- Duration: 5 minutes

- Content: Mock keyboard testing (no questions).

- Part 3:

- Duration: 30 minutes

- Analytical Essay Writing (AEW)

- Total Questions: 1 essay question, where candidates must choose one topic from three provided.

• Sectional Weightage

Section	Number of Questions
Verbal and Logical Reasoning (VA and LR)	26-30
Decision Making	21-22
Quantitative Ability and Data interpretation	26-30
General Knowledge	25
Essay	1

Sectional Cut-off and Marking Scheme

- **Verbal and Logical Ability (VALR):** The sectional cutoff for VALR typically remains around the 72–80 percentile. Clearing this cutoff is essential for proceeding to subsequent rounds.
- **Quantitative Ability (QA):** In QA, candidates need to score above a certain percentile. For Business Management (BM) courses, the highest QA cutoff is around 85–86 percentile.
- **Decision Making (DM):** The DM section also has a cutoff. To reach the required cutoff, candidates usually need to score around 7.5–9 marks

- **The marking scheme for the XAT exam is as follows:**
- Correct Answers: Each correct answer typically earns **1 mark**.
- Negative Marking: There is a penalty for incorrect answers, usually 0.25 marks deducted for each wrong answer. However, if a candidate **answers more than 8 questions incorrectly**, the penalty increases to **0.50** marks for each additional incorrect answer.
- Unanswered Questions: If you leave **eight or more consecutive questions** unanswered, a penalty of 0.10 marks applies
- **Unattempted Questions**: No marks are awarded or deducted for questions that are not attempted.

When is XAT?

The XAT exam is scheduled to take place in the first week of January each year. The registration process for the exam mid-July, and candidates can apply online until the specified deadline. The admit cards will be released shortly before the exam date, and candidates must bring their admit card along with a government-issued photo ID to the exam centre.

Additional Information

- Language: The exam will be conducted in English.
- Mode of Examination: Computer-based test.
- Total Marks: The total marks for the exam will be 101, including the essay section, which is evaluated only for candidates shortlisted for the GD-PI round.
- No Individual Sectional Time Limit: Candidates can attempt questions from any section within the overall time limit, i.e., all the 3 sections are open to the students once they start the test.

WHAT IS GMAT

The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is a standardized exam designed to assess analytical, writing, quantitative, verbal, and reading skills in written English. This exam is widely used for admissions to graduate management programs, such as MBA programs, around the world.

WHY GMAT

Since we all are in the era of hyper-globalization, it is not too far fetched to want global exposure as part of your education journey. While the GMAT score is accepted by a host of top MBA institutes in India, like MDI Gurugram, ISB Hyderabad, and IIM Udaipur, the exam also becomes your passport to globally acclaimed MBA programs from Harvard, Stanford, INSEAD Business School and Wharton School, just to name a few. The GMAT is a critical component for admission into many business schools, and understanding its structure and scoring can significantly enhance a candidate's preparation and performance.

GMAT focus Edition

From 1st February 2024, GMAT focus edition is the only version available. MAT focus edition syllabus contains three sections; quantitative reasoning, verbal reasoning, and data insights.

GMAT focus edition is much shorter than the old format and only consists of 64 questions in total. You will be given 2 hours and 15 minutes for GMAT focus edition, whereas previously it was 3 hours and 7 minutes long, with a Written Ability Test (WAT) section as well.

Syllabus

The syllabus of the exam remains much the same as other MBA entrance exams, with enhanced difficulty due to the test being another CAT (Computer adaptive Test, which is based on an algorithm that throws progressively tougher questions at you, as you get them correct

The verbal ability section requires you to identify **main ideas**, to infer meaning understand logical connections between important points, and deduce conclusions.

The quantitative ability section intends mainly to test your algebra and arithmetic abilities.

The Data Interpretation section requires you to understand data on a level where you can draw actionable insights and apply it to business problems. Therefore you would require the ability to draw connections between different sets of data, and draw logical connection between them. This raises the difficulty a bit.

