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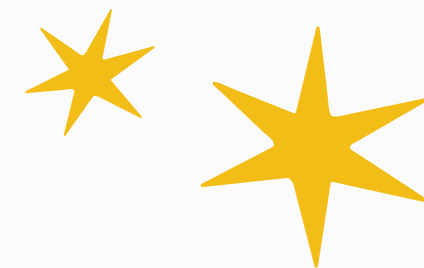
Month-Wise Preparation Strategy

A month-by-month plan to peak on exam day, from foundation to final mocks.

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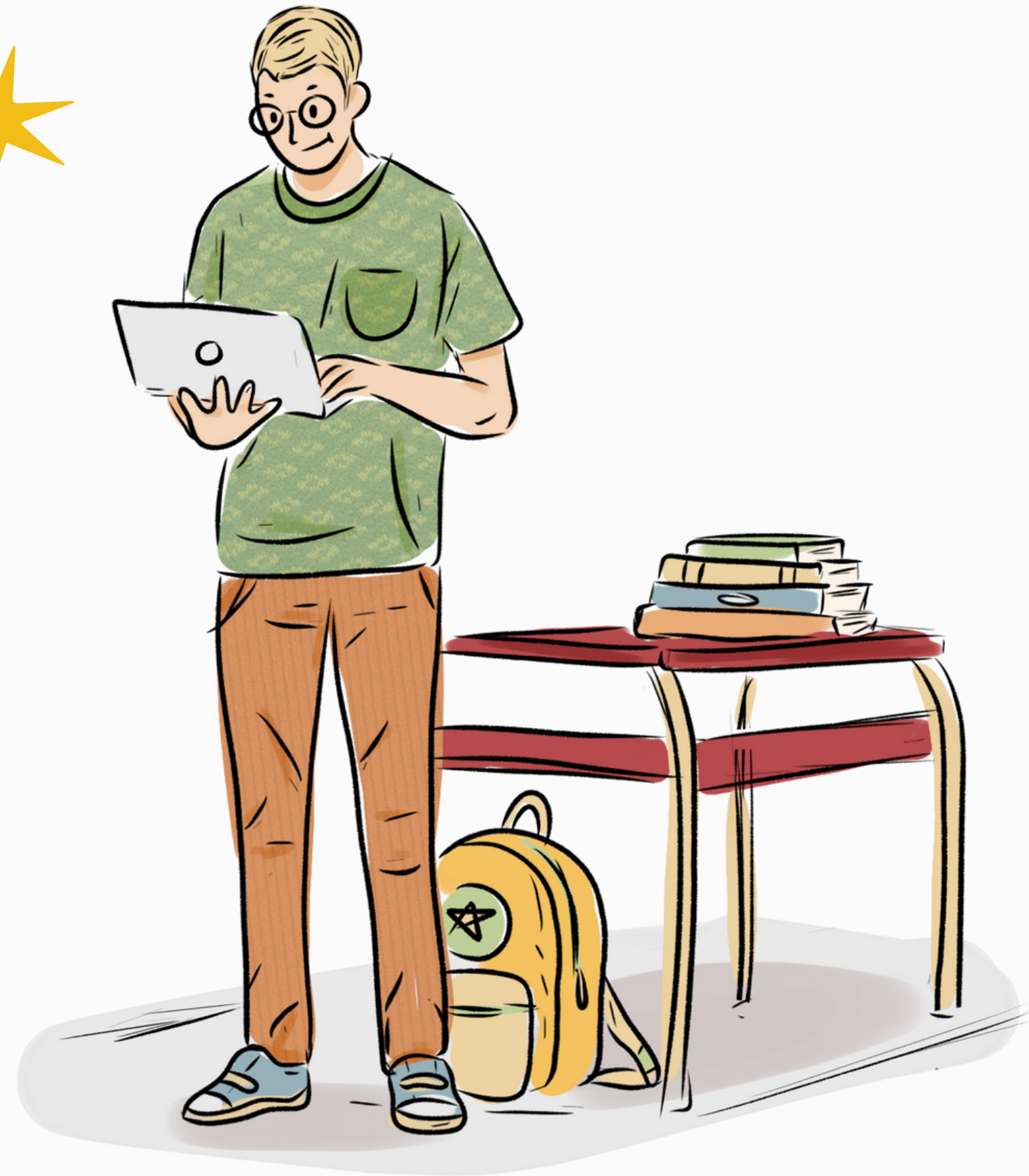
MONTH-WISE CAT PREPARATION STRATEGY





