

## XAT Syllabus 2026

XAT 2026 exam is going to be conducted on **04 January, 2026**.

**XAT Exam has five sections and the XAT Syllabus 2026 is also divided into following 5 Sections.**

1. Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension.
2. Quantitative Aptitude.
3. General Awareness.
4. Decision Making.
5. Essay Writing Test.

### XAT Exam Pattern & Syllabus 2026

XAT 2026 is online Computer-Based Test (CBT). The aggregate maximum marks in XAT Exam are 100 for 100 MCQ type questions divided in 4 sections & additional 1-3 marks for Essay Writing test.

Each correct answer for MCQ is awarded +1 mark and each wrong answer will attract the penalty of 0.25 Mark. Total time duration for the XAT 2026 exam is 3 Hours 10 Mins.

**XAT Pattern & Syllabus 2026 is as below:**

Exam Sections	Number of Questions	Overall Time Duration
<b>PART - 1</b>	<b>75 Total MCQs</b>	<b>165 Minutes</b>
Verbal & Logical Ability	26	No Second Time Limit
Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation	28	No Second Time Limit
Decision Making	22	No Second Time Limit
<b>PART - 2</b>	<b>26 Total MCQs+Essay Writing Test</b>	<b>26 Minutes</b>
Essay	1 Descriptive Topic	10 Minutes
General Knowledge	25	
<b>Total Questions (Part 1 – Part 2)</b>	<b>101</b>	

Key Changes in XAT Exam Pattern & Syllabus 2026.

Keeping pace with time & periodical changes are key features of XAT Exam pattern & Syllabus. Each year you can find some or other changes in XLRI XAT Exam.

Some of the important changes the XLRI has announced for XAT Exam pattern & Syllabus 2026 are:

XAT Syllabus 2026 has 5 Sections instead of earlier 4 sections.

Subjective Question on Essay Writing has been restored to XAT Exam Syllabus 2026. Total number of questions as per XAT Exam 2026 pattern not to exceed 101.

All questions in first 4 sections will be of MCQ type.

Essay Writing test in descriptive type.

75 Questions with negative marking.

25 GK Questions without negative marking.

Essay Writing Test is without negative marking.

### **Important Sections in XAT 2026 Syllabus.**

XAT Syllabus 2026 will overall test the candidate on Verbal Ability, Reading Comprehension & Logical Reasoning; Decision Making; Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation as the key sections to determine your percentile & merit position.

The other sections on General Awareness (GK) & Essay Writing do not have any defined XAT Syllabus 2026 not it is counted for percentile calculation. XAT Syllabus covers all the major topics on all the above test sections.

Number of Questions : Exam pattern in XAT Exam syllabus for VARC & LR Section shows that there are 26 MCQs in this section of XAT Exam.

### **Topics covered in XAT detailed syllabus 2026 for VARC & LR are:**

#### **XAT 2026 Syllabus for Verbal Ability.**

Topics on which VA Questions are based.

English Vocabulary based questions – fill in the blanks with correct words; synonyms/antonyms; contextual usage on vocabulary words.

Jumbled Paragraphs.

Correction of errors in sentences, correct use of words.

Completion of sentences.

Completion of Paragraph.

#### **XAT 2026 Syllabus for Reading Comprehension (RC)**

Share of Reading Comprehension in VARC & LR Section is very high.

Topics on which RC Passages are based: Abstract topics, Literature, Social and Economic issues; Science & Culture; history & fiction among others.

There is no clear cut definition of RC topics in XAT Exam Syllabus. RC passage on any topic under the sun can be placed in XAT Exam.

Type of RC Passages : Moderate and Short.

Type of Questions : All MICO type

#### **XAT Exam 2026 Syllabus for Logical Reasoning (LR)**

- Share of LR Questions in XAT Syllabus is not very high. Usually there are few critical reasoning and a few LR based Questions in XAT Exam. All questions are of MCQ type.

- Topics covered in XAT Syllabus on which LR questions are based; Analogy, Clocks, Calendars, Fact, Inference, Judgement, binary logic, seating arrangement, blood relations, logical sequence, assumption, premise, conclusion among others.
- XLRI Entrance Exam syllabus defines that questions on Logical Reasoning can be individual or can be in the sets.

### **XAT 2026 Syllabus for Decision Making**

XAT detailed syllabus 2026 on Decision Making is unique as neither CAT nor any other national level entrance exam has Decision Making as one of its exam sections.

**No. of Questions : There are 21 Questions in this section.**

Topics : Decision Making is the problem or case solving expertise of a candidate. Xavier Aptitude Test (XAT) measures such skills broadly on following topics:

- Conditions and Grouping Test;
- Data Arrangement Test;
- Complex Arrangement;
- Decision Making in a situation;
- Caselets

### **XAT 2026 Syllabus for Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation.**

XAT detailed syllabus 2026 for Quant and Data Interpretation section is very wide. QA & DI is the 3rd & last section responsible for percentile calculation, in the revamped XAT exam pattern.

