XAT Syllabus 2023

XAT Syllabus 2023 includes 4 major subjects- Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation, Decision Making, Verbal & Logical Ability, and General Knowledge. Apart from these, the XAT 2023 paper will also have an essay writing section that will be evaluated after the candidate is shortlisted for PI round.

- XAT Verbal & Logical Ability Syllabus comprises topics like grammar, vocabulary, parajumbles, RC passages, and critical reasoning. Last year, 4 RC passages & 2 poem-based comprehension sets comprising 3 MCQs each were asked. Check XAT Previous Year Paper Analysis
- XAT Quantitative Aptitude & Data Interpretation Syllabus includes major topics like arithmetic, algebra, geometry, number system, and DI sets based on graphs, charts, and caselets.
- XAT Decision Making section is designed to judge a candidate's problem solving abilities and critical thinking skills in different situations. XAT DM question paper will have 7 sets having 3 questions each.
- XAT Exam Pattern has also been revised and as per the updated exam pattern for XAT 2023, the paper will consist of 101 MCQs and 1 Essay to be attempted in 210 minutes. Check XAT Exam Pattern 2023
- XAT GK Syllabus is the most dynamic and covers both static GK and current affairs. Candidates must note that marks obtained in XAT exam GK section are not considered for percentile calculation. These are only considered in the final stage of selection.
- Candidates must be aware of the important changes introduced in XAT 2023 exam pattern and syllabus, important topics in each section of XAT syllabus to devise a proper preparation plan. Check XAT Preparation Strategy & Books

Quick Links:

XAT 2021 Question Paper with Solutions	XAT 2020 Question Paper with Solutions	XAT 2019 Question Paper with Solutions
XAT 2018 Question Paper with Solutions	XAT 2017 Question Paper with Solutions	XAT 2016 Question Paper with Solutions

XAT Syllabus 2023 Highlights

XAT Syllabus 2023 will be divided into 5 sections. The key highlights of these sections of XAT 2023 Syllabus are tabulated below.

Part	Section	Number of Questions	Topics	Time Limit
Part 1	Verbal and Logical Ability	26	Critical and Analytical Reasoning, Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, Logical Deductions	175 minutes
	Decision Making	22	Caselet study, Data Arrangement, Decision making in a given scenario, Ethical Dilemma	
	Quantitative Ability and Data Interpretation	27	Mensuration, Algebra, Geometry, Number System, Arithmetic	
Part 2	Mock Keyboard Testing	-	-	5 minutes
Part 3	General Knowledge	25	Static GK and Current Affairs	30 minutes
	Essay	1		

Note: +1 mark will be awarded to each correct response and -0.25 for every incorrect response. After 8 unanswered questions, 0.10 marks will be deducted for every unanswered question.

XAT Syllabus 2023: Key Changes

Candidates must note that XLRI Syllabus and XAT Syllabus are the same. XAT Syllabus comprises the topics based on their occurrence in the previous years' XAT papers. The syllabus for XAT exam 2023 will comprise 5 sections having questions from the major topics defined in the syllabus. Some major changes introduced in XAT exam pattern and Syllabus 2023 are given below:

- The number of sections has been increased from 4 to 5 as the essay writing section has been reintroduced.

- XAT Syllabus will have only these 5 sections:
  - Verbal & Logical Ability
  - Quantitative Aptitude and Data Interpretation
  - Decision Making
  - General Awareness
  - Essay
- As per the updated XAT exam pattern, the maximum number of questions in XAT 2023 exam has been fixed to 101.
- The Essay will be evaluated only for candidates shortlisted for the PI round.
- 76 Questions in Part 1 will have a negative marking of 0.25 marks for every incorrect answer.
- 25 GK questions in Part 3 will not have any negative marking.

Quick Links:

XAT Syllabus for Quant	XAT Syllabus for Decision Making	XAT Syllabus for GK

XAT Section-wise Syllabus 2023

- Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation (QA & DI): 28 Questions will be asked from this section from topics like mensuration, algebra, geometry, number system, etc. The difficulty level of this section is usually high, and for this reason, an accuracy of 70% is considered good.
- Verbal & Logical Ability (VA & LR): Questions in this section are mostly from topics like critical and analytical reasoning, vocabulary, reading comprehension, logical deductions, etc. 26 questions of moderate-high level of difficulty will be in XAT Verbal & Logical Ability section.
- Decision Making (DM): 22 questions will be asked from this section. This section is an interesting feature of XAT exam and consists of questions from topics such as caselet study, data arrangement, decision making in a given scenario, ethical dilemma, etc.
- GK: The section is usually of moderate difficulty and there is no negative marking for wrong answers. A total of 25 questions carrying 1 mark each will be asked in this section.
- Essay: 3 topics will be given out of which the candidates will be required to choose 1 and write a short essay of not more than 250 words.

