

# CAT

# Day by Day

# Analysis

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Day 7 to Last day



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# CAT Day by Day Analysis



## Day 1

### 5 new changes introduced in the CAT 2013 paper:

- 1 More difficult Quant as compared to previous years
- 2 More importance to Modern Maths (Geometry 6, Functions Graphs 3, Inequalities 2)
- 3 Easy to understand DI but with little calculations
- 4 50% RC questions based on Inference
- 5 Two logical puzzles set easy one difficult to do

Reaching early at the center is waste of time as they make u wait till the end. So make sure you just reach one hour before the start date.

### Section 1: Quant

Level of difficulty	Ques
Easy	10
Medium	10
Difficult	10

Quant section was little difficult as compared to last year's CAT paper. Around 9 – 10 questions were directly based on the Cetking books and study material you have. Brush up the formulas for Equations and topics like Geometry areas and volumes and others will definitely help. Solve CAT 1990 – 2004 papers.

Type of question	No. of ques
Book based	10
Cetking Shortcuts	14
Speed breakers	6

Some of the questions more logic based not a direct application of the formulas. If you have done the quant thoroughly with proper understanding of the topics then solving these questions will not be a problem.

There were 9 calculations based but straight forward Data Interpretation questions. DI was easier than last year but still little calculation intensive with equal mix of Bar, Table and statement based questions. If you have attended my workshops then solving DI without won't be a problem for you.

Type of questions	No. of ques
Arithmetic	3
Algebra Equations	4
Numbers	3
Visual Geometry	6
PnC without nCr	1
DI without pen	9
Dirty Quant & Functions	4

Type of questions	No. of ques
Tables	3
Bar Chart	6

### Verdict:

Ideal attempt: 16 – 20 with good accuracy

IIMs: 18+ questions right

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Few IIMs and Top 10 colleges: 15+ questions right  
Top 25 colleges: 12+ questions right

Quant: Moderate but tricky!  
DI: Easy but calculation based

## Section 2: Verbal

Verbal section was of same difficulty as last year. Perfect mix of all topics so solving last year papers 1990 – 2008 will definitely help to understand the type of questions. No experimentation done this year. There were very few questions which had confusing or close options.

Level of difficulty	Ques
Easy	10
Medium	14
Difficult	6

RC was typical, mix of science, philosophy, politics and culture based questions. RC was very similar to CAT 2010 in the level of easiness.

Type of questions	No. of ques
RC in half time	10
Grammar/Sentence Cor/ Usage	2
Vocab & FIBs	2
Paragraph Comp & Jum	6
Critical Reasoning	0
Logical Reasoning Puzzles	9
Logical Reas others	0

Logic was the total shock was expecting difficult sets like last year but was surprised to see two easy sets direct questions. One difficult puzzle set. Go through the easy puzzles given in cetking green books and avoid the difficult problems in your mock papers.  
Ideal attempts in verbal section were 22 – 25 /30.

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Type of questions	No. of ques
Puzzles Matrix	3
Puzzles Investment	2
Puzzles Sitting Arrangement	3
FIJ	1
Truth liar	1

Verbal: Easy towards moderate!  
DI: Easy very easy

## Last minute advice

- Throw all difficult mock papers you have out of the window, CAT Verbal is much easier than that.
- Revise all basics – there will be 10 plus questions directly or indirectly based on formulas from the books.
- Solve actual CAT papers from 1990 – 2004
- Go through Cetking Orange (basic books), Green books (advance) and Shortcut Workshops

Day 7

Done my exam today morning slot !! First question was 'ant' wala.. Oh goodness then i thought sure there will be some questions which i learnt from this group.. Then clicked the next question then next then next !! WTF many of the questions were from functions. Looked simple but took such a long time for them to solve.. Nyway finished the 1st session...

Then next comes the real hero ... 2 of the RC's were simple, 2 of LR were easy to solve .. Done with it... PJ, PC were moderate and doable... Ended up 18 attempts in quant 24 in Verbal

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Day 7

Today's Evening slot

There were no ques from pnc , probability , tsd or tw ...

It had 10 questions from DI - 2 sets medium, 1 difficult

5 from numbers n 4 from geometry

2 from log , 2 from trigonometry , 2 from elevation , 1 from interest , n rest I dnt remembr as of now..

Quant was fine overall

DI was lengthy....1 set had a lot of calculations...

Moving to the other section...

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Rest was as usual...

PC-2 , PJ-3 , word usage and ol....

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Theres nthing to worry....ppl who are yet to take their test....

Just a word of advice.....try to keep calm...n dnt panic...n do keep track of time....

Ol d best...

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Day 7

unexpected is th word....2 whole D.I from SET THEORY.....paper was comparatively easier thn any mock test..bt pressure do get to u especially th 13 window tutorial thy hav get on ur nerves..!!!

VA and RC were doable...straight questions based on context....lr...2 easy...1 difficult...!!

just 1 suggestion....set theory chaat jao(in case u gt smthng similar to wht i gt)...

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Oct 31

M done with my cat today!!

Section 1 was moderate ...

Setion 2

Though the rcs were easy but the options,i felt were too close!!!

Talking about LR, 1 was moderate and 2 were somewhat difficult!!

overall the paper was okay!!!

