



CAT 2019 PYQ Slot 3: The Last Era of the 3-Hour Marathon

The final chapter of a legendary format — and the blueprint that still shapes every aspirant's strategy today.

The 2019 Blueprint

The last year of the classic **180-minute, 100-question** format — a true test of endurance, unlike today's 120-minute sprints.

VARC

34 Questions

Verbal Ability & Reading
Comprehension

DILR

32 Questions

Data Interpretation & Logical
Reasoning

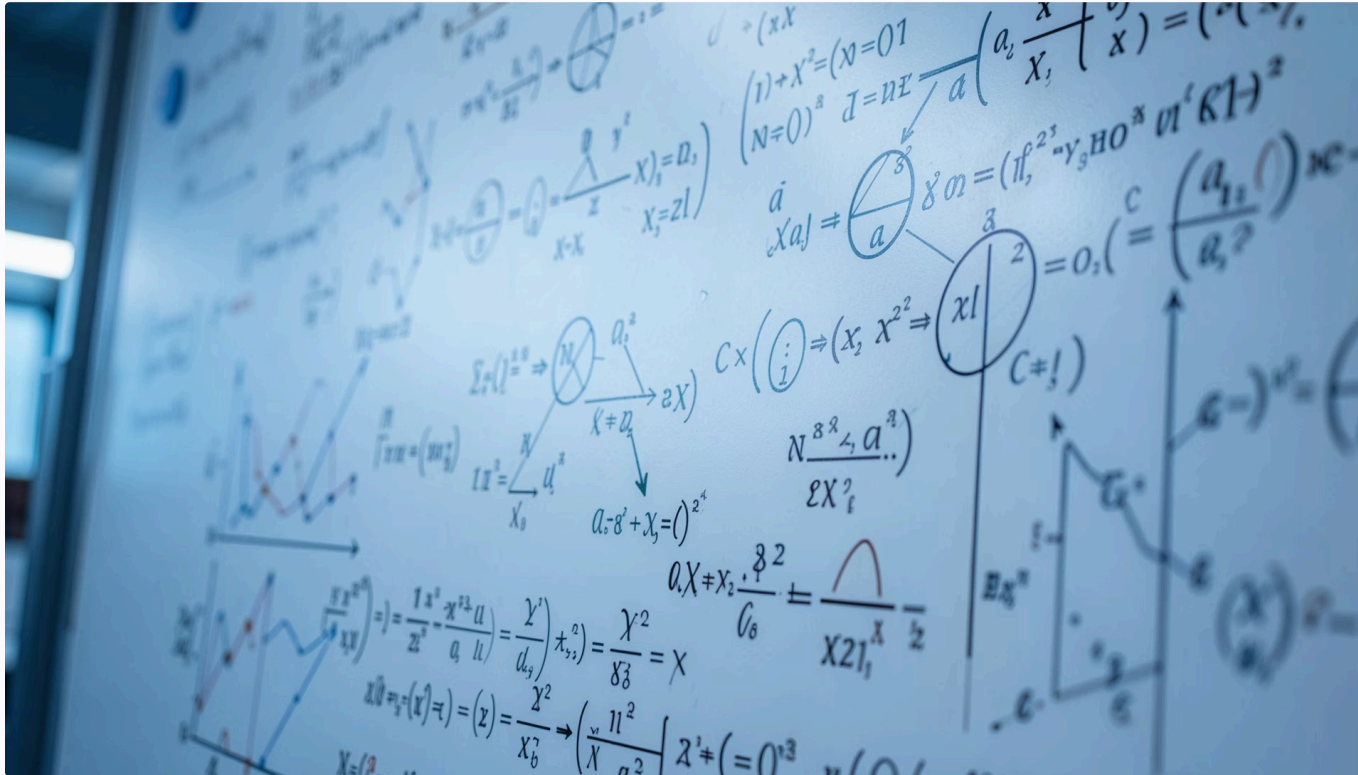
Quant

34 Questions

Quantitative Ability

- The 2019 paper remains the gold standard for building the mental stamina needed for any CAT format.

Slot 3 and the Complexity Shift



What Made Slot 3 Tough

- **DILR:** High-difficulty sets that tested logical depth and time management under pressure
- **Quant:** Arithmetic dominance with 7–9 questions; Geometry added significant complexity
- **Marking:** +3 for correct MCQs, –1 for errors, and TITA questions with *no negative marking*

Why the 2019 Paper Still Matters

Conceptual Consistency

While questions dropped from 100 to 68 in 2021, core concepts in VARC, DILR, and QA remain largely stable — making 2019 highly relevant.

Endurance Training

Solving full-length 2019 papers builds the mental resilience and focus needed to dominate today's shorter, high-intensity 120-minute exams.

Strategic Advantage

Platforms like **CatMock** transform passive paper review into active, video-led, concept-driven learning — turning mistakes into mastery.

Master the Pattern, Own the Score

01

Solve, Don't Just Read

Prioritise actual exam papers over theory. Identify recurring question types and patterns that reappear year after year.

02

Target Your Weak Zones

Use chapter-wise practice to convert your weakest areas into reliable scoring opportunities before exam day.

03

Your 2026 Goal

Apply 2019's stamina-building approach to today's 68-question format — and lock in your **99+ percentile** target.

