

Understanding your scores – Chartered Accountant 2026

You recently completed tests as part of the recruitment process for the above competition. The tests you completed are:

1. Critical Reasoning
2. Data Analysis and Decision Making
3. Management Decisions

The score awarded for each individual test is calculated by computer and the final score for each is presented using the same scale, so you can compare how you have done on each of your tests. The average score on each test is 100, and to help understand how your performance compares to other applicants, the following broad bands apply:

135 +	Well above average
120-135	Above average
80 – 120	Average
65 – 80	Below average
Less than 65	Well below average

Note that these numbers aren't the number or percentage of questions you got right.

A minimum score is required on each test – in order to pass overall you need to get at least the minimum score on all three tests. Your scores on the three tests are then combined to provide a Total score.

Test	Your score	Pass mark
Critical Reasoning		67.84
Data Analysis and Decision Making		78.06
Management Decisions		74.94

Your total Score was:

Your test merit position is:

In calculating the Total score, the following weightings are used

- Management Decisions x 3
- Critical Reasoning x 2
- Data Analysis and Decision Making x 1

The tests are weighted in this way to provide a score that measures a balance of skills. An example setting out how the Total score is calculated is provided below.

If you pass all three tests, your Total Score will be used to determine your position on the Merit List. Note that your merit position is calculated based on your total

score including all decimal places. The person who scores highest will be number 1 on the list, the second highest scorer will be number 2 and so on.

EXAMPLE

The following example shows how the Total score is calculated –

If you scored 90 on Management Decisions, 100 on Critical Reasoning and 110 on Data Analysis and Decision Making, the calculation would be;

$$\text{Total Score} = (90 \times 3) + (100 \times 2) + (110 \times 1) = 580$$

To convert this back to the same scale as the individual tests (with an average of 100) we use the formula

$$(\text{Total Score} - 601.1533)/89.55429. \text{ We then multiply it by 20 and add 100.}$$

Therefore

$$580 - 601.1533 = -21.1533$$

$$-21.1533/89.55429 = -0.2362064397$$

$$-0.2362064397 \times 20 = -4.724128794$$

$$100 + (-4.724128794) = 95.27587121$$

We round this to two decimal places when providing your results, so the total score would appear as '95.28'.

Note that, because the scores we report to you are rounded to two decimal places, and the calculations used to compute the overall score uses test scores with many more decimal places, it is possible there may be slight differences in the overall score reported for you and the one you calculate for yourself using the formula above. The figures given in your feedback are