Eligibility Criteria

The GMAT exam does not have stringent eligibility criteria set by the conducting body, GMAC (Graduate Management Admission Council). However, there are a few basic requirements:

1. Age: The candidate must be at least 18 years old. If a candidate is between 13 and 17 years old, they need permission from a parent or legal guardian.
2. Educational Qualification: GMAC does not specify any minimum educational qualification to take the GMAT. However, candidates typically hold a bachelor's degree as it is usually required for admission to graduate management programs.
3. Identification: A valid, unexpired government issued ID with a photograph and signature (such as a passport, driver's license, or national ID card) is required for test registration and on the test day.

When is the Exam

The GMAT exam is offered year-round and can be taken at any time depending on the availability of test centers. Candidates can schedule their test date through the official GMAT website or via authorized test centers.

Key Points on Exam Scheduling:

Frequency: Candidates can take the GMAT once every 16 calendar days, but no more than five times within a 12-month period and no more than eight times in total.

Retake Policy: There is a 16-day waiting period before a candidate can retake the exam. This allows time for reflection and additional preparation.

Online Exam Option: In addition to in-person testing at designated centers, the GMAT is also available in an online format, which can be taken at home or another quiet location, providing greater flexibility in scheduling.

Preparing for the Exam Date:

Registration: Early registration is recommended to secure preferred test dates and times.

Fees: The cost of taking the GMAT is typically around \$250, though this can vary by location and may incur additional fees for rescheduling or canceling the test.

With year-round availability and flexible scheduling options, the GMAT allows candidates to choose a test date that best fits their preparation timeline and personal schedule.

Exam Pattern

Quantitative Reasoning: **45 minutes, 21 questions**, assesses problem-solving skills

Verbal Reasoning: **45 minutes, 23 questions**, assesses critical reasoning and reading comprehension skills

Data Insights: **45 minutes, 20 questions**, assesses data literacy skills

IMPORTANT Details

Computer Adaptive Test (CAT): The Quantitative and Verbal sections are computer adaptive, meaning the difficulty of questions adapts to the test taker's ability level. Correct answers lead to more challenging questions, while incorrect answers lead to easier ones.

Validity: GMAT (focus Edition) scores are valid for **five** years.

The focus edition syllabus now scored on 205 to 805 level, and the raw score for each section is scored on a scale of 60 to 90.

What is NMAT

The NMAT (NMIMS Management Aptitude Test) is a standardized entrance exam conducted by the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) for admission into various management programs in India and abroad. It is accepted by leading business schools such as NMIMS, SPJIMR, ISB, and others.

Why NMAT

The conducting body for the NMAT is the same as that for GMAT, and it is a lot cheaper than taking the GMAT.

The test has been conducted by GMAC since 2015, which brings a lot of credibility and dynamism to the exam, bringing it at par with the best and most sought after GMAT test.

While the GMAT can cost around 275 USD (that come to be about 21,000 INR, approximately), the cost of registering for NMAT is not more than 3200 INR (roughly 35 USD). The NMAT tests critical thinking abilities, which are indispensable for quality management education. This makes it an ideal choice for candidates seeking to join top ranked colleges like NMIMS (Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies), K J Somaiya Institute of Management, and ISB, to name a few. The NMAT score is accepted by over 50 institutes in India and other emerging markets like Nigeria, Morocco, South Africa and Philippines. It doesn't just diversify the pool of colleges you can study your desired major in, but the exam also prepares you for faster thinking (since the number of questions is more). And in case your CAT attempt was unsatisfactory, you still have a fighting chance to study under worldclass and much sought after faculty of NMIMS.

However, while the GMAT score is valid for 5 years, the NMAT score has a validity of 1 year only.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Educational Qualification:

- Candidates must have a bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized university.
- A minimum of 50% aggregate marks in the graduation degree is typically required, though this may vary by institution.

2. Final Year Students:

- Candidates in their final year of graduation can also apply, provided they complete their degree requirements before the commencement of the academic session.

Syllabus

The syllabus of the exam remains largely the same as other management aptitude tests, which comprises Critical reasoning, logical ability, verbal reasoning and verbal ability, reading comprehension, quantitative ability, data interpretation skills, etc.