Attempts-sectn 1 - 18

sectn 2 19

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Day 7

Done with my CAT-2013 (first attempt)

time to get relax after a long time...feeling like sum1 has removed stones from my head...

31st october, morning slot

sec 1(quant,DI)(easy to moderate): first que. was like as 80% of people getting form few days..

dont remember abt individual areas bt can say nothing from pnc as I've not prepared for it..

there were ques from algebra,function,number,geo,mensuration

1 from data sufficiency

As DI was my strong area but couldnt attempt all que.(attempted 6 out of 9)

2 were easy bt little calculation intensive, 1 was from sets(left it)

sec 2(VA,LR)(moderate to tough): Again as LR is my strong area but found 2 difficult(time consuming), 1 was moderate

RCs were too lengthy and confusing.

parajumbles, sentence completion,word usage were there but as per my knowledge no FIB....

Attempts:- 20-22 in quant (90-95% accuracy), 18-20 in VA(cant predict abt accuracy :P)

AS the paper was easy in quant I'm scared abt normalization..

P.S:"Just go through previous posts they'll help alot.. "

Hope this will help..

And last but not the list any suggestion where to apply??? As the dates of few good colleges will get closed before our result..

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Day 7

Today's Evening slot

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Day 8

Hi all, wrote CAT, afternoon slot at Mindspace center, Hyderabad.Overall, it was a forgetful experience. After 10 mins into the 1st section, some technical glitch occurred owing to which I had a stoppage of close to 10-12 mins...I wasnt the only victim, 5 other candidates sitting in my row were also subject to it....the personnel at the center were extremely unprofessional...twas a small room which had stuffed in close to 45 candidates, each seat separated from the other by temporary cardboard sheets which would fall onto one side or the other on slightest of movements....i have no clue as to how could Prometric stoop so low in its standard....

As for the qns, I found them a little on the tough side...4-5 sitters but even they were wordy, making sure u spend close to 70-90 seconds on them...the first problem was the ant problem...DI was easy to comprehend but a bit on the calculative side...to get one ans i had to solve  $1348/5913$  and the answer options were all close to each other...no PnC qn...In the second section, I found 2 LRs pretty simple, the third one was more of a puzzle nd was time consuming...RCs were on very abstract topic and only 1/3 was easily comprehensible(not a big fan of RC qns, anyway).....

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Day 8

No of Attempts in QDI - 19 - 20 (around 80% accuracy )

Topic wise break down:

QUANT (Difficulty Level - Moderate to Difficult) :-

Geometry : 4

Arithmetic : 2

Number Theory : 3-4

Functions : 4 (slightly tough)

P&C : 1

Algebra : 2

DI (Difficulty Level - Easy) :- Easy to attempt all the three caselets. Although, one of them was a little time consuming.

No of Attempts in VA-LR- 26 (around 85% accuracy )

Topic wise break down:

VA (Difficulty level - Easy to Moderate) :-

RC - 1 passage looked ridiculously easy , but as expected had tricky questions with very close options (Generally, easier the RC, tougher and trickier are the options). Other 2 RC's were easy enough to comprehend and the questions were moderate.

Most of them were inference based.

Parajumbles : 4 - moderate level - 2 of them were easy to moderate, 1 had very close options and the other tough one I had left unattempted

Paragraph Completion or Last line questions : 3 questions - moderate level

Grammar and Vocab based questions : moderate

LR: 2 easy, 1 moderate to tough - slightly time taking.

Over all paper was decent. No direct sitters. A moderate level paper. My speed could have been better in QDI. Although I made a few bad decisions in QDI (which could have been avoided), I tried to avoid any strategic mistakes in the verbal section.

Given the limited time, choosing the questions carefully can itself be a daunting task. Do whatever best you can do in this regard. All the very best !

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Day 8

Quant and DI - Quant was a bit on the moderate-tough side with no questions from P&C and Probability , mostly dominated by algebra and geometry. DI was on the easier side, one was easy and one was calculative. Didn't get time to look at the other. attempted 20 questions with around 80-85 % accuracy.

VA and LR- VA was moderate to tough with 3 pjs, 2 para completion, 2 questions on grammar, 1 fill in the blank and 3 passages. One was easy and the other two passages were a tad bit lengthy. LR all the 3 LR's were doable. 2 were easy and 1 was tough. attempted 23 with around 80-85% accuracy.

how much percentile can I expect ???!

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Day 9

overall paper was moderate....a decent preparation can fetch you good results...

sec 1: QA and DI

THE FAMOUS ANT ROCKS AGAIN being the 1st question...algebra dominated..2-3 questions from geometry 1 pnc....1 from set theory..and some questions requiring common sense....

DI : 1 tough 1 moderate but calculative and 1 easy

sec 2: VA LR:

3 rcs easy to moderate 3 LR'S 2 easy 1 moderate to tough...rest parajumbles sentence completion more or less the same...standard being moderate....

My total attempts were 20 in sec1 and 25 in sec 2 with a decent accuracy(I guess)

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Day 9

Geometry (5-6) being my strong area , i found it easy although level was on Moderate-Higher side. DI as expected was calculation intensive so i was prepared for that (Thanx to all who have posted there valuable experience in this and other groups. Number system was on totally blink side (no hope to even start an answer).

