CAT 2026 Table DI Practice Sets

10 challenging sets, 40 questions, with answers and explanations

Before you start

Detail	What to know
CAT 2026 date	Sunday, 29 November 2026, conducted by IIM Indore
DILR section	22 questions, 40 minutes, 66 marks (based on the latest pattern; confirm on iimcat.ac.in)
Marking	+3 for a correct answer, -1 for a wrong MCQ, no negative marking for TITA (type in the answer)
This PDF	10 table-based sets, 4 questions each. MCQ and TITA are both included

How to use these sets: give each set the target time shown. Read the table first, mark the units, and fill every blank cell before you open the questions. Score yourself with +3 for a right answer and -1 for a wrong MCQ. Then read the explanations for every set you missed or skipped.

Set	Theme	Level	Target time
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Set 1: Store Sales (Moderate, target 7 min)

The table shows quarterly sales (in Rs lakh) of five stores, A to E, during one year.

Store	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
A	120	135	150	165
B	200	180	210	190
C	90	110	130	160
D	150	150	140	125
E	80	100	120	150

Q1. [MCQ] Which store showed the highest percentage growth in sales from Q1 to Q4?

(a) A
(b) C
(c) D
(d) E

Q2. [TITA] In how many quarters did Store B account for more than 25% of the total sales of all five stores in that quarter?

Q3. [TITA] In Q4, the combined sales of A and C exceed the combined sales of B and D by what percent? Give the answer to one decimal place.

Q4. [MCQ] The average sales per store per quarter for the whole year is 142.75. Which store's own quarterly average is closest to it?

(a) A
(b) B
(c) D
(d) E

Set 2: Exam Centres (Challenging, target 9 min)

Five centres, P to T, held an entrance test. Some cells are blank. The overall qualification rate across all five centres was 59%.

Centre	Appeared	Qualified	Qualification rate
P	40,000	-	60%
Q	-	24,000	48%
R	30,000	21,000	-
S	60,000	-	-
T	-	16,000	80%

Q5. [MCQ] Which centre had the lowest qualification rate?

(a) P
(b) Q
(c) R
(d) S

Q6. [TITA] How many candidates qualified from centre S?

Q7. [TITA] 55% of the qualifiers from P and 40% of the qualifiers from R were female. How many female qualifiers came from P and R together?

Q8. [MCQ] What percent of all candidates who appeared sat at centres whose qualification rate was above the overall rate of 59%?

(a) 35%
(b) 40%
(c) 45%
(d) 50%

Set 3: Segment Profits (Moderate, target 7 min)

A company reports revenue (Rs crore) and profit margin (profit as % of revenue) for four segments in two financial years.

Segment	Revenue FY25	Margin FY25	Revenue FY26	Margin FY26
Retail	800	10%	900	8%
Cloud	500	20%	700	22%
Media	300	15%	270	10%
Logistics	400	5%	480	7.5%

Q9. [MCQ] Which segment had the largest increase in absolute profit from FY25 to FY26?

(a) Retail
(b) Cloud
(c) Media
(d) Logistics

Q10. [TITA] What was the company's overall profit margin in FY26, in percent, to one decimal place?

Q11. [TITA] By what percent did the company's total profit rise from FY25 to FY26? Give the answer to one decimal place.

Q12. [TITA] Suppose Retail's FY26 margin had equalled its FY25 margin. What would the company's overall FY26 margin have been, in percent, to one decimal place?

Set 4: Batting Records (Moderate, target 7 min)

The table gives career records of five batters. Batting average = runs / (innings - not outs). Strike rate = runs / balls faced x 100.

Batter	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Balls faced
Aman	20	4	880	1000
Bala	25	5	900	1200
Chirag	18	3	765	850
Dev	30	6	1080	1350
Eshan	22	2	800	1000

Q13. [MCQ] Which batter has the highest batting average?

(a) Aman
(b) Chirag
(c) Dev
(d) Eshan

Q14. [TITA] How many batters have a batting average above 45 and a strike rate above 80?

Q15. [TITA] What is the combined strike rate of all five batters, to the nearest whole number?

Q16. [TITA] Eshan will play one more innings and remain not out. How many runs must he score to raise his average to exactly 41?

Set 5: Literacy by State (Challenging, target 9 min)

The table gives data for three states. Treat the percentages as exact.

State	Population (lakh)	Males (% of population)	Male literacy	Female literacy
X	400	52%	80%	70%
Y	250	49%	75%	65%
Z	350	50%	85%	78%

Q17. [MCQ] Which state has the highest overall literacy rate?

(a) X
(b) Y
(c) Z
(d) X and Z are equal

Q18. [TITA] How many literate females are there in the three states combined, in lakh, to the nearest whole number?

Q19. [TITA] How many illiterate males are there in X and Y together, in lakh, to the nearest whole number?

Q20. [TITA] What is the overall literacy rate of the three states combined, in percent, to one decimal place?

Set 6: Trade Balance (Moderate, target 7 min)

The table gives a country's exports and imports in US$ billion. Trade deficit = imports - exports.