Exam Pattern

The NMAT is a computer-based test, designed to assess the skills necessary for success in B-schools. The exam structure is as follows:

Total Number of Questions: 108

- Total Duration: 120 minutes (2 hours)
- Question Type: Multiple-choice questions (MCQs) with no negative marking

Sections and Distribution of Questions

Section	No of Questions	Duration
Language Skills	36	28 minutes
Quantitative Ability	36	52 minutes
Logical Reasoning	36	40 minutes

Scoring Methodology

-Scaled Scores:

- Each section is scored separately, and then a scaled score is calculated.
- Language Skills: 12-120
- Quantitative Skills: 12-120
- Logical Reasoning: 12-120
- Total Score Range: 36-360

When is the exam

The NMAT exam is typically conducted over a testing window spanning several months, allowing candidates to choose a convenient date and time. For example:

- Registration Period: Generally starts in the last week of July or the beginning of August and goes on until mid-October.
- Testing Window: Usually runs from November to December.
- Result Declaration: Unofficial score is obtained immediately after the exam. The official scorecard is released 48 hours after the test.

What is CMAT

The Common Management Admission Test (CMAT) is a national-level entrance examination conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) in India for admission into various management programs. The CMAT score is accepted by many AICTE-approved institutions, university departments, constituent colleges, and affiliated colleges across India.

Why CMAT

The CMAT exam is a crucial step for candidates aiming to pursue management programs in India. A thorough understanding of the exam pattern, sections, and types of questions, coupled with focused preparation, can significantly enhance the chances of securing admission into top management institutes.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Educational Qualification:

Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized university. Final year students of bachelor's degree courses (whose result will be declared before the commencement of admission for the academic year) can also apply.

2. Age Limit:

There is no age limit for appearing in the CMAT.

Syllabus

Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation: Review basic math concepts, practice problem-solving, and work on data interpretation skills.

Logical Reasoning: Puzzles, logical sequences, analytical reasoning question.

Language Comprehension: Vocabulary, reading comprehension, questions based on rules of grammar.

General Awareness: Stay updated with current affairs, read newspapers, and refer to general knowledge books.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Study business cases, understand basic concepts of entrepreneurship, keep track of different "Business Models" that are in the news, or otherwise, and follow recent innovations in the business world.

Exam Pattern

The CMAT is a computer-based test designed to assess the candidate's ability in various areas necessary for success in management programs. The exam structure is as follows:

Total Number of Questions:100

-Total Marks:400

Duration:** 180 minutes (3 hours)

Question Type: Multiple-choice questions (MCQs) with 4 marks for each correct answer and a penalty of 1 mark for each incorrect answer.

Scoring Methodology

Marking Scheme:

- Each correct answer carries 4 marks.
- Each incorrect answer results in a deduction of 1 mark.
- No marks are deducted for unattempted questions.

Sections and Distribution of Questions

<u>Section</u>	<u>No of questions</u>
Quantitative Techniques and Data Interpretation	20
Logical reasoning	20
Language Comprehension	20
General Awareness	20
Innovation and Entrepreneurship	20

When is CMAT

The CMAT exam is usually conducted once a year. Below is the typical schedule:

Registration Period: Generally, opens in November and closes in January.

Admit Card Release: Typically, in February.

- Exam Date: Usually conducted in the last week of February or the first week of March.
- Result Declaration: Results are typically announced in April.

Application Process

1. Registration: Candidates must register on the official NTA CMAT website, fill in the application form, upload required documents, and pay the application fee.

2. Fee Payment: The application fee can be paid online through various payment methods.

Test Centers

The CMAT is conducted at various test centers across India. Candidates can choose their preferred test center while registering for the exam.

Language: The medium of the question paper is English.

Admission Process

After the CMAT results are declared, candidates must apply to individual institutes based on their CMAT scores. Each institute has its own selection criteria, which may include group discussions (GD), written ability tests (WAT), and personal interviews (PI).

