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Get to know about GDPI/WATPI

Hi Everyone! Welcome to the CATKing Family! I'm here to be your guide on the GDPI/WATPI journey. So, you might be wondering, why are they conducting this GDPI/WATPI?

These assessments are designed to evaluate a candidate's **leadership skills, communication abilities, and problem-solving capabilities**, which are essential traits for a successful manager.

And when will these be conducted?

The GDPI / WAT PI processes are conducted in different intervals depending on the college. These processes often happen between January and March.

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I have been working for the past two years, and finding the time to prepare for the CAT and B-School Admission process has been a challenge. While I was scoring decently in CAT, interview preparation was always a hurdle for me. That's when I decided to join the GDPI course at CATKing to improve my interview skills. I'm grateful for the support I received from the CATKing team, who have expertly crafted the WAT-PI docket to help students prepare for their interviews. I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to the CATKing family for creating such superb content that played a crucial role in my journey to converting to my dream B-school IIM Bangalore.



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Now let me give you some tips to ace GDPI / WATPI

Group Discussion

Stay Informed:

- **Keep up with current events:** Being aware of global and local issues demonstrates a well-rounded perspective.
- **Expand your knowledge base:** Read newspapers, magazines, and watch documentaries to gain insights on various topics.

Prepare for Common Topics:

- **Research frequently discussed issues:** Anticipate topics like terrorism, poverty, or education and develop unique viewpoints with data to back them up.

Sharpen Your Communication Skills:

- **Practice your speaking skills:** Rehearse with friends or participate in mock GDs to improve fluency and confidence.
- **Enhance your vocabulary:** A strong vocabulary will allow you to express yourself clearly and effectively.

Master Non-Verbal Communication:

- **Maintain good posture:** Sit upright and avoid fidgeting or leaning back.
- **Use appropriate body language:** Confident body language showcases your engagement and attentiveness.

Become an Active Listener:

- **Pay close attention to others:** Give everyone a chance to speak and actively listen to their contributions.
- **Acknowledge Others:** Nodding or making eye contact shows you're following the conversation.



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Written Ability Test(WAT)

Pre-Test Preparation:

- **Grasp the Program & Audience:** Understand the program's focus areas and target audience. This helps tailor your writing to resonate with their values.
- **Develop a Diverse Reading Habit:** Regularly read articles, editorials, and opinion pieces on various topics. This broadens your perspective and strengthens your argumentative skills.

Beyond the Basics:

- **Critical Thinking & Originality:** Analyze the topic from different angles and present a unique perspective.
- **Time Management & Focus:** Practice writing within the time limit and stay focused on the prompt, avoiding irrelevant tangents.

Content & Delivery:

- **Compelling Arguments & Relevant Examples:** Back up your arguments with convincing evidence, data, or personal anecdotes.
- **Strong Vocabulary & Error-Free Writing:** Utilize a rich vocabulary that showcases your communication skills. Proofread meticulously to ensure clarity and professionalism.

Test Day Tactics:

- **Clear & Concise Thesis Statement:** Craft a strong opening that clearly states your central argument or position on the given topic.
- **Structure & Logical Flow:** Organize your essay with a clear introduction, well-developed body paragraphs with supporting evidence, and a concluding summary that reiterates your thesis.



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Personal Interviews

Pre-Interview Powerhouse:

- **Program Savvy & Goal Alignment:** Research the program's focus, faculty, and career paths to demonstrate genuine interest and how the MBA aligns with your aspirations.
- **Craft a Compelling Narrative:** Develop a clear story highlighting your goals, experiences, and how the program bridges the gap to achieve your ambitions.

Interview Day Domination:

- **Professional Polish & Punctuality:** Dress appropriately and arrive early, demonstrating respect for the interviewer's time and professionalism.
- **Confident Demeanor & Articulate Communication:** Sit upright, make eye contact, project confidence with a smile, and speak clearly, avoiding jargon and emphasizing key points.

Ace the Conversation:

- **Passionate Storytelling & Results-Oriented Approach:** Be enthusiastic about your experiences and aspirations. Use specific examples to showcase your leadership, teamwork, problem-solving skills, and ability to deliver results.
- **Honesty & Insightful Questions:** Be authentic and avoid fabrication. Develop thoughtful questions for the interviewer demonstrating your curiosity and engagement.

