

Set up a useful full mock

A full mock is a practice performance and a diagnostic record. Use the same conditions for both RCMB papers so the review can compare your choices.

Before starting

For these RCMB papers, set 120 minutes: VARC, DILR and QA in that order, 40 minutes each. Prepare a response sheet, rough paper and a timer. Close the solutions. Turn off interruptions. Stop each section when its time ends and keep all original responses for review.

The papers are printable practice materials. They cannot reproduce the official computer interface. Check the current official CAT site for actual exam rules and any applicable timing provisions.

A deliberate selection process

Start with questions where you can see a sound first step. Mark promising but longer items. Leave questions whose setup remains unclear. For DILR, assess whole sets before investing in a large grid. Save a little section time to check recorded responses.

There is no universal attempt target. Your best choice depends on accuracy, set difficulty and the value of the next available question. Track what extra time actually earned you.

Score without claiming a percentile

Each RCMB mock has 68 questions: 24 VARC, 22 DILR and 22 QA. At three marks per correct answer, the maximum raw score is 204.

RCMB practice scoring

Correct answer: +3. Incorrect multiple-choice answer: -1. Incorrect typed answer: 0. Unanswered: 0.
Raw score = 3 x correct answers - incorrect MCQs. Count wrong typed answers among attempts when calculating accuracy.

Worked example

Suppose a student has 30 correct, 8 incorrect MCQs, 4 incorrect typed answers and 26 unanswered. These add to 68. Score = $3 \times 30 - 8 = 82/204$. Attempts = $30 + 8 + 4 = 42$. Accuracy = $30/42 \times 100 = 71.4\%$.

A section can have a negative raw score if wrong MCQs outweigh correct answers. Record the actual result. Do not adjust it to zero or turn it into a made-up percentile.

Interpretation

These two papers were not calibrated against a national testing cohort. There is no valid CAT percentile or admission prediction from their raw marks. Use section scores, accuracy, time use and error patterns to plan the next practice cycle.

A "good" score is one that helps you make a better next decision. On two different papers, a higher raw score alone does not prove better preparation because difficulty may differ.

Review in three passes

Pass 1: retry

Without the key, retry wrong and unanswered items. Mark those now solvable, those still unclear and those you can solve only slowly. Keep your timed response separate.

Pass 2: compare methods

Read the worked explanation. Identify the first point where your route diverged. If you got an answer right by guessing, treat it as unresolved. If you got it right slowly, ask which representation or inference could shorten the route.

Pass 3: choose actions

For each recurring cause, write one specific practice action. Example: "I took the new price as the old percentage base; practise five reverse-percentage problems using a base of 100." Another: "I mixed a trial DILR case with given facts; label each case and retain all survivors."

Limit the next cycle to a few high-value changes. Return to missed questions after a gap and reconstruct the method on blank paper.

An error log should explain the failure. "Careless" is not diagnostic. Name the missed condition, wrong denominator, unsupported inference or point where you stopped making progress.

Reusable review sheet

Print this page or copy the fields. Use one sheet per mock.

Mock: _____ Date: _____ Time conditions: _____

VARC: correct ____ wrong MCQ ____ wrong typed ____ unanswered ____ score ____

DILR: correct ____ wrong MCQ ____ wrong typed ____ unanswered ____ score ____

QA: correct ____ wrong MCQ ____ wrong typed ____ unanswered ____ score ____

Total correct: ____ Wrong MCQs: ____ Attempts: ____ Raw score: ____ / 204

Accuracy = correct / attempts x 100: _____ If no attempts, record N/A.

Three consequential questions

Question / set 1: _____ Why missed or slow? _____

Next action: _____

Question / set 2: _____ Why missed or slow? _____

Next action: _____

Question / set 3: _____ Why missed or slow? _____

Next action: _____

Selection and next mock

Where did I stay without a useful next step? _____

Which decision helped? _____

One change for the next attempt: _____

The papers, scores and explanations are available without a phone number or email. A counselling conversation with RCMB is optional and separate from practice access.

First review edition, 24 September 2026. Independently created RCMB practice material; not an official CAT publication or IIM endorsement. Practice timings and scoring apply to the accompanying RCMB mocks. Check current official instructions at iimcat.ac.in. Faculty review is recommended before public release.