CMAT 2027 Important Topics: Priority Checklist

Section-wise study order, scoring topics and a 14-week plan | catmock.com

Questions	Sections	Marks	Time	Marking	Exam date
100	5 x 20 questions	400 (80 per section)	180 min, no sectional limit	+4 correct, -1 wrong	Feb 7, 2027*

1. Study order: what to prepare first

Done	#	Chapter	Section	Why it comes first
[ ]	1	**Reading Comprehension**	Language	Needs a daily reading habit, so start early
[ ]	2	**Arithmetic**	Quant & DI	Feeds into DI, Algebra and many LR calculations
[ ]	3	**Data Interpretation**	Quant & DI	Improves fast with regular set practice
[ ]	4	**Verbal and critical reasoning**	Logical Reasoning	Pairs well with your reading practice
[ ]	5	**Arrangements and puzzles**	Logical Reasoning	Rewards steady practice
[ ]	6	**Current affairs (last 6-12 months)**	General Awareness	Needs 30 minutes every day, not a last-month rush
[ ]	7	**Startup and business concepts**	Innovation & Entrepreneurship	Short syllabus, quick wins
[ ]	8	**Grammar and para jumbles**	Language	Fast marks once the rules are clear
[ ]	9	**Number System, Geometry, Mensuration**	Quant & DI	Build after arithmetic feels comfortable
[ ]	10	**Modern Maths**	Quant & DI	Lower frequency, so cover it later

2. Section-wise important topics

Section	Topics to cover
Quantitative Techniques & DI	Percentages, profit and loss, ratio, averages, time-speed-distance, time and work, interest, mixtures; Number System; Geometry and Mensuration; basic Algebra; tables, bar, pie and line graphs, caselets; Modern Maths later
Logical Reasoning	Syllogisms, statements and conclusions, assumptions, arguments; seating arrangements, puzzles, blood relations, direction sense, coding-decoding, series, analogies; critical reasoning
Language Comprehension	Reading Comprehension; sentence correction, cloze tests, para jumbles; synonyms, antonyms, idioms, one-word substitution
General Awareness	Current affairs (economy, business, policy, awards, appointments); static GK; banking, budget and economy basics
Innovation & Entrepreneurship	Startup ecosystem, business models, types of innovation, funding sources, venture capital, legal structures, growth and marketing, government startup schemes

3. Most scoring topics (best marks per minute)

Topic	Why it scores	Watch out for
Current affairs and static GK	Quick recall questions	Skipping daily revision
Innovation & Entrepreneurship	Short, concept-based syllabus	Mixing up similar terms
Grammar and vocabulary	Fast questions, clear answers	Guessing without the rule
Basic arithmetic and simple DI sets	Predictable question types	Calculation slips, one set eating all your time
Verbal reasoning	Logic over calculation	Overthinking close options

4. 14-week plan (from now to Feb 7, 2027)

Phase	Weeks	Focus
Foundation	1-5	Learn core chapters in the study order. Start daily reading and current affairs.
Practice	6-10	Topic-wise sets, remaining LR and Quant topics, one sectional test every week.
Mocks and revision	11-14	Full-length mocks, 60-90 minutes of review after each, revise your error notes.

Tip: Each section carries 80 marks, so give every section some time each week. A wrong answer costs 1 mark, so skip any question you cannot start within a minute.

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