In LR and VA i Found use of Vocab is not much (no use of learning and cramming 3k odd words) But answer were very close , LR checks your ability to think analytically.

for me it was 24Q in sec-1 with 90-95% accuracy and 27 in VA LR with 90% accuracy

Friends these are my tips which might be helpful

1. Sab % yaad karte hain 20 tak , but i say plzz cram it till 35 (only primes after 20) ll be very helpful in DI.

2. Mere slot me Geo aaya thaa jyada , so it's not necessary that u ll get the same , so plzz don't over emphasize on that (Normal human nature u know). Do all Sections

3. Polygons k relations sahi se yaad karna , they usually checks different association of rules . For ex- relation b/w inradius and circumradius of hexagon (Not a cat Q )

4. LR me b prepared for various combinations , sab kar k dekhiyo be4r selecting t final answer



5. And last but most imp. is Keep yourself Relax ,tension eats your Oxygen intake of mind and it might land u up at Mussoorie instead of Mauritius .

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Day 09

Horrible Experience with CAT morning slot paper.

First and foremost do not bank upon repeated questions.

QUANT & DI-

My paper was very much i would say algebra and functions oriented. I was amused to see the ANT but that amusement didn't last for long.

I got 4 questions on functions, seems easy but actually it isn't.

1 ANT question(the ONLY SITTER)

2 questions on inequalities(Tough)

2 on GIF (Tough)

1 exponential (Tough)

2 Log. 2 TSD. 2 P&C. 3 geometry(moderate)

0 Numbers.0 Set theory.

1 DI very easy but the other two didn't even dare to attempt.

VA & LR-

RC's 2 moderate another on Philosophy so left.

LR's were doable all the 3.

I am following this group since a couple of months, none of the questions repeated except ANT. Would say expect L3 level questions in Algebra and Geometry.

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Day 10

done with my CAT....

evening slot.....Bangalore

QUANT:

phle qstn me hi 'mst repeated qstn' tha...

3 DI....calculation intensv

4-5 geometry....2 trigonometry(height and dstnc)...3 no.s....1 mensuration...2-3 from equations(involving use of functions)....1 percentage

no questns frm Pnc..probability..TSD...TW

worst part.....DI (wch used to be my strng part) k jyada qstns attmpt nhi kr paya....Quant me hi 1-2

sitters me tym wste ho gya..n ansr v nai aaya....

VERBAL:

1 RC ws easy...1 rc moderate...1 rc ws difficult

3 PJ...1 correct usage of word...3 PC....1 FIB...1 find the irrelevant statement....1 sentence correction

LR: 2 moderate...1 was non sense

i guess i could have attempted 2-3 more questions in DI making quant score better...

Questions Attempted:

QA: just 14 (85-90% accuracy).... lag gai...

VA: 23(85-90% accuracy)...

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Day 10

sec1--started wid that one famous ques...

after that good quality ques..breezed off...and suddenly a venn DI struck me hard...and after the quick

recovery few bad qa were present to greet me too...nonetheless..i could do nothing attempted 16 here...feeling bad..thoda aur padhh lia hota..toh the biggest shoker..NO geo wala ques..just one frm coord geo..then 2-3 wrd prbs..no. sys 3-5...ap/gp--2-3..no tsd..wrk..func..1-2...DI- 3 sets..venn..bar..venn..

sec2--good start..parac...fib..last senc completion..2 LR's were pathetic....i manged to do 1...which was abt distribution..of assets..then RC's attempted 2..good rc's..no tones nothing...I was happy with VA sec..attempted 23-24..

Tips---Plz have a good nights sleep the day b4..dont exert..!!

--keep a check on that timer...in qa..i didnt know..when i was just left wid 5 mins..

--Study..study...thats the only way..hardwork can only take u inside that IIM gate

---Lastly..Don't lose hope !

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## Day 10

I wonder how can i be so dumb to choose my D-Day on [Halloween](#) ..but then again it was Indeed a Halloween movies.

During those moments before exam:- I was talkin to myself...keep calm, attempt all u kno in QA and keep leaving, NO EGO NO EGO NO EGO..

NDA:- 5 minutes of NDA n i was thinking these 4 lines and what not has happened because of them

### Section 1 Loaded

QA:- 1st Question , Geometry (Welcome to Halloween) left it within 10sec.

Next 3 Q on Di (I always get bored 2 read instructions of DI) so left again.

Q5- TIME booklet ka ratio & % wala Q, which i didnt practice kyuki mai isse bahot easy samajhta tha...waha ni bana left again

Next 9 Q i solved 5 of them...

Overall 15Q gone and i solved 5...50min remaining....

Looked at review screen n 5 solved... i was like Tejashwi what's wrong with u..

God came to my rescue and after this managed to solve all the remaining 15Q

13 mins left 10 Q to go...managed to do 5 of them....

Overall:- 25 Attempts (23C 1W and 1 Doubtful)

Quant was typical "Green Australian pitch", if you try to be Virendra Sehwag ur a goner, only way out is being Rahul Dravid playing every ball to its merit. Those who know me..will kno geometry is my strongest area in QA but i left 2/3 geo in round 1...This literally saved my day. I have never ever seen such a difficult QA section in any CAT previous yr paper ever before. Few of the Q's were straight from JEE days.

