

Study Plan for Working Professionals

Like everything else in life, CAT preparation also requires systematic planning, implementation, constant evaluation and calibration of your efforts post the evaluation. Our content experts have come up with a comprehensive study plan that provides you the right mix of concepts, theory and practice at every level. Of course, no plan can ever follow the dictum "One Size Fits All". However, this plan (which promises results can be followed as it is) is also intended to serve as a platform from where you can take-off based on your current level of preparation, your strengths and weaknesses as well as the time available to you.

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Stage	Duration	Start Date	End Date	Activities	Product
Know Yourself	1.5 weeks	4-Jul	15-Jul	Attempt 3 actual CAT tests one after the other with a gap of 2/3 days in between. Analyse the tests in detail to see: A) Where have you gone wrong B) Why have you gone wrong C) Solutions to questions that you did not attempt to determine whether you could have done so <i>Analyze your performance after every test that you take. Analysis is critical and should take you 2X to 3X the time that you spend on the actual test itself.</i>	Free on the Site
				Then classify the chapters of the Skill Builder into the 2-2 matrix below: a) High Speed High Accuracy - Q4 b) Low Speed High Accuracy - Q3 c) High Speed Low Accuracy - Q2 d) Low Speed Low Accuracy - Q1 Create the matrix after taking the tests that comprise each stage. A sample matrix is given below. Use the list of chapter ratings to identify the most important chapters in each quadrant.	Skill Builder and Test Centre

Go from Good to Great	3 weeks	16-Jul	5-Aug	Now you can begin using the analysis done till date:	Skill Builder
				Q2: Study the Concept Builder and CP/CT of these chapters thoroughly to ensure that you have a firm grasp of the concepts.	
				Q3: Brush up the concepts of these chapters and identify time saving tips using the Concept Builder. Apply these strategies on the CP and CT and then re-evaluate.	
				Attempt 1 actual CAT test	Test Centre
				Analyse the test in detail and recreate the matrix. Observe the movement of chapters within the matrix to plan the work for the next stage	Skill Builder and Test Centre
Cover your Flanks Well	2 weeks	6-Aug	20-Aug	Work on multiple areas to ensure that you maximize your preparation time:	Skill Builder and Rank Booster
				Q1: Now is the time to rid yourself of your weaknesses. Go through the Concept Builder of the important chapters in detail and practise the CP/CT of these chapters thoroughly.	
				Q4 and Q3: Capitalise on your strengths, and challenge yourself by practising problems in these two quadrants from the rank booster.	
				Attempt 1 actual CAT test	Test Centre
				Attempt iCAT 01	Test Centre
				Analyse these two tests in detail and recreate the matrix. Observe the movement of chapters within the matrix to plan the work for the next stage	Skill Builder and Test Centre
Get the Gold to Glitter	2.5 weeks	21-Aug	5-Sep	Q4: Revise the concepts of the important chapters quickly and practise the CP and CT for these.	Skill Builder and Rank Booster
				Q1 and Q2: Build on the theory that you have learnt by practising problems from the rank booster	
				Attempt iCAT 02 - iCAT 04	Test Centre
				Attempt iPAT 01 and Practice Tests 1 and 2	Test Centre
				Analyse these tests in detail and recreate the matrix. Observe the movement of chapters within the matrix to plan the work for the next stage	Skill Builder and Test Centre

Get rid of the rough edges	3 weeks	6-Sep	25-Sep	Q2, Q3 and Q4: Practise all available Topic Tests - both from Rank Booster as well as Skill Builder	Skill Builder and Rank Booster
				Q1: These may require a lot more effort for which you may no longer have time. Identify the most important chapters from these and practise as many problems as possible from these chapters from the rank booster.	
				If the weakness is because of a particular question type or concept, go back to the Skill Builder only for that specific part.	
				Attempt iCAT 05 - iCAT 10	Test Centre
				Attempt iPAT 02 and Practice Tests 3 and 4	Test Centre
				Analyse these tests in detail and recreate the matrix. Observe the movement of chapters within the matrix to plan the work for the last stage	Skill Builder and Test Centre
Hit top gear in the Last Lap	4 weeks	26-Sep	CAT date	Practise all Module Tests from the Rank Booster as well as Skill Builder. <i>Ensure that there is no module that still predominantly lies in Q1.</i>	Skill Builder and Rank Booster
				Attempt iCAT 11 - iCAT 16	Test Centre
				Attempt iPAT 03, iPAT 04, and the remaining Practice Tests	Test Centre

This plan ends in mid-October, while CAT is traditionally conducted in November. There are 2 reasons for this:

- 1) CAT may start earlier than usual this year, probably by the third week of October.
- 2) Schedules have a tendency to extend beyond their given date. Even assuming that you spend 2 additional days per stage, you will probably finish by the end of October.

Finally, you will need to allocate time for study between Skillbuilder, Rankbooster, and Test Centre based on the number of chapters/question types that you have within each quadrant and the comfort level that you have for each. The time frame given in the plan can act as an approximate indicator.

Sample Matrix:

Q2 High Speed Low Accuracy	Q1 Low Speed Low Accuracy
Q3 Low Speed High Accuracy	Q4 High Speed High Accuracy

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