Syllabus of XAT 2026 for Quant is vast and covers everything in Mathematics that you may or may not expect. No. of Questions: There would be 28 MCQs on Quantitative Ability & Data Interpretation Section in XAT 2026.

**Topics : Quantitative Ability.**

Syllabus on Quant is based on questions on different topics on Arithmetic, Algebra, Modern Math, Geometry, Mensuration, Trigonometry among others. Major topics covered in XAT Syllabus for Quant are as under.

- LCM and HCF.
- Percentage.
- Profit and Loss.
- Interest (Simple & Compound).
- Speed, Time And Distance; Time and work; Averages; Ratio and Proportion & others.
- Number System.
- Algebra.
- Geometry including Co-ordinate Geometry.
- Mensuration.
- Pure Math.
- Venn diagrams.
- Linear Equations.
- Quadratic Equations.
- Complex Numbers.
- Logarithm.

- Progressions.
- Binomial Theorem.
- Surds and Indices.
- Inequalities
- Permutation and Combination.
- Probability Functions
- Set Theory.
- Mixtures and Alligations.
- Trigonometry.

### **XAT 2026 Syllabus for Data Interpretation (DI).**

Questions in Data Interpretation in XAT Exam are in sets in most cases. Sometimes individual questions are also asked. All the questions are of MCQ type. DI Questions in XAT Exam are in the set of 4 questions. Questions on interpretation and analysis of data based on text, tables, graphs (line, area), charts (column, bar, pie), venn diagram are asked. Data could be given in form of tables, charts or graphs. In this section it is tested that how candidates can interpret the given data and answer questions based on it.

#### **Topics Covered :**

- Data Tables
- Data charts
- Bar diagrams
- Pie charts
- Graphs
- Data Analysis and Comparison

### **XAT 2026 Syllabus for GK**

XAT Exam consists of General Awareness (GK). The score in this section is not taken into account for percentile calculation in XAT exam. Questions can be based on current as well as conventional GK. In-depth and regular reading of GK helps more as sometimes a few GK questions in XAT appear more tricky and need intensive reading.

**No. of Questions :** As per the changed pattern of XAT Exam, there would be 25 questions of Multiple Choice type in XAT 2025 Exam.

**Topics Covered :** Economics, Finance, National and International current affairs are a few of the many topics on which questions are placed in this section in XAT Exam.

Economics, Finance,  
National and International current affairs  
Conventional GK.  
Constitution of India.  
Company Profiles, logos,  
Business & Economy  
Who's who Books & Authors Capitals & Currencies

### **XAT 2026 Syllabus for Essay Writing**

**Test No. of Questions : 1 Descriptive.**

- Test taker has to write essay on one topic but sometimes there is choice to choose between 2 topics and sometimes there is no choice at all.
- The test taker is supposed to write after giving a thought and produce a better piece of writing.
- Total time available for Part-2 of XAT Exam is 35 mins which includes GK and Essay Writing Sections. You need to complete both the sections during this time.
- Essay in XAT Plays important role in the Personal Interviews round as questions are based on what you have written in your XAT Essay.

### **Topics for Essay Writing Test.**

Below are some of the past & expected XAT Essay Topics, which should be prepared and understood well.

- Ethical Practices and Sustainability: Do they co-exist?
- Globalization and Jingoism always coexist.
- Listening is a dying art. We hardly listen to understand. We only listen to refute or reply.
- The most beautiful thing can neither be seen nor be touched but can only be felt.
- Corruption is the root cause of economic slowdown in India.
- Earth provides enough to satisfy everybody's need but not everybody's greed.
- Gender Imbalance would lead to Third World War
- Economic growth without environmental damage – a mirage or a reality.
- India has one of the largest pools of talented manpower, but few innovations and patented products.
- More than one billion Indians: a gigantic problem or a sea of opportunities.
- National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 a good step.
- Establishing Bad Bank improve Economy.
- Building Central Vista will improve India's Global image.
- Covid Pandemic derailed Economic growth.
- Unity in Diversity is more relevant now in India.
- Blues of Demonetization still haunt the economic growth.
- Unless Agriculture is practised as business, it will not improve the face the Rural India.
- Sensitivity of Sensex has nothing to do with economic growth.
- Society bears the burn of terrorism which has no religion.
- Democracy will lose meaning without social activism.
- GST is no magic band to push faster economic growth.
- Home buyers remain homeless, no teeth given to RERA.
- Making business lobbying legal can reduce corruption.
- Political interests and Uniform civil code cannot go hand in hand.

### **XAT MBA Syllabus : Yearly Modifications.**

The syllabus for XAT changes every year. For Example, the pattern of XAT Exam during last 3-4 years has changed tremendously. On the one hand, number of questions in syllabus are reduced, on the other hand the exam has restored the essay writing test which was scrapped earlier in 2019. With the changed number of questions, more focus has shifted to first three sections which are accounted for determining the merit position in written XAT Exam. More update topics are now contained in XAT Exam Syllabus 2026