VA:- Kept trying LR and kept marking all PC and PJ to solve later on, in between solved the only FIB. 29 mins passed, i managed to solve 5LR Q's and 1 FIB that's all

Moved to VA, did all the PJ,and PC except one PC(philosophy based, which i hate).

Then came the savior RC, solved 8/10....pretty sure abt them wer kinda easy...left wid 5 mins....tried n wasted all of them on LR to no avail....

Time out....Dont remember exactly but i think 22 attempt in VA (expecting atleast 16-17 correct)

Only thing left to say "Happy Halloween"

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## Day 11

Quant was moderate,

Di was easy to moderate  
Geometry 3-4 ques all wid moderate difficulty  
log ques 2-3 ques diff on d higher side  
percentage 1 ques very difficult  
TSD 1 ques easy

Verbal was moderate  
LR was easy to moderate  
RC questions were difficult  
Sentence completion 3  
Parajumbles 3  
sentence correction 2

i attempted 24 in quant and 19 in verbal wid overall accuracy of 90%

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Day 11

quant was easy to moderate  
attempted 15  
@ 80-85% accuracy  
function-1  
tsd-1  
geometry-3/4  
probability-2  
p&c-2  
no ant question  
di was moderate  
only calculation intensive  
one di was hard  
paper-2  
moderate to hard  
attempted 22  
@70% accuracy  
jumbled paragraph, grammar mistake, choose conclusion  
passages were moderate  
one passage on humanism was hard..  
Bst f luck 2 remainings...

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Day 11

My experience wid CAT 2013-Well, the first section ws majorly dominated by algebra and geometry(4-5). Apart frm tat there were questions on profit & loss, mixtures and allegations, heights and distance and yes, nt to forget the ant one There was a passage on games and tournament<simple> and 2 DI passages<simple again>. I attempted around 17  
In section 2 there were 3 LR passages<very simple> and 3 RCs<nw this part ws really irritating> then there were questions based on usage of word, para jumbles, conclusion. I attempted around 20 in this section.  
I hope this helps.. All the best for ur exam

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Day 12

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Slot: 6th November 10:00-12:30

Attempts: QA -> 22 and VA & LR -> 23

QA, DI and LR were a walk in the park.. could have easily attempted 3 more questions in quant..

Coming to VA.. I could attempt 18 questions(including LR) in 30mins.. in the remaining 40mins I could only attempt 5..

2RCs Philosophy, 1RC on literature.. 1 Para Completion on philosophy..

VA was of the level of aimcat 8 and 9.. Very tough.. All the options were very close..

Hoping for the best All the best to everyone..

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Day 12

Slot:6 Nov 10.00 AM..

Good mixture of quans covering almost all the topics..DI was calculation intensive ..Coming to the second section lr was a cake walk..while va almost had very close options...

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Day 12

Attempts: QA -> 18 with 100% accuracy and VA & LR -> 22 with 80% accuracy.

quant was easy but di was bit lengthy. wasted 15 min on DI. LR was piece of cake. trick was in jumbling sent and usage of word in sentences.

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Day 13

## **My Journey To CAT Centre**

The online Common Admission Test (CAT) 2013 was without any glitches. There were no surprises in the test. As declared earlier, the paper had two sections of 70 minutes each. Most of the questions in both sections were conventional CAT type problems from areas tested regularly over the years.

### **Quantitative Reasoning and Data Interpretation:**

The overall paper was of moderate difficulty level. Geometry and Algebra dominated the quant section. There was more variety in the paper with questions asked from a wide range of topics:

Functions-2 (with Log) ,

Graphs- 1,

Number System- 2,

Algebra- 3,

Geometry- 4 (Guess What Ant Appeared Again),

Time and Distance- 2,

Arithmetic- 4,

Set Theory- 1,

Coordinate Geometry- 1,

D.I.- 10 (Bar Graph-3) (Team Win 3) (Caselet 4),

Overall, the only surprise in this section was the topic 'Functions'. There were a number of average difficulty-level questions from this topic and a little familiarity of the concepts would have helped the candidate sail through this topic.

Data Interpretation was divided into three sets with three questions each. All the questions were easily manageable and worth doing. A well prepared student would have got nine out of nine in DI and could maximise the scores here.

### **Verbal Ability and Logical Reasoning**

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It was a standard paper again with no major changes/surprises. Logical reasoning had much easier questions compared to most mocks. However, quick data analysis and data arrangement would be the key here. There were three caselets with three questions each. But, again, CAT wants you to ensure that you get the LR questions spot on.

With English, we never know. (Do we?)

The section was averagely difficult. The section had all the conventional questions from

Spot the Error- 1 Paragraph completions -3

Reading Comprehension -10

Para jumbles -3,

Fill in the blanks -2,

Word Usage -2 (questions were pretty straightforward)

There were three Reading Comprehension (RCs) passages: one each from , the Arts and Natural Science (IQ). Unlike last year, there weren't many tone questions

**Strategy Lessons:** Selecting questions is supremely important.

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Day 13

Done with My CAT today morning slot:

Quant Was Easier than ever expected, The most common question of CAT 2013 has appeared in my slot too. Surprisingly, CUBOID paint question was asked as one of the DI set. One can easily attempt 12 questions at ease, if he uses common sense in the Quant.

