

Master the CAT: The Science of Mock Test Strategy

The difference between a good score and a great one isn't talent — it's how strategically you use mock tests to build speed, accuracy, and exam-day instinct.



The Mock Advantage: Simulation vs. Study

The 120-Minute Reality

Books teach concepts. Mocks teach you to perform under real constraints — three sections, 40 minutes each, where time pressure dictates your actual score.

The 68-Question Instinct

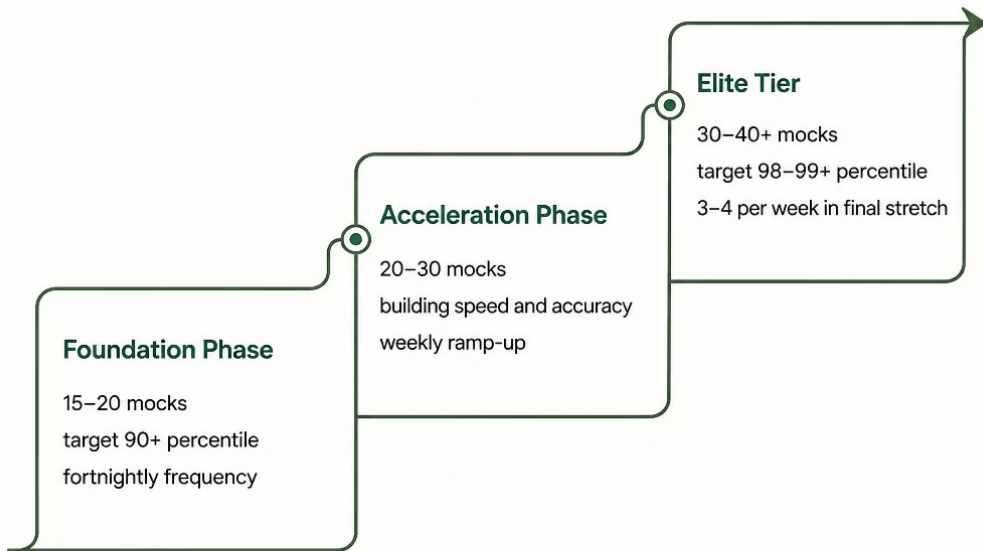
Not every question deserves your time. Mocks train you to spot high-value questions and avoid time traps that sink unprepared candidates.

Cognitive Stamina

Sustained focus for two hours under pressure is a skill. Only repeated simulation builds the mental endurance exam day demands.



The Roadmap to Excellence: How Many Mocks?



Scale With Purpose

Your mock volume should match your percentile ambition. Start with **15–20 full-length mocks** for a solid 90+ foundation, then scale aggressively to **30–40+** if you're chasing 98–99+.

i In the final weeks before November, aim for **3–4 mocks per week** to peak at the right moment.

The Post-Mock Ritual: Where Percentiles Are Won

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The 2–3 Hour Analysis Rule

The test itself is only half the work. Dedicated post-mock analysis is where real learning happens — skipping it wastes the entire exercise.

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Refine Your Strategy

Use data to adjust attempt orders, pacing, and section-specific decisions. Each mock should produce a concrete action plan for the next.

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Diagnostic Deep Dives

Identify patterns: careless errors, negative-marking traps, and low-hanging fruit you missed. These recurring themes are your biggest score leaks.



Final Verdict: Your Path to 99+

Respect Accuracy

Treat accuracy as your primary metric. Random guessing is the fastest way to lose ground — every negative mark hurts.

Master the Interface

Build fluency with on-screen calculators, navigation, and flagging tools. Interface friction on exam day costs precious minutes.

Treat Every Mock as Final

Stop treating prep as passive study. Every mock is your dress rehearsal — approach it with the intensity and strategy of the real exam.

The candidates who crack 99+ aren't the smartest in the room — they're the most prepared for the conditions of the room.