What is MAT

The **Management Aptitude Test (MAT)** is a standardized exam conducted in India since 1998 by the **All India Management Association (AIMA)**. It serves as an admission criterion for **Master of Business Administration (MBA)** and allied programs across more than **600 business schools** in India¹. The test

assesses skills relevant to managerial roles, including **problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal abilities**. It is commonly used in **corporate recruitment, internal promotions, and educational settings**. Here are some key details about MAT:

Test Structure:

- MAT consists of five sections, each with **30 questions**. These sections cover **Language Comprehension, Intelligence & Critical Reasoning, Mathematical Skills, Data Analysis & Sufficiency, and Economic & Business Environment**. Candidates have **120 minutes** to attempt a total of **150 questions**¹.
- **Modes of Test:** Candidates can take MAT in various modes, including **Remote Proctored Internet Based Test (IBT), Paper Based Test (PBT), and Computer Based Test (CBT)**. They can also choose combinations like PBT+IBT or CBT+IBT by paying an additional fee.
- **Application Process:** Interested candidates can register online on the AIMA website using credit/debit cards, net banking, UPI, or Paytm wallet¹.

MAT continues to be a valuable gateway for aspiring MBA students seeking admission to B-Schools across India

The **Management Aptitude Test (MAT)** has undergone some changes in its scoring pattern for the May 2024 exam. Here are the key points:

1. **Total Questions:** The MAT now consists of **150 questions** instead of the previous 200.
2. **Exam Duration:** The total exam duration is **120 minutes** (2 hours) instead of the earlier 150 minutes (2½ hours).
3. **Marking Scheme:** Candidates receive **1 mark** for each correct answer, and there is a **deduction of 1/4 mark** for every incorrect answer.
4. **Maximum Marks:** The maximum scaled score a candidate can achieve is **800**.

Why MAT

The Management Aptitude Test (MAT) is a national level entrance exam conducted by the All-India Management Association (AIMA) for admission to various management programs across India. MAT is recognized by over 600 business schools.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduates from any discipline, including final year students, can apply for MAT.

1. Educational Qualification:

Candidates must have a bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized university.

Final year graduation students are also eligible to apply, provided they complete their degree requirements before the admission process concludes.

2. Age Limit:

There is no age limit for taking the MAT exam.

3. Work Experience:

Work experience is not mandatory but can be beneficial during the admission process.

Syllabus

Language Comprehension: Vocabulary, reading comprehension, and review grammar rules.

Mathematical Skills/ Quantitative Ability: Basic math concepts, including, but not limited to: Arithmetic, algebra, Permutations and Combinations

Data Analysis and Sufficiency: Focus on understanding and interpreting data, practice data sufficiency questions.

Intelligence and Critical Reasoning: Puzzles, logical sequences, analytical reasoning.

Indian and Global Environment: Current affairs and general knowledge dealing with Business, Environment and Climate change related news

Exam Pattern

Total Number of Questions: 200

Total Duration: 150 minutes (2.5 hours)

Question Type: Multiple choice questions (MCQs)

Marking Scheme: Each correct answer awards 1 mark, and there is no negative marking for incorrect answers.

Sectional Weightage

Section	Number of Questions
Language Comprehension	40
Quantitative Aptitude	40
Data Analysis and Sufficiency	40
Intelligence and Critical Reasoning	40
Indian and Global Environment	40

MAT is conducted in three modes: Paper Based Test (PBT), Computer Based Test (CBT), and Internet Based Test (IBT). The exam pattern remains the same across all modes.

Scoring Methodology

Sectional Scores: Each section is scored separately.

Composite Score: The composite score is calculated based on the scores of the first four sections (Language Comprehension, Mathematical Skills, Data Analysis and Sufficiency, Intelligence and Critical Reasoning).

The Indian and Global Environment section score is reported separately and is not included in the composite score.

When is MAT

MAT is conducted four times a year: February, May, September, and December. The schedule typically includes the following:

Registration Period: Opens a few months before the test date and closes a few weeks before the exam.

Exam Dates:

Paper Based Test (PBT): Conducted on a single day, usually the first Sunday of the exam month.