The Verbal section was trickier, the LR sets were doable, ensure to check the questions coz the length of the question may pull u down before you may attempt any. RC and verbal questions were trickier and tougher. All the options were close enough and you need to choose the best alternative.

My suggestion to all the CAT aspirants is that - Your Question selection plays a very important role.

My over-all Attempts - 15 in QADI & !6 in VALR

All the best to the rest who re about to take CAT 2013.

PS; I owe it to this group members, in fact, this group has always boosted my Confidence levels..

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Day 13

done with CAT today....morning slot.... feels like someone just removed heavy baggage from my chest... All the best to other guyz who are yet to appear... paper was of moderate diff... one DI too lengthy other 2 moderate qaunt moderate...2 LR tough and english easy to moderate.... total attempts 42 — 😊 feeling relieved.

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Day 14

Done with CAT today.. Quant. And D.I. was moderate.. About 10 ques. were there from Algebra.. 4-5

Geometry,.. 2-3 Set theory.,.

Second section was difficult.. LR was very tough..

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Done with cat..... 5 nov

first of all,thanks a lot guys for ur wonderful support...

my exam toughness was evenly distributed...came across with easy, moderate and hard ones...but no famous ques like Ant and no.of integral pairs...

section 1: di was one easy,one moderate and one lengthy but quite comfortable...qa contains 3 geometry,2 numbers( 1 easy,1 tough),2 quad,2 log(tough),1 tsd,1 trig and 1 co-ordinate geometry etc....at one stage,i just attempted 5 ques when 43 minutes are remaining...anyway done well with this qa&di....18 attempts with 90% accuracy....

section 2: verbal was quite tough with much lengthy and unfamiliar rc's....2 para jumbles(1 easy,1 moderate),2 fill in the blanks,2 essence of text and finally lr was 1 tough and remaining are moderate....

anyway...i am not strong in verbal ...so,attempted 16 in section 2 with good accuracy...overall 34 attempted...got saved by di and lr....

one thing i can say is this was the best moment to enjoy your nervousness....

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## Day 14

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My Review- 6th nov, eve slot

Before you read my review.. Please keep this thing in mind

1. I won't be telling any questions
2. Please don't ask my number of attempts

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Quant- Overall level- Medium to Difficult

10 DI questions (3 sets)- one was very easy and less time consuming

One DI set was lengthy and time consuming and the last one was -"aage badho" types. A very weird venn diagram, easy bar graph and again a different type of DI which I can't describe

Rest of the quant- 5 questions were very easy (Direct)

10- Medium, rest difficult + can't be done within 2-3mins per question.

2-quadratic equations, 1 inequalities, 2 functions, 1 log and rest belonged to Geometry and Sequence and series + 2numbers

Verabl- one RC passage easy to understand and infer

One was difficult but questions were easy and the third one was of a medium level.

PJs, SCs, usage etc were easy. Easier than Aimcats according to me.

LR was pathetic acc to me. 1 Easy set but was very lengthy in terms of comprehending and collecting the data together, 2nd was difficult, 3rd was medium but doable.

This is my perception.. "Question batado" in my inbox and related comments wouldn't be well received mainly cos majority was of geometry and Series. Thank you

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## Day 14

I'll be revising formulae etc until 5th afternoon then would stop studying!

Anything else I need to do to relax or revise or anything that might help me on 6th?

Also.. what are the items one cannot carry, except calculators, mobile, food and watch?

People who've already given CAT- pls can you mention anything that you experienced which was NOT at

all expected by you?

Like my friend said that you cannot remove/wear your jacket/scarf etc during your examination, even if you're feeling hot/cold..

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Day 14

Ant and Xsq wala didn't come in my set...but came in my friend's set seating adjacent to me:

Quant :

4-5 sitters, 2-3 medium diff, 10 were of high difficulty

Geometry - 3-4 ques, numbers - 3 ques, Functions - 2 ques. Algebra : 3-4

DI was the the toughest i ever saw..

VA:

passages were diff and one ques was:

What question would you ask the author after reading this... (I was like BABAJI KA THULLU.. LOL :D)

LR was of med diif.

Attempts - 16 and 27 resp. :):)

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Day 15

Details about my attempts:-

QA:- I did around 16-17 qs with 85 % accuracy. Yes they were quite tough and calculation intensive. QA started with q on the famous "Ant" and then full of functions and algebra. I had a question from Coordinate geometry. 2 geometry qs and 1 time and distance. There were 3 DI sets , 1 was easy based on marks of students but the other 2 were tough (among the 2 one was on 3 set venn diagram ,could not interpret the question properly.)

Va:- I am good at it and found it pretty easy to sail through.23 Attempts with 90% accuracy. Got 3 RC's one on economics, 2nd on philosophy and the 3rd was a abstract one. got 2 phrasal verb usage. 3 para completion. 1 FIB. 2 Grammar qs and 2 odd sentence out with 2 PJ s and rest 3 sets of LR. They were quite easy.

Hopefully normalization would normalize the scores properly.

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Day 15

I found QA moderate ...no function, 4 geometry and mensuration, no tsd, 1 ratio & proportion, 2 p&c, 1 easy di, 1 di based on venn diag(felt easy, bt did'nt attempted), 1 di looked easy bt then seemd deceptive(didnt attempted), 2 from series(1 log series), 2-3 number system. Overall balanced section with moderate difficulty.