XAT 2023 Syllabus for each section has been mentioned in the table given below.

Sections	Topics
Decision Making	Ethical Dilemma, Business Decision Making, Complex Arrangement, Caselets, Arrangement of data, Grouping, Assumptions, Premises, Conclusions
Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation	Arithmetic, Algebra, Mensuration, Number System, Geometry, Mensuration, Percentage, Surds and Indices, Bar Diagrams, Pie Charts, Tables, Data Interpretation.
Verbal and Logical Ability	Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Analogy, Para jumbles, Verbal reasoning, Critical Reasoning, Error Detection, Fill in the Blanks
General Knowledge	Management, History, Important personalities, Science & Technology, Economy, Politics, Static GK, Sports, Prizes and Awards, World, Government, Constitution of India, etc
Essay	Essay topics include current affairs, social & economic issues, business & management-oriented topics, abstract topics, etc.

Quick Links:

- Check XAT Exam Analysis
- XAT Cut Off

XAT Syllabus 2023: Quantitative Ability and Data Interpretation (QA & DI)

XAT Syllabus for Quant & DI is vast and covers almost all the topics of maths. Candidates need to give more attention and extra effort while preparing for this section. Topics covered are from that of the 10th standard syllabus.

- Quantitative Ability: XLRI has brought significant changes in this section. Numbers, Arithmetic, Algebra, and Geometry questions have become more prominent and around 50% of the Quant questions are based on these areas. Mensuration, Venn diagrams, Numbers are other favorite topics on which questions are formed in XAT.

- Data Interpretation: Data tables, graphs, charts, bar diagrams, data analysis & comparison are the major topics for DI, and the questions are majorly asked in sets.
- XAT Quant & DI section is meant to test the student's calculation and implementation power.
- 28 questions will be asked from this section and candidates are advised to spend not more than 2 minutes and 17 seconds to solve each question.
- QA and DI section is considered to be of the highest difficulty level among all sections.
- For DI, 4- 5 questions and for QA, 13-15 questions would ideally be considered a good attempt.

Check XAT Preparation Tips for Quant & DI

Important topics for XAT Quantitative Ability and Data Interpretation (Quant & DI)

Geometry	Mensuration – 2D and 3D
Probability	Algebra Functions
Profit and Loss	Speed & Distance
Quadratic Equations	Linear Equations
Logarithm	Surds and Indices
Statistics	Table
Trigonometry	Graphs
Arithmetic	Heights & Distance
Direction Sense & Time	Clocks

Data Interpretation – Table, Combination	Complex Numbers

XAT Syllabus 2023: Verbal and Logical Ability

Verbal & Logical Ability Syllabus for XAT 2023 has been divided into 3 parts viz. Verbal Ability, Reading Comprehension, and Logical Reasoning.

- Verbal Ability: XAT syllabus you need to cover in this part includes questions based on English vocabulary like fill in the blanks, synonyms, antonyms, correction of sentences, use of right words, etc.
- Reading Comprehension: RC forms about 50% of the VALR paper. This part will take more time to attempt as it involves more concentration and good reading and analytical skills. The topics for RC could be politics, economics, social awareness, literature, or abstract.
- 4-5 questions will be based on critical reasoning and will involve analytical reasoning.
- 26 questions of the objective type will come from this section.
- Since there is no sectional time limit, candidates must on an avaerage spend around 50 minutes on this section.
- The section can have moderate to high difficulty level questions.
- 18-20 questions would ideally be considered to be a good attempt from this section.

Check XAT Preparation Tips for Verbal & Logical Ability

Important Topics for XAT Verbal & Logical Ability

English Usage Topics	Reading Comprehension Topics
Grammar	Culture
The contextual meaning of words	Economy
Para completion and para jumble	Psychology and social issues

Error correction	Literature and fiction
Vocabulary (Antonyms and Synonyms)	Science
Critical Reasoning	Narration of Incidents
Arguments	-

XAT Syllabus 2023: Decision Making (DM)

XAT Decision Making section is unique to XAT exam because this section is not included in most of the MBA entrance exams. But there is no need to worry as this section is not going to be very difficult.

Salient features of XAT 2023 Syllabus for Decision Making are mentioned below:

- The syllabus for this section is decision making in a situation, data arrangement tests, etc.
- There will be 22 questions in this section.
- The difficulty level of the DM section is moderate.
- XAT Decision Making section has negative marking. Answering 16 – 17 questions will be a good attempt.