Computer Based Test (CBT): Conducted over a window of several days within the exam month.

Internet Based Test (IBT): Conducted over a window of several days within the exam month, allowing candidates to take the test from home.

Additional Details

Test Centres: MAT is conducted at various test centres across India. The IBT (Internet Based Test) mode allows candidates to take the exam from home.

Application Process: Candidates must register on the official AIMA MAT website, choose their preferred test mode and date, and pay the exam fee.

What is TISS

TISS stands for TATA Institute of Social Science. Being run by the TATA foundation, it is dedicated to imparting world class Education, like other institutes run by the TATA foundation, like TIFR (Tata Institute of Fundamental Research), and IISc (Indian Institute of Science, founded by Jamsetji Nuserwanji Tata).

Why TISS

Overview of Programs at TISS

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), established in 1936, is a premier institution in India dedicated to social sciences and related fields. It offers a diverse range of programs that blend academic rigor with practical experience. The institute is known for its emphasis on social justice, human rights, and community development. Here's an overview of the programs and the unique experience of studying at TISS:

Studying at TISS is a transformative experience that equips students with the skills, knowledge, and values needed to address complex social issues and contribute meaningfully to society. The combination of academic excellence, practical experience, and a commitment to social justice makes TISS a unique and esteemed institution in the field of social sciences and beyond.

What is unique about TISS

These programs are designed to integrate theoretical learning with hands-on experience. The curriculum often includes field placements, internships, and research projects that address real-world issues.

Unique Experience of Studying at TISS

1. Interdisciplinary Approach

- TISS encourages an interdisciplinary approach to learning. Students have the opportunity to take courses across different disciplines, allowing them to develop a holistic understanding of complex social issues.

2. Fieldwork and Practical Experience

- A significant component of TISS programs is the emphasis on fieldwork. Students are placed in various organizations and communities to gain practical experience, bridging the gap between theory and practice.

3. Social Commitment

- TISS's mission revolves around social justice, equity, and human rights. The institute fosters a strong sense of social responsibility and commitment among its students, often engaging them in community service and advocacy projects.

4. Diverse Community

- The TISS community is known for its diversity, with students and faculty from various regions, backgrounds, and disciplines. This diversity enriches the learning experience, fostering a vibrant and inclusive environment.

5. Research Opportunities

- TISS is renowned for its research output. Students have access to numerous research opportunities and are encouraged to engage in projects that contribute to social change. The institute's research centers focus on areas like health, education, and development, providing students with valuable insights and resources.

6. Campus Life

- The TISS campuses, located in Mumbai and other cities, offer a conducive environment for academic and personal growth. Facilities include libraries, research centers, hostels, and recreational areas. The campus life is enriched by various student-led activities, seminars, and workshops.

7. Global Connections

- TISS maintains collaborations with international institutions, providing students with exposure to global perspectives and opportunities for international internships and exchanges.

8. Ethical and Values-Based Learning

- The institute places a strong emphasis on ethics and values in education. Students are encouraged to reflect on their learning in the context of broader societal issues and personal responsibility.

The TISS **School of Management and Labour Relations** offers the following programmes:

- Master of Arts in Labour Studies and Practice
- Master of Arts in Human Resources Management and Labour Relations
- Master of Arts in Social Entrepreneurship
- Master of Arts in Organisation Development, Change and Leadership
- Master of Arts /Master of Science in Analytics

Eligibility Criteria

Educational Qualification

- General Requirement: Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree (minimum of three years duration) or equivalent from a recognized university.

- Final Year Students: Candidates who are in their final year of graduation are also eligible to apply, provided they complete their final year examination and all internship requirements by June 2024 and submit their degree certificate by September 2024.

Age Limit

- There is no upper age limit to apply for TISSNET.

Work Experience

- For some programs, particularly executive and part-time programs, relevant work experience may be required.

Exam Pattern and Syllabus

The TISSNET exam has been scrapped beginning 2024 and the Institute will accept **CUET(PG)** scores for admission to all its Postgraduate (Master's degree) programs.