VA - rc seemed tough(only 5 attempted out of total 9) , LR moderate to difficult. Overall i felt the section tough(though not my strong section) !!

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Day 15

QA was moderate to tough..Excess questions of Geometry and DI was set theory based... Really QA was too tough to crack attempted 16

And English and LR part was little bit on easier side... LR 3 puzzles 2 were easy 1 was too tough left that, Eng 3 RCs from which 2 were moderate and last one was a real sitter...Para completion,last sentece,FIB were doable... Attempted 23

Overall happy abt the exam...Guys kitna percentile mil sakta hai..Help me

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Day 15

Evening Slot---QA--Easy----Eng---Very tough..It was actually LR vs RCS..No one cud have solve more than 4 sets(3 rcs + 3 LR)...No wonder how much u have work hard for 2nd sec it was totally BIZARREE Section...

P.S-- My Aimcats percentile was in range 90-94 with Quant being my strongest part i have scored upto 97 %yl in many mocks Quant sec

Coming to the Paper----QA was easy..Attempts-22-24..Did all DI Ques as well ....3-4 was sitter to me which i did in a min....No surprize!!...No Ant Quest too...Hope to get good percentile in this sec this time...Finger crossed!!!!

Eng/LR-----This sec really freaks me out...I started with LR...Ques were really tricky and requires lot of thoroughness...U cud go for either LR or RCS..I realized it too very soon...Attempted all LR ques...Hopefully all gets correct...Bt Did only 13-14 ques..Overall.....But could not see any RC.Not a single one .....If u compare it to Aimcats i bet 2nd Sec cutoff wud not be more than 28-30...Really tough..Dont know what will happen....

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Day 15

EVENING SLOT..

QUANT: MODERATE....D.I:EASY

LR was juz cakewalk..

RC's-2 moderate,1 difficult

VA: moderate

Section 1 and 2 both: 20 attempts wid 80% accuracy

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Day 16

i found QA to be moderate.Attempted 19-20 . Could have attempted 24.(wasted a lot of time controlling my nerves). Still moved on to the next section with a satisfied feeling. VA was a game changer. Started enjoying the LR questions so much that i almost forgot that i was taking an exam and hence bore the penalty by having to leave 1 LR set and a couple of easy RC questions.My attempt in this section was 20 which could have easily been 25.

Hence i would say paper was moderate but expecting nothing absolutely because I am a big girl and i know that Crying over spilled milk is of no use.. i know i have to MOVE ON and hence "moving on" (addition) and will hence enjoy my day and party!!

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Day 16

Done with cat on 7th november evening slot according to me quant was moderate and verbal was bit tougher with dense RC's . The first question appear on my screen was that famous ant question I attempt 15 questions with 90 accuracy in section 1 I was shock to see quant easyy.In verbal RC were very tough attempt only 15 questions

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Day 16

SLOT..Before i tell u anything , just read this..

The world ain't all sunshine and rainbows. It's a very mean and nasty place and howmuchsoever tough you are, it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently if you let it. You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain't about how hard ya hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. How much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done!

Done with my cat 2013..not a well experience though , yet i believe i cud have done a notch better..

The only thing for my fellow 'aspirants'..dunt follow the 'rants' just 'aspire' for something u look up to..

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Day 16

Section 1: a real shocker!..

Section 2:moderate..overall: tough..pls share ur experience..

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Day 17

What an insane paper it was...

Attempted - 21 in Section 1

25 in section 2

Accuracy ... God knows and d result will tell..

Well, for d people who have dere cat in coming days.. just chillax...

What eva material u have been referring its all useless... its all a game of logic and staying calm.. for me dose 70 min in section one were like 10 min.. damn that timer.. God know how come it ended so fast now tym to relax... its over now all d best!

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8 nov evening slot

no ques from numbers

one set of di was doable and others wre very difficult

two from trigonometry

one p/l and one t/s

i attempt 12 ques overall challenging

sectionn 2

2 lr sets was very easy

rc was doable

3 pj

2 pc

1fill n blanks

2 words usage

attempt 17

overall acuuracy 85%

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Day 17

Finally done with my date....

Evening slot

The exam was way easy than i expected....!

Sec 1-Gave a lot of time to a couple of questions n wasted 20 mins effectively. Solved them eventually Attempts-15( max. 1-2 incorrect considering i hav a habit of being silly )

1 DI was based on sets, but was doable.

Easy questions easy questions easy questions....grrrrr !

I could hav solved 4-5 more !

Sec-2

Attempts- 20, 2 lr were easy and 3rd was a little time consuming, left that....rcs, the language was gettable but the options were close !

Verbal again easy mostly !

I should get at least 15 correct ! damn i could hav solved more if i had a little more speed ! Still miss that lr passage i left !

Keeping my fingers crossed !

Guys just ho out there confident n u will emerge on the top !

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Day 17

Done with my cat

Verbal:- Moderate to difficult 18 attempts

QA dekh ke to meri 'Phat ke Flower ho gyi'

14 attempts- 1 already wrong

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Day 17

Bingo..!!! I had ant in my ques paper..very first ques....

