

Test Analysis- CLAT 2013

CLAT, required for admission to the 14 National Law Universities in India, was conducted on 12 April 2013. A total of 200 questions were asked and the paper was divided in five sections. To the relief of students, CLAT 2013 was on expected lines. Most students felt that the Legal Aptitude section was unnecessarily lengthy.

Legal Aptitude

SmartPrep was the first law prep company to predict that the Legal Reasoning section would consist mostly of legal reasoning questions. Bang On ! No Legal Knowledge based questions were asked. Those law test prep companies who put the fear of the legal devil in the minds of students may have a lot to answer for. In fact, in comparison to last year, many students found the Legal Aptitude section to be quite easy, if lengthy. The reasoning based questions were mainly from the law of torts, contract law and the law of crimes. Surprisingly, there was at least one question based on copyright law. For the serious students, 42+ attempts, with 85% accuracy should be do-able.

English including Comprehension

Feedback from examinees suggests that the difficulty level of questions were between easy and medium. A total of 40 questions, with 10 RC based, Idiomatic usage 5, Synonyms 5, Grammar 10 and 5 para-jumble based questions. An attempt of around 32 questions should be good.

Mathematics

Of the 20 questions in this section, there were around 4 questions on Percentages, Profit & Loss, around 3 from Numbers, 4-5 from Mensuration / Geometry and one each from Simple Equations, Time & Work, etc. Difficulty level would be between easy and medium. An attempt of around 14 questions should be good.

Logical Reasoning

If last year's CLAT was about Verbal / Critical Reasoning, this year the focus was on Analytical Reasoning. There were 5 questions each on syllogism, blood relations, series and coding, 10 statement based and 15 puzzle based questions. An attempt of around 33 questions should be decent.

General Knowledge

Any student who has kept-up with the news should perform reasonably well in this section. It seems that most Law Entrance Tests have a focus on beauty queens! AILET asked a question on this theme, CLAT also had a question on Miss World 2012. Overall, it was a fair mix of Static GK and Current Affairs, with a bias towards current affairs. Like the AILET, some questions were trivia based. An attempt of around 33 questions should be decent.



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Overall Cutoff

For the top NLU's : around 140

Tier – II : 130+