

BELLING THE CAT WITH MOUSE!!!

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Common Admission Test (CAT) has become one of the most competitive exams to judge the potential of the candidates willing to pursue their career in business administration.

After three decades of paper-pencil format CAT, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) have adopted a computer based model for CAT 2009. The CAT will be conducted at Prometric centers across the country. The locations of these centers will be finalized after all applications have been received.

Prometric is a U.S. company in the test administration industry. Prometric operates a test center network composed of over 3,000 sites in 135 countries. The primary reason for computersing CAT is the increase in number of applications in recent years. Last year approximately over 2.5 lakh candidates wrote the CAT an increase of over 163% as compared to 2003. The IIMs believe that a computer based CAT will result in flexibility in choice of selection date, ease of registration process, better physical environment and test experience. Online format of the CAT also provides enhanced security in terms of biometric identification of candidates and video monitoring.

This year, the CAT will happen 28th November to 7th December 2009 and candidate can choose a convenient date from this specified period of 10 days. In all probability there will be 3 tests in a day. This means that there will be 30 tests over a period of 10 days.

Tips for Belling the CAT

The nature of study preparation doesn't depend on whether the CAT is a paper-based or a computer-based test". To bell the CAT this year, you should be good with the 'mouse'. That does not mean that you should be computer savvy to take an online test. All that is required is the ability to use the mouse and a few basic keys.

Some of the tips gathered from various sources on attempting on-line exams is given below: Expect easier reading comprehensions and data interpretation as their length is going to be shorter in the new test.

Do not spend more time with a question at any point. Don not mark any of the radio buttons if you are not confident of the answer.

Don not aim to attempt the maximum number of question. Accuracy is more important in this context. Spend equal time on each section of questions.

Do not leave the sections you are most uncomfortable with for the end. That way, by the time you come about to answering it, you will already be exasperated. Instead, attempt those question in between the other section. That way you can keep your motivation and energies up!

Try taking more online tests. More you practice, more you will be confident about taking tests online.

It is a myth that the CAT changes every year. It does not. The content and type of question remain the same. Get your basic fundamentals right to sail through.

Be calm and relaxed. If you are confused about any option on the screen take the help of the invigilator before clicking your mouse button.

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