Year	Exports	Imports
2021	300	400
2022	380	560
2023	420	540
2024	440	500
2025	500	520

Q21. [TITA] In how many years did the trade deficit become smaller than in the previous year?

Q22. [MCQ] In which year was the percentage growth in exports over the previous year the highest?

(a) 2022
(b) 2023
(c) 2024
(d) 2025

Q23. [TITA] What is the ratio of total exports to total imports over 2021-2025, to two decimal places?

Q24. [TITA] By what percent did the trade deficit fall from 2022 to 2025? Give the answer to one decimal place.

Set 7: Round-Robin Tournament (Challenging, target 9 min)

Five teams, A to E, played a round-robin tournament, so each team played every other team once. A win earns 3 points, a draw 1 point and a loss 0. Some cells are blank. A's only draw was against B. E's only draw was against D. B's only loss was against C.

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
A	4	-	1	0	-
B	4	2	-	1	-
C	4	-	0	-	6
D	4	1	-	-	4
E	4	0	-	3	-

Q25. [TITA] How many matches in the tournament ended in a draw?

Q26. [MCQ] Which team did D beat?

(a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) E

Q27. [MCQ] C's two wins came against which teams?

(a) A and B
(b) B and E
(c) D and E
(d) A and D

Q28. [TITA] What is the total number of points earned by all five teams?

Set 8: Phone Shipments (Moderate, target 7 min)

The table shows market shares of five phone brands. The total market was 200 million units in 2024 and 240 million units in 2025.

Brand	Share in 2024	Share in 2025
P	30%	25%
Q	25%	30%
R	20%	20%
S	15%	12.5%
T	10%	12.5%

Q29. [MCQ] Which brand's shipments grew by the highest percentage from 2024 to 2025?

(a) P
(b) Q
(c) R
(d) T

Q30. [TITA] The combined 2025 shipments of P and S were what percent of the 2025 market? Give the answer to one decimal place.

Q31. [TITA] By what percent did Q's shipments increase from 2024 to 2025?

Q32. [TITA] Suppose the 2026 market grows 10% over 2025 and Q's share rises to 32%. How many million units will Q ship in 2026, to one decimal place?

Set 9: Workforce Movement (Challenging, target 9 min)

The table shows the headcount of five departments at the start of a year, the hires and exits during the year, and the average annual salary per employee (Rs lakh). Assume average salaries stay constant.

Department	Start headcount	Hires	Exits	Avg salary (Rs lakh)
Tech	200	60	40	18
Sales	150	30	45	12
Operations	300	50	70	8
HR	40	5	10	10
Finance	60	15	5	14

Q33. [MCQ] Which department had the highest attrition rate (exits as a percent of start headcount)?

(a) Tech
(b) Sales
(c) Operations
(d) HR

Q34. [TITA] By what percent did the company's total headcount fall during the year? Give the answer to one decimal place.

Q35. [TITA] What is the company's total annual salary bill at year-end, in Rs crore? (1 crore = 100 lakh)

Q36. [MCQ] Which department's share of the company's total headcount rose by the most percentage points?

(a) Tech
(b) Sales
(c) HR
(d) Finance

Set 10: Investment Portfolio (Challenging, target 9 min)

An investor put Rs 100 lakh in four assets at the start of Year 1. The table shows the amount invested and the returns earned in each year. Gold's Year 2 return is missing, but the total portfolio value at the end of Year 2 was Rs 103.72 lakh.

Asset	Invested (Rs lakh)	Year 1 return	Year 2 return
Equity	40	+10%	-10%
Debt	30	+8%	+5%
Gold	20	+20%	?
Real estate	10	+10%	+10%

Q37. [MCQ] What was Gold's return in Year 2?

(a) -30%
(b) -25%
(c) -20%
(d) -10%

Q38. [TITA] What was the overall return on the portfolio over the two years, in percent?

Q39. [MCQ] Which asset gave the highest two-year return in percent?

(a) Equity
(b) Debt
(c) Gold
(d) Real estate

Q40. [TITA] By what percent did the portfolio's value fall in Year 2? Give the answer to one decimal place.

Answer key and explanations

Set 1: Store Sales

Q	Answer	Explanation
Q1	(d) E	Growth: A 37.5%, C 77.8%, E 87.5%. D and B fell.
Q2	3	Quarter totals are 640, 675, 750, 790. B's shares are 31.3%, 26.7%, 28.0% and 24.1%, so 3 quarters.
Q3	3.2	A+C = 325 and B+D = 315. (325-315)/315 = 3.17%, so 3.2.
Q4	(a) A	Averages: A 142.5, B 195, D 141.25, E 112.5. A differs by only 0.25.

