

# Data interpretation, logical reasoning keep CAT 2014 aspirants guessing

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INDORE: Nearly 1.94 lakh aspirants took Common Admission Test (CAT) 2014 on Sunday. This year test for admission to Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and premier B schools were conducted by IIM Indore with support from Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). Candidates who took CAT and management experts told TOI questions on data interpretation (DI) and logical reasoning (LR) could well turn out to be the game changer this year.

Most found them difficult and time consuming. They said quantitative ability (QA) and verbal ability (VA) sections were relatively easy and there was a difference in difficulty levels in question papers during morning and evening slots.

Quantitative ability and DI part contained 50 questions of moderate to difficult level. Out of the 50 questions in this section, share of questions on QA was 34 and of DI 16. Experts estimate that candidates who could crack 28 questions in this section are expected to score a high percentile.

"There was a difference in difficulty levels in morning and evening slots. Those who attempted 55 to 60 questions out of 100 in morning slot with fair accuracy are likely to get into top B-schools while in evening slot, candidates who get 65 to 70 questions correct are likely to sail through," said Akash Sethia, a coaching expert.


Ajay Jain, who took the CAT said, "Most candidates found logical reasoning questions very tough."

CAT 2014 went off smoothly across different cities in the country.

Unlike previous year, number of test centres across the country was increased to 354 in 99 cities. In 2013 CAT was conducted at 76 centres in 40 cities. This year, the test window too has been reduced from 20 days to two. Now, the test will be conducted on November 22.

Meanwhile, from Indore about 7,000 candidates took CAT 2014 from six centres.

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