Beyond the Interview:

- **Thank You Note & Positive Outlook:** Express your appreciation for the interviewer's time and reiterate your interest. Maintain a positive attitude regardless of the outcome and learn from the experience.



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IIM	Selection Rounds
IIM Ahmedabad	CAT, AWT, PI
IIM Ranchi, IIM Rohtak, IIM Raipur, IIM Trichy, IIM Kashipur, IIM Udaipur	CAT, GD/WAT, PI
IIM Calcutta, IIM Lucknow, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Amritsar, IIM Bodh Gaya, IIM Sambalpur, IIM Sirmaur, IIM Nagpur, IIM Visakhapatnam, IIM Jammu	CAT, WAT, PI
IIM Shillong	CAT, GD, PI

Sample Extempore Topics

- Unemployment in India
- Rural Development
- Global Terrorism
- Reservations in India
- New Education Policy
- Artificial Intelligence
- Recent Initiative by the Government
- Citizenship Amendment Act
- Innovation Vs Invention
- Do We Need More Entrepreneurs or Managers?
- Mythology vs Management
- Impact of technology on Jobs
- Globalization & Indian Economy
- Green marketing and climate change

Colleges that have extempore in their selection rounds are: IIM Rohtak, IIM Shilong, FMS, SIBM, IIFT and can be asked in CAP interviews



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Sample WAT Topics

- India's deepening malnutrition
- India as the World's fifth largest economy
- One nation one election
- What is CAATSA and its implications on India?
- Growing left wing politics in India
- GST growth indicates India's growth
- Compatibility of the Contempt of Court with International Standards
- Russia-Ukraine War and its impact on geopolitics
- China and its foreign policy.
- New Quad' and its future
- USA's mediation for Israel in Eurasia Region
- Crypto-currency and issues related to it
- Growing trends of Privatisation

PI Weightage for IIMs

Institute	Weightage(%)
IIM Bangalore, IIM Sirmaur, IIM Jammu, IIM Ranchi	30
IIM Calcutta	48
IIM Lucknow, IIM Indore	40
IIM Ahmedabad	50
IIM Trichy, IIM Visakhapatnam, IIM Amritsar, IIM Kashipur	25
IIM Rohtak	20
IIM Raipur	35
IIM Udaipur	15
IIM Kozhikode	44
IIM Bodh Gaya	20



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Sample GD Topics

Current Affairs

- Impact of COVID-19 on the Global Economy.
- The Role of Technology in Modern Education.
- Climate Change: A Reality Check.
- The Future of Work Post-Pandemic.
- India's Handling of the COVID-19 Crisis.

Business and Economy

- The Role of MSMEs in India's Economic Growth.
- Privatization of Public Sector Enterprises.
- The Impact of Cryptocurrency on Traditional Banking.
- Should India Focus on Make in India or Made in India?
- The Gig Economy: Boon or Bane?

Social Issues

- Is the Reservation System in India Justified?
- The Digital Divide in India: How to Bridge It?
- The Role of Media in Shaping Public Opinion.
- Impact of Social Media on Youth.

Abstract Topics

- The Pen is Mightier than the Sword.
- Success is a Journey, Not a Destination.
- Innovation is the Key to Success.
- Freedom is a Double-Edged Sword.

Education and Career

- Online Education vs. Traditional Classroom Education.
- Importance of Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace.
- Should the Education System in India Be Revamped?
- The Role of Skill Development in Career Growth.

Technology and Innovation

- Artificial Intelligence: Threat or Opportunity?
- The Impact of 5G Technology on Communication.
- Cybersecurity in the Digital Age.
- The Future of Electric Vehicles in India.
- Role of Big Data in Business Decision Making.



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All the best for your GDPI/ WATPI preparation!

I had taken CATKing's GDPI course this year, and I can tell you this, the videos that they provide are more than sufficient to prepare for the generic questions in the interviews.

But importantly the peer groups which are formed are the biggest asset. People help each other in every way possible and you can get an idea of which type of knowledge skills a b-school is demanding during the interview.

Anubhab Das

I would suggest you to definitely go for it.

P.S.- I got an admission offer from IIM Kashipur today itself 🙌