In order to secure admission to courses offered by TISS School of Management and Labour relations a candidate must appear for CUET-PG exam conducted by NTA, to be held in the month of March and opt for MBA as domain specific subject.

The CUET (PG) MBA paper has the following pattern:

Duration: 105 minutes

No of questions: 100 MCQs

The questions are distributed under the same categories as other MBA exams.

Section	Topics Covered
English Comprehension	Grammar, Jumbled Paragraphs, Sentence Correction, Reading Comprehension, Paragraph Completion, One word substitution, synonyms and antonyms
Quantitative ability	Simple and Compound Interest, Percentages, Time Speed and Distance, Pipes and cisterns, Time and work
Logical Reasoning	Linear Inference, ranking test, Matrix arrangements, sequencing, Analogy test, cause and effect, Direction and Distance based questions
Data Interpretation	Pie charts, Bar -graphs, Tabular Charts, Mixed graphs, Data sufficiency, Graphs and number system, Sets and Venn Diagram

Schedule of Exam

The application forms are released in the month of November- December and the exam takes place in the month of March.

SNAP

What is SNAP?

SNAP stands for Symbiosis National Aptitude Test. A candidate aspiring to join a Symbiosis MBA programme offered by any Institute of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) has to appear for

the common, mandatory Symbiosis National Aptitude (SNAP 2024) Computer Based Test (CBT) which will be conducted at Test Centres.

Why SNAP?

Symbiosis offers some dynamic courses in management education, in the 17 institutes run under the Symbiosis umbrella. What sets it apart from other colleges is the offering of MBA in niche domains like Sports Management, Infrastructure Development and Management, Food Technology and Food Enterprise Management, to name a few.

When is SNAP?

The SNAP exam generally occurs in the month of December.

Registration and form filling begins in the first week of August.

The SNAP exam is typically conducted once a year, with multiple sessions available.

Note: The SNAP website mentions the following: A candidate can appear for up to three tests for SNAP. If a candidate appears for more than one test, the higher score will be considered for the final percentile calculation and there will be no normalization. A rigorous process that has been statistically tested will be administered to ensure that unique types of questions are framed under a specific topic across the question papers. Normal spread will ensure that there is no unfair advantage to candidates who opt for any specific test / multiple tests. This will ensure normalisation of the spread of questions across sections. Furthermore, the question papers will be normalised for the level of difficulty across all three tests. No correspondence regarding this will be entertained.

Eligibility Criteria

The Symbiosis National Aptitude Test (SNAP) is a national-level entrance exam conducted by Symbiosis International (Deemed University) for admission to various MBA programs offered by its affiliated institutes. Below is a detailed overview of the SNAP exam, including eligibility criteria, exam pattern, weightage of different sections, and the exam schedule.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the SNAP exam, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- **Educational Qualification:** A candidate must have completed a Bachelor's degree from a recognized university with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks (45% for SC/ST candidates). Final-year students are also eligible to apply.
- **Age Limit:** There is no upper age limit for appearing in the SNAP exam, but candidates must be at least 18 years old due to the graduation requirement.
- **Nationality:** Indian citizens and foreign nationals can apply. Foreign candidates must provide an equivalence certificate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
- **Attempts:** There is no limit on the number of attempts, but candidates can appear for a maximum of three sessions in a single year.

Exam Pattern

The SNAP exam is conducted in a computer-based format and consists of the following components:

- **Total Duration:** 60 minutes

- Total Questions: 60 multiple-choice questions (MCQs)
- Sections and Weightage:
 - General English: 15 questions
 - Analytical & Logical Reasoning: 25 questions
 - Quantitative, Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency: 20 questions
- Scoring: Each question carries 1 mark, with a negative marking of 0.25 for each incorrect answer. The total marks for the exam are 60.

Weightage of Different Sections

The weightage of different sections in the SNAP exam is as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Number of Questions</u>	<u>Marks</u>
<u>General English</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Analytical & Logical Reasoning</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Quantitative, Data Interpretation & Data Sufficiency</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>60</u>

Further Rounds leading up to admission:

Shortlisting for Group Exercise and Personal Interaction (GE-PI):

A candidate will be shortlisted for further Symbiosis MBA admission process (GE-PI) based on her/his overall SNAP Percentile. Please check the respective Institute website for information and dates of GE-PI.

