

XAT 2027

Xavier Aptitude Test — Complete Exam Guide

1. XAT Exam 2027 — Overview

The Xavier Aptitude Test (XAT) is a national-level MBA/PGDM entrance examination conducted by XLRI Jamshedpur on behalf of the Xavier Association of Management Institutes (XAMI). XAT scores are accepted by XLRI and 150+ other B-schools across India for admission to MBA, PGDM, and Executive MBA programmes.

Particular	Detail
Conducting Body	XLRI Jamshedpur (on behalf of XAMI)
Exam Date	Sunday, 3rd January 2027
Exam Mode	Computer-Based Test (CBT)
Exam Timing	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM (single slot)
Notification Released	9th July 2026
Registration Window	15th July 2026 – 6th December 2026*
Application Fee	Rs. 2,300 (increased from Rs. 2,200)
Admit Card	Expected 3rd–4th week of December 2026
Result Declaration	Expected mid-January 2027 (tentative)
Colleges Accepting XAT	250+ institutes, incl. XLRI, XIMB, MICA, IMT Ghaziabad, IMI New Delhi, TAPMI

*Last date subject to further extension by XLRI.

Eligibility Criteria

- A bachelor's degree of at least three years' duration from a recognised university, in any discipline.
- Candidates in their final year of graduation, or awaiting results, are also eligible to apply.
- There is no minimum or maximum age limit prescribed for appearing in XAT.

2. XAT 2027 Exam Pattern

XAT is conducted in two parts within a single sitting. Part 1 is used by all participating institutes for shortlisting, while the General Knowledge score in Part 2 is used only by XLRI.

Part	Section	Questions	Duration
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	Verbal Ability & Logical Reasoning	~26	
Part 1	Decision Making	~21	
	Quantitative Aptitude & Data Interpretation	~28	
Part 1	Total	~75	170 minutes
Part 2	General Knowledge (XLRI use only)	~20	10 minutes

Marking Scheme

- +1 mark for every correct answer.
- –0.25 mark for every incorrect answer.
- Negative marking also applies beyond a set number of unattempted questions (as per XLRI's official notification).

3. XAT 2027 Syllabus

Verbal Ability & Logical Reasoning

- Reading Comprehension (varied and lengthy passages)
- Para-jumbles, para-completion, and para-summary
- Critical reasoning and verbal logic
- Vocabulary usage, fill-in-the-blanks, and grammar

Decision Making

- Case-let based analytical and ethical dilemmas
- Situational and managerial decision-making problems
- Data arrangement and conditional-logic based caselets

Quantitative Aptitude & Data Interpretation

- Arithmetic: percentages, ratios, averages, profit & loss, time-speed-distance
- Algebra, geometry, mensuration, number system
- Data Interpretation: tables, graphs, charts, and case-based data sets

General Knowledge (Part 2)

- Current affairs (national and international)
- Static GK: business, economy, history, and sports
- Used only for XLRI's own admission process

4. Selection Process

Shortlisting for the final admission rounds is done by each participating institute independently, based on XAT scores combined with academic and profile-based criteria. The typical stages are as follows:

Stage 1 — XAT Score & Shortlisting

Institutes release their own shortlists using sectional and overall XAT percentiles, academic record, and work experience (where applicable).

Stage 2 — Essay Writing / Written Ability Test (WAT)

Shortlisted candidates write a timed essay or written test on a given topic, assessing structure, clarity of thought, and language.

Stage 3 — Group Discussion (GD)

Conducted by select institutes to evaluate communication, teamwork, and ability to articulate a viewpoint under time pressure.

Stage 4 — Personal Interview (PI)

A panel interview assessing academic background, work-experience (if any), general awareness, and suitability for the management programme.

Stage 5 — Final Merit List

Institutes combine XAT score, WAT/GD, PI performance, academic record, and diversity factors (gender, academic background, work-experience) to prepare the final merit list and issue offers.

Note: Exact process, weightage, and criteria vary by institute. Candidates should refer to each B-school's individual admission bulletin for confirmed details.