Paper was easy to moderate in LR 3 RCs wr dere bt1 RC was difficult...2 wrd usage ques

1) wrd was jump

And second I forgot

And 3 r para jumbles

I attempted almost all bt 4-5 may b wrong

Nw quant ( worst)

Max ques r frm set theory n functions n I havnt did dem cz func n set r d weakest part of mine..n 2-3 algebra ques (graphs n all)

Overall I attempted 20 ques 6-7 cn b wrng

I dnt remember d ques xcept d one

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Day 18

Section 1 - Overall on Tougher side - Tough ( for me )

2 Ques from DI - Easy/Moderate

2 Ques from Geometry - Moderate

3 Ques from Sets - Difficult

1 Ques from Log - Difficult

No Ques from TSD , Probability

2 Ques from Algebra - Moderate That's all what i remember.from sec 1

1 Ques on work efficiency - Moderate

Section 2 - Relatively Easy

3 RC - 2 Easy and 1 Moderate

3 LR - 2 Easy and 1 Moderate

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4 Ques on Completing the paragraph - More than Moderate  
2 Fill in the blanks - More than Moderate  
1 Find the mistake - Moderate  
3 Ques on arranging them to make a passage – Moderate

Day 18

The day I messed the things

Quant ... attempted 17 .. all correct ..

verbal .. I dun knw when I started solving it .. started dragging it .. when at last left it .. I was left wid 24 mins ;,(

Attempted 12 .. 2 definitely incorrect .. 6 definitely correct .. dun knw about the rest 4 ...

2 lr very easy .. 1 lr .. 4-5 baar feeling aayi ki ques u galat hai

lr , di , rc were compulsory ... If u attempt a set .. attempt al 3 ..

in 3rd lr I attempted only 1

bhool I gya

Overall .. m f\*\*ked

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Day 18

Gave my exam ..... Math no ant..... Sec 1 attempted 10 or 12 got nervous..... Math was really made my life hell.... Eng 23 attempt.... Quite sure ant all attempts..... Only, one suggestion guys sin cos 20 70..... Yaad kar lena..... 2 ques bekaar ho gaye mere is wajah se.....

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Day 19

evening slot : Very disappointed with my performance as I screwed my section 1. I think it was an easy to moderate one . attempted only 16 questions (though it was easy)- most disappointing thing. I stated the paper with good speed id 6 questions in ten minutes . Got stuck in the easiest question of the paper , tried doing it 5 times but my answer was not matching with any of the options . later I realised I was using the wrong formula of volume of cylinder :( ... what can be more depressing than this .... Got three repeated questions.

Managed to reach only question number 22

one easy coordinate question. No pnc, tsd, tsw, till.

atmost only one question can be wrong ... but still I could have rocked section 1 or atleast managed to attempt 20.

section2 – first LR was very easy did it in 2 minutes ...next two LRs was bigger than one RC... it took 10 minutes to just read the LR .manage to attempt 2 questions of second LR. Next I jumped to RC one RC, I read twice but could attemot nay of the questions as the options were closer than the couple in love.

Next RC was physcho , didn't get anything of it .... . read first first para of third RC and tried to do atleast one 1 question at the last moment.

meanwhile I attempted those question of VA which I have never touched in the whole AIMCAT season (poor in VA) ...I found those questions easy ... attempted only 12.. I wish they all be correct . I know I screwed everything but still hoping for them to be correct. I was solely preparing for cat only ...took leave from office .screwed there also .. nothing to say more !! don't feel like studying anymore ...not picking any calls even...

Day 19

Done with CAT,  
it is worse this time.

QNT- 11 attempts 90% accuracy

Verbal- 14 attempts 80 % accuracy..

any chances for me to clear the cutoff this time?

Day 19

15 qsns quant Medium and di was easy can be done with 100 % accuracy... 26 qsns could be done in VA .. lr/vocab 17 verbal ( Medium to easy) with 80% accuracy and LR easy all done with 100% accuracy.....

Day 20

Done with CAT noon slot,

Quant: Doable 2 Time work, 1 function, 1 PnC, 2 Geometry, 1 Progression Pretty much easy set except some questions. Was a bit lengthy.

DI: Sitter all sets, I was unable to attempt one set due to time constraints. Rest was good.

Attempted 17 in quants with 85-90% accuracy. Unsure about it. (Weak in quants)

Verbal: Bhai ye to mera tha. 3 RCs, 2 sitter 1 Philosophy though doable. 2 sets of AR were easy. I regret not having Red bull, got dizzy after doing quant. (Ulta peda hua tha, comment mat mariyo)

FIB, LC,LD easy to moderate. Nothing to worry about, One PJ was a bit tricky but doable, other one was easy.

AR ka ek set was easy, but saala time kam pad gaya pehli baar muje

All in all, content with the performance, could have done better but aah well, that is always a regret we will always have.

Attempted 26 in verbal with 90-95% accuracy.

43 attempts overall with 85%-90% accuracy...

10th Nov Morning Slot

QA - 21 attempts (95-100% accuracy). Exam was moderate to tough with many lengthy questions. One DI set seemed wrong to me.

VA - 23 attempts ( 85-90% accuracy since LR all 9 correct for sure). questions were easy but options were to close to complement it. 1 RC was too lengthy to develop interest in it. So, left it untouched..

Overall gud experience.

Total Attempts 44 with 90% accuracy.