The further admission process is conducted separately for each MBA programme by each Institute. The cut-off for shortlisting is also calculated separately for each programme. Based on her/his overall SNAP percentile, a particular candidate may get shortlisted for more than one programme. In such a scenario the candidate is expected to participate in the GE-PI for each programme separately.

Merit List Declaration and Admission:

	Weightage for Final Merit List		
SNAP Score (out of 60, scaled down to 50 marks)	Group Exercise (GE)	Personal Interaction (PI)	Total

50	10	40	100
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What is MAH CET

The Maharashtra Common Entrance Test (MAH CET) is a state-level entrance exam conducted by the State Common Entrance Test Cell, Maharashtra, for admission into MBA/MMS programs offered by various colleges and universities in the state of Maharashtra.

Why MAH CET?

MAH CET is a crucial exam for MBA/MMS aspirants in Maharashtra, and thorough preparation is essential for success. Familiarity with the exam pattern, types of questions, and effective time management can significantly enhance performance.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Educational Qualification:

Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized university.

A minimum of 50% aggregate marks for general category candidates and 45% for reserved category candidates (SC/ST/OBC/DTVJ/NT/SBC) of Maharashtra state.

2. Final Year Students:

Candidates appearing for the final year of their graduation are also eligible to apply, provided they complete their degree requirements before the commencement of the academic session.

3. Nationality:

Candidates must be Indian nationals.

Exam Pattern

The MAH CET is a computer-based test (CBT) consisting of multiple-choice questions (MCQs). The exam is designed to assess a candidate's aptitude in various areas. The exam pattern is as follows:

Total Number of Questions: 200

Total Duration: 150 minutes (2.5 hours)

Question Type: Multiple choice questions (MCQs) with **five** answer options.

Marking Scheme: Each correct answer awards 1 mark. There is no negative marking for incorrect answers.

Scoring Methodology

Total Marks: The exam is scored out of 200 marks.

Sectional Scores: Each section is scored separately, contributing to the overall score.

Sections and Distribution of Questions

Section	Distribution of questions
Logical Reasoning	<u>75</u>
Abstract Reasoning	<u>25</u>
Quantitative Aptitude	<u>50</u>
Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension	<u>50</u>

No Negative Marking: There is no penalty for incorrect answers, encouraging candidates to attempt all questions.

Language: The medium of the test is English.

When is MAH CET

The MAH CET is typically conducted once a year. The schedule usually follows this timeline:

Registration Period: Generally, starts in January and ends in February.

Admit Card Release: Usually in March.

Exam Date: Typically conducted in March.

Result Declaration: Results are generally announced in April.

Test Centers: The MAH CET is conducted at various test centers across Maharashtra.

Application Process: Candidates must register on the official MAH CET website, fill out the application form, upload required documents, and pay the exam fee.

Counseling Process: Post exam, candidates are required to participate in the Centralized Admission Process (CAP) for seat allotment in various colleges based on their MAH CET scores.

Syllabus

Logical Reasoning: Reasoning questions, including puzzles, syllogisms, and logical sequences.

Abstract Reasoning: Pattern recognition and visual reasoning exercises, commonly known as non-verbal reasoning.

Quantitative Aptitude: Basic math concepts, data interpretation, and quantitative problems involving arithmetic and algebra, among other topics of mathematics.

Verbal Ability/Reading Comprehension: Vocabulary, practice reading comprehension, and review grammar rules.

Tentative schedule of Exams

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Form Filling Window</u>	<u>Tentative Date of Exam</u>
CAT	August- September	Mid-November to 1 st Week of December
XAT	August – November	First week of January
GMAT	Multiple times a year	To be chosen by the candidate

NMAT	August to mid-October	November-December
TISS (through CUET-PG)	December- January	March-April
MAT	January, April, August and November	February, May, September and December
MAH CET	January-February	March
SNAP	Begins in August	December January
CMAT	November- January	February