Breaking down the preparation strategy month-wise will allow you to focus on the syllabus at hand and help cover the CAT syllabus systematically. It will also function as a milestone to observe and mark your progress throughout the months leading to CAT.

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CAT PREPARATION IN APRIL AND MAY

The first leg of the journey is identifying the syllabus and marking the most important topics frequently asked in the exam. You can start with your weak areas and build the foundation for the basics. Devote time to each section throughout the week.





In QA

clear your fundamental concepts for algebra, geometry, arithmetic, and trigonometry. You can start by studying from the NCERT Books of class 10. Practice is key to reinforcing the formulae, and revising them.

In VARC

the focus in the initial months should be on getting into the habit of reading. Start by reading newspaper articles, editorials, novels, and magazines. It will help polish your comprehension skills, improve your reading speed, and expand your vocabulary.

IN DILR

It is a section that proves to be a challenge for many. Understand the basics of percentages, ratios, tables, squares, cubes, and reciprocals. Start practicing by solving puzzles in magazines, newspapers, etc. Also, attempt the questions from the previous year and mocks.



CAT PREPARATION IN JUNE AND JULY

You should have attempted at least one mock by June. Analyzing the mock will give you a complete understanding of where you stand in your preparation. It will help identify your weak areas. Start working on them by revising the fundamental concepts, giving sectional tests and solving study material. Reviewing previous year papers and attempting questions will also evaluate your preparedness level.

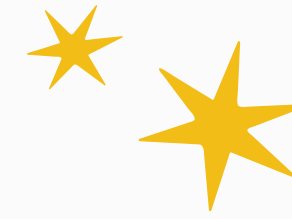




CAT PREPARATION IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

The objective in these two months would be to gain complete familiarity with the areas, topics, concepts, and types of questions in CAT. This can be achieved through a simple method called C.A.T Funda i.e. Concepts, Application & Tests.





Concepts _____

Learn all the basic concepts and formulae for each topic and subject.

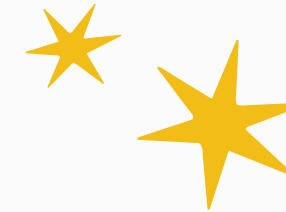
_____ Application

Solve exercises to apply the concepts learned during the preparation.

Tests _____

Take topic-wise tests to assess your speed and strategy. Also, begin attempting mocks more regularly.





CAT PREPARATION IN OCTOBER

There are 3 basic things that one needs to do
in October:

Work on your strategy:

This is the time to
identify and
experiment with your
exam strategy and its
effectiveness

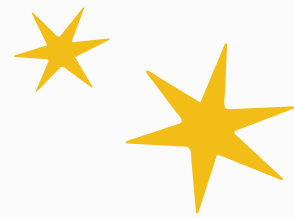
Revise your concepts:

For a second revision,
take topic-wise tests
and section-wise tests

Continue taking CAT mocks:

Use them to hone your
strategy and revise the
concepts according to
CAT





CAT PREPARATION IN NOVEMBER

The last few days before CAT should be used for the final assessment on the exam preparation. Here one has to take up selective revision, take additional sectional tests, write original CAT papers, and finalize the exam strategy.





After every mock, a thorough analysis of each of the sections, zeroing in on the problem areas, working towards eliminating these problem areas, and most importantly strengthening the mental ability to crack this exam would be the main requirements in November.

