

Preparation tips to fare well in CLAT 2019

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Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) will be conducted on May 26 for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes in 21 National Law Universities. The exam will be conducted offline and there is no change in the paper pattern.

Every student has their own way of studying and retaining what they learn, but one approach that is beneficial for all is practising mock tests. The more you practise, easier it is for you to complete the paper on time, as well as to pinpoint your strengths and weaknesses. At this juncture, it is advisable to solve at least five to six mock pa-

pers in offline mode and try to complete each of them within the stipulated time. After taking each mock test, you should do a proper analysis to figure out the topics you are lacking in and focus more on those areas. While devising a strategy to approach the paper, do keep in mind that all the five sections demand your equal attention.

1. English: This section carries 40 questions on comprehension and grammar. Keeping in mind the trend of last two years' papers, focus on RC, idioms, synonyms, word meanings, etc.

2. Mathematics: This is the section most CLAT aspirants are afraid of. A game-changer, it carries 20 marks. You should try to score between 10 and 12 marks in



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this section. The questions are based entirely on elementary mathematics. For instance, in 2017, the questions asked were mostly from arithmetic, while in 2018, the section was more balanced, with questions from percentage, ratio, TDS, algebra, number system, etc.

3. Logical Reasoning: This

section carries 40 questions. Looking at previous years trends, the emphasis has been on analytical reasoning, with very few questions on verbal reasoning. To ace this section, read every question and its options carefully before attempting to answer.

4. General Knowledge: This section has been mostly domina-

ted by questions on current affairs. But that does not mean you can skip the static portions. Read static from any standard book; and revise current affairs of the past one year, with more emphasis on the second half of the year. Do cover news of national importance, international news, awards, sports, books and authors, etc.

5. Legal Aptitude: This section consists of questions on legal reasoning and knowledge. For the former, all you need to do to is to answer the questions based on the principle and facts given. In knowledge part, you should be adept at both static and current knowledge.

With the Supreme Court having come up with a number of landmark judgments in the past one year, you can expect questions on these cases.

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