

CAT 2027 DILR Syllabus

Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning: topic list, set types, priority and preparation checklist. Last updated: 24 October 2026.

1. Official status of the syllabus

The official CAT website (iimcat.ac.in) publishes the Information Bulletin (eligibility, dates, fees) and a mock test, but no topic-wise DILR syllabus. The CAT 2027 notification is not out yet. The topic list below is therefore based on the recurring set types in recent CAT papers and is meant as a preparation guide, not an official list. Always verify details on iimcat.ac.in once the CAT 2027 notification is released.

2. DILR section pattern (based on the CAT 2025 format)

Parameter	Details
Section order	VARC, then DILR, then QA (fixed; no switching between sections)
DILR time limit	40 minutes (53 minutes 20 seconds for PwBD candidates)
Questions in DILR	22 in recent papers, asked as sets of 4 to 5 questions each
Question types	MCQ and TITA (type in the answer); the split varies by slot
Marking	+3 for each correct answer, -1 for a wrong MCQ, no negative marking for TITA
Total paper	68 questions, 204 marks, 120 minutes

3. Data Interpretation (DI) topics

Topic	What it covers	Priority
Tables and caselets	Data in rows and columns or in a paragraph; percentages, ratios, growth	High
Bar graphs and line charts	Single, grouped and stacked graphs; trend comparison	High
Pie charts	Percentage shares, often combined with a table	Medium
Mixed or connected data	Two or more data sources that must be linked	High
Missing data sets	Fill in blanks using given totals and conditions	Medium
Data change over time	Year-on-year and period-wise change, indices	Medium

4. Logical Reasoning (LR) topics

Topic	What it covers	Priority
Arrangements	Linear, circular and grid seating; ordering with conditions	High
Games and tournaments	Round robin, knockout, points tables, rankings	High
Venn diagrams and sets	Overlapping groups with quantitative conditions	Medium
Scheduling and sequencing	Time slots, tasks, order and dependencies	Medium
Routes and networks	Paths, connections, flows, shortest or cheapest route	Medium
Binary logic and truth-lie	Yes/no grids, true/false statements, deductions	Medium
Selection with conditions	Choose items or people under multiple rules	Medium
Puzzles and optimisation	Constraint-based puzzles, maximum/minimum cases	Medium

Topic	What it covers	Priority
Blood relations, directions, coding	Occasional supporting or mini-set themes	Low

Priority is indicative, based on how often a theme has appeared in recent CAT papers. CAT does not publish topic-wise weightage.

5. Preparation checklist

Phase	Focus
Weeks 1 to 4	Learn DI basics (tables, graphs) and core LR set types (arrangements, games). Solve 1 set daily.
Weeks 5 to 8	Move to mixed sets and harder LR. Practise set selection: pick the 2 to 3 easiest sets within the first 5 minutes.
Weeks 9 to 12	Take timed sectionals and full mocks. Review every set, including the ones you skipped.

6. Practice on CATMOCK

DILR Daily Practice: www.catmock.com/daily-practice/26
DILR Bhandara (live set bank): www.catmock.com/bhandara/31
CAT Sectional Mocks: www.catmock.com/category/21
CAT Full-Length Mocks: www.catmock.com/category/22
CAT Previous Year Papers: www.catmock.com/pyq/cat/2025
Official CAT website: iimcat.ac.in