CAT 2023: Slot 3 Analysis

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Key Points -

Section	Total	MCQs	TITA	SPLIT
VARC	24	20	4	RC - 4 passages with 4 Qs each Parajumbles - 2, Summary - 2, Para Completion - 2, Odd sentence - 2
DILR	20	12	8	4 sets of 5 questions of each
QA	22	14	8	Arithmetic, Algebra, MM , Geometry, Numbers

Points -

- **The CAT 2023 Slot 3 paper was on par with the other two slots of CAT 2023.**

• The CAT 2023 Slot 3 paper was tough with respect to all the slots of CAT 2022 question papers except for the VARC section.

• In the DILR section- 4 sets with 5 questions each (All from LR No DI Questions). Almost all sets were hard.

• Quants were very lengthy and were the toughest among all the 3 slots of 2022. Various experts have also stated it to be the toughest quant paper compared to the previous five-year paper. The level was moderate to hard.

• In Quants, the Maximum questions were from Arithmetic, followed by algebra, then modern math, geometry and numbers.

• In the RC section, 4 RCs with 4 questions each of variable difficulty.

• The VARC section was observed to be easier than Slot 1 and Slot 2.

• According to the student feedback, both the DILR and Quant sections seemed to pose a greater difficulty as compared to the previous two slots hence making the Slot 3 question paper the most challenging.

	Chapter/Topic	Number of Questions Asked	Difficulty level Chapter -wise	Remarks
VARC	RC	4 questions each	Easy to moderate level	Reading passages were of variable difficulty with 2 passages being easy, one difficult and one moderate.
	Verbal		Easy to moderate level	There was an equal proportion of questions from Para Jumbles, Summaries, Odd man out etc
DILR		4 sets with 5 questions each (All from LR No DI Questions)	Easy to difficult	All the sets were doable but were lengthy
QA		Most of the quest	Hard	Almost all were difficult

GOOD ATTEMPTS

Section No.	Section Name	Total No. of Qs	Good Attempts

1	VARC	24	16 – 18
II	DILR	20	9 – 11
III	QA	22	9 – 11

INITIAL ESTIMATES OF PERCENTILES

Percentile	Score VA-RC	Score DI-LR	Score QA	Overall Score
99.9%ile	46	36	46	104
99.5%ile	42	32	30	87
99%ile	38	28	26	77
98%ile	34	25	23	70
95%ile	28	19	18	56
90%ile	23	16	14	48
85%ile	20	13	12	39
80%ile	18	11	10	35
75%ile	16	10	9	30
70%ile	14	9	8	28

CAT 2023 Slot 3 Analysis

Introduction:

When we compare CAT 2023 Slot 3 to the previous years, we can understand that it followed the **same pattern** which was seen in the previous year, following the format that has become

familiar to aspirants. The examination consisted of **three sections—Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC), Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR), and Quantitative Aptitude (QA). There were a total of 66 questions, candidates were required to answer these within an allotted time of 120 minutes.**

Difficulty level-
The CAT 2023 Slot 3 paper was tough with respect to the CAT 2022 paper.
The CAT 2023 Slot 3 paper was tough with respect to the CAT 2023 Slot 1 and Slot 2 papers.

Section-Wise Breakdown:

VARC (Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension):

Number of Questions: 24
Time Allotted: 40 minutes
Difficulty Level: Easy to Moderate

The VARC section consisted of 24 questions. The section began with the Reading Comprehension section which contained four passages with four questions each. Experts have suggested that the Reading Comprehension section of slot 3 was slightly easier when compared to the previous two slots. The Verbal Ability section followed the same format as previous slots where two Para jumbles, two Summaries, two Para Completion -and two Odd sentences were asked making a total of eight questions.