Check Preparation Tips for XAT Decision Making

Important Topics for XAT Decision Making

Arithmetic	Analytical Reasoning
Situational	Conditions and Grouping Test
Data Arrangement Test	Reading Comprehension

Case lets	Decision Making in a situation

XAT Syllabus 2023 for General Knowledge (GK)

To score in this section, a candidate needs to remain in constant touch with GK on a daily basis. Important features of General Knowledge XAT Syllabus 2023 are mentioned below:

- Topics to be covered in this section are history, politics, author names, business, economy, current affairs (national and international), etc.
- 25 questions will be asked in total. You will be given 30 minutes to complete this section and the essay writing section.
- The difficulty level is moderate. Most questions are on current affairs and some on GK.
- 60:40 breakup is expected for GK and Current Affairs.
- Candidates can go for guesswork as negative marking is not applicable in this section.
- 12 – 14 questions would ideally be considered to be a good attempt.

Check Preparation Tips for XAT GK

Important Topics for XAT General Knowledge

Politics	Nation and States
History	Literature
Sports	Awards and Recognitions
Business	Economics
International Relations	Society
Merger & Acquisitions	--

Previously asked questions in XAT General Knowledge section

Although, questions in the general knowledge section hold no bounds to a particular topic as per XAT Syllabus. Still, we have mentioned some of the sample questions to have an understanding of the type of questions been asked in the GK section.

- Who acquired Glaxo Smithkline Consumer Healthcare?
- Which of the following is not part of VIACOM 18
- Highest import to India
- Which Indian bank was the first to issue "Green Bonds" for financing renewable and clean energy projects?
- Giga fiber to be launched by which company
- Who is the SBI Chairman?
- What are the names of Parliament Budget Sessions
- Name of Liquid for dissolving Gold
- Name of Rajasthan Snake Dance

Quick Links:

Top XAT Coaching Institutes to Boost your Preparation	Complete list of Best XAT Books with Features and ISBN

XAT Exam Pattern 2023

Particulars	Details
XAT 2023 Exam Date	January 8, 2023
XAT Exam Duration	210 minutes
Total No. of Questions	105
Type of Questions	101 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) + Essay
Number of Answer Choices	5

Sections in XAT 2023 exam	1. Verbal & Logical Ability 2. Decision Making 3. Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation 4. General Knowledge 5. Essay Writing
XAT 2023 Marking Scheme	• +1 for every correct answer • -0.25 for every incorrect answer in XAT QADI, VALR, and DM sections • -0.10 for more than 8 unattempted questions
Negative Marking	Yes

Best Books for XAT 2023 Preparation

Books play an important role in preparation for any competitive exam as they provide the latest syllabus for the exam. It is very important to choose the right XAT books which have been updated as per the revised XAT exam syllabus for comprehensive preparation. Given below are some section-wise recommended books for candidates preparing for XAT 2023:

Book name	Section	Publisher / Author
How to Prepare for Quantitative Aptitude for CAT	Quantitative Aptitude & Data Interpretation	Arun Sharma
Quantitative Aptitude for the CAT	Quantitative Aptitude & Data Interpretation	Nitish K. Sinha
Quantitative Aptitude	Quantitative Aptitude & Data Interpretation	Gautam Puri
Wiley's ExamXpert XAT (Xavier Aptitude Test)	Quantitative Aptitude & Data Interpretation	Wiley India (Author)

Jabbing the XAT Mock Tests & Solved Papers	Comprehensive	R K Jha
Verbal Ability Comprehension for CAT/ XAT/ IIFT/ CMAT/ MAT	Verbal Ability & Logical Reasoning	Bharta Patodi and Aditya Choudhary
How to Prepare for VARC for CAT	Verbal Ability & Logical Reasoning	Arun Sharma
Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning	Verbal Ability & Logical Reasoning	R S Aggarwal
Target XAT (Past Papers + 5 Mock Tests)	Comprehensive	Disha Experts
Objective General Knowledge	General Knowledge	Lucent's
General knowledge	General Knowledge	Arihant

XAT 2023 Preparation Strategy

XAT Syllabus has no defined boundary, candidates appearing for it are suggested to practice as many sample papers and previous years' question papers as possible. Listed below are major takeaways for XAT Preparations:

- Before starting the preparations, it is advised to go through all the previous years' papers to get an idea about all the questions asked in the exam. Doing this will help a candidate to know about the level of questions that are asked from XAT Syllabus.
- The importance of solving papers cannot be stressed enough. Go through free XAT Mock Tests for advanced preparation.
- Candidates must make sure to give equal importance to all the sections in order to fetch maximum marks to clear the sectional cut-off set by the conducting authority.
- As the level of exam is difficult, so managing the time in an efficient way will prove to be an asset.
- For the GK section, it is important to keep oneself updated with both static and current happenings around the world. As per the trends, knowing about the past 6 months' news will be sufficient for XAT preparation for this section.

- Due to the coronavirus pandemic which resulted in a lockdown, it is recommended that candidates consider online coaching for XAT which is as helpful as the traditional coaching centers.

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