

Common Law Entrance Test (CLAT) 2014 conducted this year by **Gujarat National Law University (GNLU)** was held on May 11, 2014. Like previous year, the level of the examination was relatively easy and was on the expected lines. The exam comprised of five sections – General Knowledge, Elementary Mathematics, English, Logical Reasoning and Legal Aptitude. There were total 200 questions and the biggest challenge was that the time given to complete the exam was just 120 minutes. Each question carried one mark and there was a negative marking of 0.25 for each incorrect answer.

The section wise analysis of the paper based on the accounts of SmartPrep students is given below:

General Knowledge

This section consisted of 50 questions and majorly focused on static GK comprising of 30 questions from topics like history, geography, Indian Polity, Economy, Science & Technology and various other miscellaneous questions. Rests of the questions were from current affairs on topics such as personalities, places, sports, films and literature. The students rated GK section as moderate to difficult. Smart GK Card offered by SmartPrep helped our students. Students could have attempted around 33-35 questions.

Elementary Mathematics

There were 20 questions in this section and like last year, most of the questions there were straight forward and required application of basic concepts. There were questions on arithmetic, geometry, number system and modern mathematics, algebra and topics such as percentages, profit & loss, discount, ratio & proportion, time, speed & distance, time & work, area, circles etc. Some questions were asked from Set Theory, Statistics & Probability. According to the feedback of our students, an ideal attempt of 15-17 questions is fair for this section.

English

Like all the other sections, English was also not so different from the previous year and consisted of 40 questions. There was one Reading Comprehension passage on the topic of education and governance which had 10 questions. There were 5 questions each on Idioms, Para-Jumbles and Foreign Language Phrases and 10 Grammar based fill in the blank questions - based on tenses, conditionals, word usage, preposition, adjective and pronoun. Surprisingly, there were no questions on Synonyms and antonyms but there were 5 questions on spelling which was a new inclusion in CLAT. Overall, the level of difficulty of this section was moderate. We count an attempt of around 32-35 questions as a reasonable attempt for this section.

Logical Reasoning

With around 40 questions in this section, aspirants have rated the level of difficulty as moderate. We got the feedback that there were more questions based on mathematical concepts however, the major portion of the section was dominated by Analytical Reasoning. There were questions on Arrangements, Series and Blood Relationships. Questions from Verbal Reasoning covered questions on Syllogisms, Inferential and argument based reasoning, and Analogy. For the students having a grip of logical reasoning part, an attempt of 32+ questions, with 85% accuracy should be an ideal score.

Legal Aptitude

There were 50 questions in this section and most of the Legal Reasoning questions required the application of Legal knowledge. There were no questions on legal GK (as reported by students) and the Legal Aptitude part was of difficult level. The complexity was in understanding of the language which required aspirants to do a thorough reading within the lines. The questions were majorly from the areas of Contracts; Criminal Law covering topics of kidnapping, Right to private defense, sedition, etc. International law was missing, while knowledge of

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copyright, trademarks and licenses was tested. There was a lot of weightage given to General Principles of Law with questions being asked on understanding of Legal Maxims. A few questions were on the Law of Torts, Constitution and family law. An attempt of 42+ questions with an accuracy of 85% is an ideal score for this section.

Section	No. of questions	Expected Attempts	Level of Difficulty
G.K./ Current Affairs	50	31-34	Moderate-Difficult
Elementary Mathematics	20	16-18	Moderate
English	40	31-36	Easy
Logical Reasoning	40	31-34	Moderate
Legal Aptitude	50	41-46	Easy-Moderate
Total	200	152-169	Easy-Moderate

Overall we are assuming that for making it to the prestigious university of law with 14 NLUs under it, a score of 125 plus should be able to get you in any NLU wherein to make it into the top most, an ideal score of 135 could be a decent bet.

All the Best to all the students for results!

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