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## Day 20

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just had mine today - 3.15pm slot. Here's my review.

Quants - Attempted around 14 with 90+ accuracy. All you need is good concentration and approximation skills. In simple words, questions might look scary but no matter what, read them with the options. Trust me, it did work for me for 2 questions.

Verbals - You never know if your answers are right or wrong; all the options seem to work for few questions. Logical reasoning was the toughest. I did not have sufficient practice, hence I failed to create a good show there. Practise well in that section and you'll easily identify the approach for these questions. For RC, most of the questions were inference based. Do not attempt them unless you are a voracious reader and you can understand passages well. To be honest, I did not attempt them.

This is my first attempt and I would say that CAT is an overrated examination. You can get into a good b-school if you practise well. My second section did not go well and hence I will not be able to make it this time. To all the IIM aspirants out there, this is a good forum to have a deeper understanding of questions and other competitive exams. I would like to thank everyone for their contribution. DREAM TEAM - Let's join hands, yet another CAT awaits you. Don't be disheartened if you don't get a good percentile this time. When you want to give up, remember why you started it.

Target : CAT 2014.

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## Day 20

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Nov 10 morning slot. Geometry was plenty along with venn in di. Tried only 12. Paper bit complex & lengthy.

Verbal, LR were easy to moderate. Attempted 21. Pretty sure 20. Overall it was sailable. Put my first attempt. Now countdown begins!

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## Day 20

QA-15 Attempt(95-100% accuracy) moderate to tough

VA-14 Attempt(95-100% accuracy) TOUGH

Was very nervous before the start, "ANT" gave some relief.

1 Question from Over-Hyped GEOMETRY

No Question from Super-hyped Functions

3 question from Ignored TSD

many question from ALGEBRA.

1 Question from SI CI

1 Question from PnC

DI were easy, moderate and ULTRA difficult.

1 RC was easy but option were too close to attempt.

1 RC was abstract, after wasting 5 minutes I realized that I was not comprehending it.

1 LR was super easy

1 LR was not suppose to be attempted even if one had 70 minutes for that single piece.

Other LR was tough again but could have been attempted if the legendary (above mentioned) "NON-VEGETARIAN" LR was left.

Grammar was easy, fill in the blank easy again.

Over all not feeling great, could have done better. But we still have IIFT, NMAT & XAT.

November 10 morning slot  
attempts in quant-13  
Surprise elements-all di based on venn diagrams  
difficulty-moderate to tuff  
2-3 easy questions.no repeated question  
venn diagram sets were lengthy and difficult (atleast for me)

Verbal and Ir  
attempts 23-24  
Correct 20 for sure  
Ir were bit tricky and time consuming.2 rcs were easy and 1 difficult one.  
My take--focus more on venn diagrams and geometry

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Last day CAT..

Section 1 - Good question selection, ensures high percentile in this section. Pehle question ant wala, second question on number of integral solutions No other repeates.. If you'd scout you'd find 2 super simple TSD question that would have put NMAT level question to shame. Geometry se I had 3 questions I think. 1 tough, 1 moderate which I couldn't figure out and 1 again very simple. No arithmetic question. Had a solitary question from 4 venn diagram which could be done if one had practised the basics of 4 venn diagram. There were 3 DI sets. 1 was a sitter, second one was easy but by mistake I read the as 'two' and lost 3 4 minutes there. 3rd DI was very tough, couldn't really understand it. It was on altitude, temperature and pressure. Had 2 question on polynomials which were Ok, one long sum on Co-ordinate geometry which I couldn't do due to time constraint. I found the Functions and series based questions mega tough and couldn't do a single one.

Attempts - 19 (accuracy should be 90 plus, maybe 100, dunno)

Section 2 - Haven't encountered this tough a section anywhere, in any of the 30 plus Simcats I gave or the 10 CL mocks I gave. Every single LR question was tough, worst thing was once you read it you felt you could attempt it and after 8 - 10 minutes it still got you no where. However, 2 of the 3 LR sets had 1 sitter each which could be done after just reading the questions. The questions I had were based on The ages of siblings, seating arrangement on basis of a set of scores achieved and one where the teacher gave grades to a class of engineers and non engineers. Fill in the balnks were easy, 3 Parajumbles of which 2 I could do, 3 tough complete the themes. The RC's were super long and were tough in language. One in particular was based on democracy and went over my head completely, and 3 out of 4 were inference based. In the other RC's also a few questions were do able and even though I had 2 direct questions the options were very close.

Attempts - 16 ya 17. Accuracy- dunno.

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Last day CAT..

QA- 6 DI sets( 3 diff, 1 easy, 2 moderate) time consuming.  
DI questions were around 18! Lag gayi QA me to! Other question covered almost each topic. (quadratic equ, arithmetic, AMA, time n work, speed, geometry) moderate to difficult.  
Overall batau to i'm ready for the 2nd attempt.

VA- No words repeated. Not even a single one. 3 RC's( 2 moderate, 1 easy),other questions were from parajumbles, fill in the blanks, Analogy, grammatical error. Overall i found this section to be the easiest one.

# CAT Day by Day Analysis



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Reasoning: Around 10-12 input output questions. Deductions, direction sense, course of action, series, venn diagrams.

Input output were damn confusing, others were easy to moderate!

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