Set 2: Exam Centres

Q	Answer	Explanation
Q5	(b) Q	Q: 48%. S works out to 55%.
Q6	33000	Appeared: P 40k, Q 24k/0.48 = 50k, R 30k, S 60k, T 16k/0.8 = 20k, total 200k. 59% of 200k = 118k qualified. S = 118k - (24k+24k+21k+16k) = 33k.
Q7	21600	0.55 x 24,000 = 13,200 and 0.40 x 21,000 = 8,400. Total 21,600.
Q8	(c) 45%	Centres above 59%: P (60%), R (70%) and T (80%). They had 40k + 30k + 20k = 90k of 200k = 45%.

Set 3: Segment Profits

Q	Answer	Explanation
Q9	(b) Cloud	Profit change: Retail -8, Cloud +54, Media -18, Logistics +16.
Q10	12.3	FY26 profit = 72+154+27+36 = 289 on revenue 2,350. 289/2350 = 12.3%.
Q11	18.0	FY25 profit = 80+100+45+20 = 245. (289-245)/245 = 17.96%, so 18.0.
Q12	13.1	Retail profit would be 90 instead of 72, so total profit = 307. 307/2350 = 13.06%, so 13.1.

Set 4: Batting Records

Q	Answer	Explanation
Q13	(a) Aman	Averages: Aman 55, Bala 45, Chirag 51, Dev 45, Eshan 40.
Q14	2	Aman (55, 88) and Chirag (51, 90) qualify. Dev's average is exactly 45, so he fails.
Q15	82	Total runs 4,425 and total balls 5,400. 4425/5400 = 81.9%, so 82.
Q16	20	He has 20 dismissals. A not-out adds runs but no dismissal. 41 x 20 = 820, and 820 - 800 = 20.

Set 5: Literacy by State

Q	Answer	Explanation
Q17	(c) Z	Overall literacy: X 75.2%, Y 69.9%, Z 81.5%.
Q18	354	X: 192 x 0.70 = 134.4. Y: 127.5 x 0.65 = 82.875. Z: 175 x 0.78 = 136.5. Total 353.775, so 354.
Q19	72	X: 208 x 0.20 = 41.6. Y: 122.5 x 0.25 = 30.625. Total 72.2, so 72.
Q20	76.1	Literate: 300.8 + 174.75 + 285.25 = 760.8 lakh out of 1,000 lakh = 76.08%, so 76.1.

Set 6: Trade Balance

Q	Answer	Explanation
Q21	3	Deficits: 100, 180, 120, 60, 20. It shrank in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Q	Answer	Explanation
Q22	(a) 2022	Export growth: 2022 26.7%, 2023 10.5%, 2024 4.8%, 2025 13.6%.
Q23	0.81	Exports 2,040 and imports 2,520. 2040/2520 = 0.8095, so 0.81.
Q24	88.9	(180-20)/180 = 88.9%.

Set 7: Round-Robin Tournament

Q	Answer	Explanation
Q25	2	Filling in the table: A W3 D1 L0 (10 pts), B W2 D1 L1 (7), C W2 D0 L2 (6), D W1 D1 L2 (4), E W0 D1 L3 (1). Draws: A-B and D-E, so 2.
Q26	(c) C	D's single win cannot be against A or B (A is unbeaten, B's only loss was to C) and D drew with E. So D beat C.
Q27	(b) B and E	B's only loss was to C. C lost to A and D, so C's other win was against E.
Q28	28	10 + 7 + 6 + 4 + 1 = 28. Check: 8 decisive matches x 3 + 2 draws x 2 = 28.

Set 8: Phone Shipments

Q	Answer	Explanation
Q29	(d) T	Units: T 20 to 30 mn (+50%), Q 50 to 72 mn (+44%), R +20%. P and S stayed flat.
Q30	37.5	P = 60 mn and S = 30 mn. 90/240 = 37.5%.
Q31	44	Q: 50 mn to 72 mn. 22/50 = 44%.
Q32	84.5	Market = 264 mn. 0.32 x 264 = 84.48, so 84.5.

Set 9: Workforce Movement

Q	Answer	Explanation
Q33	(b) Sales	Attrition: Tech 20%, Sales 30%, Operations 23.3%, HR 25%.
Q34	1.3	Start 750. End: 220 + 135 + 280 + 35 + 70 = 740. Fall of 10 = 1.33%.
Q35	91.5	220x18 + 135x12 + 280x8 + 35x10 + 70x14 = 9,150 lakh = 91.5 crore.
Q36	(a) Tech	Tech: 26.7% to 29.7% (+3.1). Finance: 8.0% to 9.5% (+1.5). The rest fell.

Set 10: Investment Portfolio

Q	Answer	Explanation
Q37	(b) -25%	Without gold, the end value is 39.6 + 34.02 + 12.1 = 85.72. Gold ended at 103.72 - 85.72 = 18. Gold after Year 1 = 24, so the return is -6/24 = -25%.
Q38	3.72	103.72 on an investment of 100 gives 3.72%.
Q39	(d) Real estate	Two-year returns: Equity -1%, Debt 13.4%, Gold -10%, Real estate 21%.
Q40	6.9	End of Year 1 = 44 + 32.4 + 24 + 11 = 111.4. (111.4-103.72)/111.4 = 6.89%, so 6.9.

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