

UPSC CSAT REASONING MICRO PLAN (15 DAYS | 4 HRS/DAY)

Day	Topic	Sub-topic	Task Type	Time Allocation	Strategy / Instructions
Day 1	Series.	Missing term (basic + advanced)	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	1 hr concept (AP/GP/mixed) + 3 hrs PYQs & timed drills (1 min/Q)
Day 2	Coding-Decoding	Letter & number logic	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Focus on pattern identification, reverse logic, solve PYQs
Day 3	Analogy + Classification.	Verbal + number	Practice	4 hrs	Solve 80+ questions timed, identify relationships quickly
Day 4	Syllogism.	Basic (Venn diagrams)	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Use only diagram method, avoid rule-based confusion
Day 5	Syllogism.	Advanced cases	Practice + Revise	4 hrs	Solve 40 timed questions + revise mistakes
Day 6	Blood Relation.	Puzzle-based	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Draw family tree for every question

Day 7	Direction & Distance.	Mixed questions	Practice	4 hrs	Always draw diagrams, solve 50 questions
Day 8	Ranking & Order.	Linear arrangement	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Use stepwise placement method
Day 9	Seating Arrangement.	Linear + circular	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Solve 2 easy + 2 moderate sets, use table method
Day 10	Seating Arrangement.	Advanced puzzles	Practice	4 hrs	Solve 3 timed sets (15 min each), skip if stuck
Day 11	Statement & Conclusion.	Logical reasoning	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Stick strictly to given data, avoid assumptions
Day 12	Assumptions.	Statement-based	Practice	4 hrs	Focus on PYQs, identify implicit assumptions
Day 13	Miscellaneous	Venn diagram, Math ops, Clock	Practice	4 hrs	Cover quick topics, avoid over-investing time
Day 14	Full Revision.	All topics	Revise	4 hrs	Revise notes + error notebook + key patterns

Day 15	Full-Length Test.	Reasoning sectional	Test + Analysis	4 hrs	1 hr test + 3 hr deep analysis of mistakes
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DAILY ROUTINE (FOLLOW STRICTLY)

- 2 hrs → Concept + PYQs
- 1.5 hrs → Timed Practice
- 30 min → Error Analysis Notebook

MOCK TEST GUIDELINES (DAY 15)

- Attempt: 25–30 questions
- Time limit: 60 minutes
- Target: 85%+ accuracy

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- Spending too long on one question (>2 min)
- Attempting lengthy puzzles early
- Not drawing diagrams (blood relation, direction)
- Ignoring PYQs

- **Making assumptions beyond given statements**

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"Discovering your *X* factor"
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UPSC CSAT QUANT MICRO PLAN (20 DAYS | 4 HRS/DAY)

Day	Topic	Sub-topic	Task Type	Time Allocation	Strategy / Instructions
Day 1	Number System	Basics + divisibility	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Focus only on fundamentals + PYQs, avoid deep theory
Day 2	Simplification	Approximation + BODMAS	Practice	4 hrs	Solve 120 questions timed, focus on speed
Day 3	Percentage	Basics + applications	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Convert % to fractions, heavy PYQ practice
Day 4	Percentage	Advanced PYQs	Practice + Revise	4 hrs	Mixed word problems under time limit
Day 5	Ratio & Proportion	Direct + concept	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Link with percentage concepts
Day 6	Ratio & Proportion	Advanced PYQs	Practice	4 hrs	Solve case-based questions
Day 7	Profit & Loss	CP, SP, discount	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Use percentage shortcuts

Day 8	Profit & Loss	PYQs + mixed	Practice + Revise	4 hrs	Timed practice sets
Day 9	SI & CI	Basics + shortcuts	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Focus on CI tricks, avoid lengthy calculations
Day 10	Average + Ages	Combined problems	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Use logical approach instead of formulas
Day 11	Time & Work	Efficiency + LCM method	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Go deep into concept (high priority)
Day 12	Time & Work	Advanced + PYQs	Practice	4 hrs	Mixed worker problems timed
Day 13	Pipe & Cistern	Concept application	Practice	4 hrs	Apply time & work logic
Day 14	Speed Time Distance	Basics + ratio	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Use ratio method for quick solving
Day 15	Speed Time Distance	Trains + PYQs	Practice	4 hrs	Solve mixed questions timed
Day 16	Mixture & Alligation	Alligation method	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Focus on shortcut techniques

Day 17	Data Interpretation	Tables + graphs	Learn + Practice	4 hrs	Use approximation + elimination
Day 18	Data Interpretation	Caselets	Practice	4 hrs	Solve 4-5 sets timed
Day 19	DI + Arithmetic Mix	Mixed sets	Practice + Revise	4 hrs	Combine topics, revise weak areas
Day 20	Full Revision	All key topics	Revise	4 hrs	Revise formulas + error notebook + PYQs

DAILY STUDY STRUCTURE (FOLLOW STRICTLY)

- 2 hrs → Concept + PYQs
- 1.5 hrs → Timed Practice
- 30 min → Error Analysis Notebook

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- Spending too much time on difficult questions
- Ignoring approximation techniques
- Not revising formulas daily
- Avoiding Data Interpretation practice
- Treating all topics equally (they are not)