Remarks-
- RC1 was on Colonialism and Global Warming (The Nutmeg's Curse). The level of difficulty of this passage was 'Easy'.
- RC2 was on Understanding Romantic Aesthetics and this was also easy.
- RC3 was on Cultural Patrimony Laws and it was slightly more difficult compared to RC1 and RC2 hence it was of the 'Medium' level difficulty.
- RC4 was on Rationality by Steven Pinker and it was a 'Difficult' passage due to the usage of complex language and non-straight-forward questions.
- There was no mandatory question in slot 3 like that came in Slot 2.
- A candidate answering 10-11 questions with an accuracy of 75-80% can expect 99 percentile according to the existing trends.

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Area / Questions	No of Qs.	LOD
Reading Comprehension	16	Overall LOD: Medium
RC-1: Colonialism and Global Warming (The Nutmeg's Curse)	4	Easy
RC-2: Understanding Romantic Aesthetics	4	Easy
RC-3: Cultural Patrimony Laws	4	Easy-Medium
RC-4: Rationality by Steven Pinker	4	Difficult

DILR (Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning):

Number of Questions: 20 **Time Allotted:** 40 minutes **Difficulty Level:** Moderate

The question pattern of the DILR section of CAT 2023 was observed to be following the same pattern as 2022. DILR had 20 questions clubbed into four sets of 5 questions each. According to experts, all four sets were do-able but were lengthy due to which the candidates may face time management problems. Answering two sets with an accuracy of 75-90% can help the students in achieving more than 90 percentile.

Remarks-
- The first set of questions was on the number of enrollments in Online and Offline courses. It was on the easy-to-medium scale.
- The second set of questions had moderate-level route-based questions on Police Stations.
- The third set of questions was on projects and scores of three boys and three girls. The difficulty level of this set was medium to difficult.
- The last set of questions was from 'AC company and Dealership'. It was the most difficult question set under DILR

CAT 2023 DILR SLOT 3 ANALYSIS

Set No.	Concept	Set Description.	No. of Qs	LOD	Q. Type
1	DI	Number of enrollments in offline and online courses	5	3MCQ,2 TITA	Easy to Medium
2	DI	Six Police Stations with map (route based)	5	3MCQ,2 TITA	Medium
3	DI	Projects and scores of 3 boys and 3 girls	5	3MCQ,2 TITA	Medium to Difficult
4	LR	AC Company - 4 Dealers	5	3MCQ,2 TITA	Medium to Difficult

QA (Quantitative Aptitude):

Number of Questions: 22
Time Allotted: 40 minutes
Difficulty Level: Difficult compared to slots 1 and 2

The QA section was the most challenging section for the candidates. The expert opinions conclude that the slot 3 quant paper was the most difficult paper in the last five years. Most of the questions were not straightforward and required number crunching. Questions from Time and Work as well as Time, Distance and Speed were also tricky. Most of the questions also required the application of multiple concepts to solve hence making it time-consuming. On the brighter side, 4-5 questions from arithmetic were observed to be doable. Answering 9-13 questions with 70-80% accuracy will be crucial for receiving more than 99 percentile in this section.

Remarks-
- The most number of questions were from the arithmetic section. A total of 8 questions were asked from this section which was a change from the previous slots.
- Four questions were asked from Algebra.
- Modern math included four questions in which 2-3 were doable.

- Three questions each came from geometry and numbers in which 4-6 were doable.

Marking Scheme:

For Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs), candidates were awarded +3 for correct answers and for incorrect answers -1 was deducted.

For non-MCQs(TITA), there was no negative marking for incorrect answers, and for each right answer, the candidate was awarded 3 marks.

CAT 2023 QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE SLOT 3 ANALYSIS

Area	Total
QA	14 MCQs
Arithmetic	8
Algebra	4
Modern Math	4
Geometry	3
Numbers	3

Overall Difficulty Level:

The general trend among the candidates was that CAT 2023 Slot 3 concluded that it was the most difficult slot of all three. While the VARC section offered a bit more leniency, DILR was a touch more difficult than slot 2. The game changer was the quant section. While both the previous slots also had a challenging quant section, slot 3 was even more challenging making the overall slot the most difficult.