



## CLAT 2009 ANALYSIS

In Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) 2009 paper the total number of questions was 200 while the time given was 120 minutes. The marking system was 4 for a correct answer while there was no negative marking. There were 5 sections. The overall difficulty level of the paper was easy to moderate. A brief description of the sections from which the questions were asked is as given below.

Section	No. of questions	Marks per question	Total marks
General English	40	1	40
General Knowledge	50	1	50
Mathematics	20	1	20
Legal Knowledge	45	1	45
Logical Reasoning	45	1	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>		<b>200</b>

### **GENERAL ENGLISH**

The section was of medium difficulty level. There were 10 questions from a single RC passage dealing with "Biological Degradation". Most of the questions were direct. One could have easily got at least 7-8 correct answers from this passage. The Verbal Ability section comprised of questions majorly from Sentence Completion, Para jumbles and Vocabulary. Some of the Vocabulary based questions asked meanings of Latin terms related to legal field. Within the time available, the **minimum correct attempts** in this section are expected to be 25. The time allocation should have been around 25 minutes.

### **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

The questions in this test area were predominantly from Current GK with occasional questions related to Legal GK. The Current GK questions were taken mainly from National as well as International Developments happening around us. Some of the questions were based on various Policies of the Government as well as various schemes launched by the Government. There were some questions related to Economic terminologies. The rest of the questions were taken from miscellaneous topics such as Sports, Entertainment etc. The overall difficulty level was medium. Within the time available, the **minimum correct attempts** in this section are expected to be 31. The time allocation should have been around 20 minutes.

### **MATHEMATICS**

This section consisted of questions entirely from Arithmetic and Number System. Majority of the questions were from percentage. The other topics on which questions were asked are Ratios, Time Speed and Distance, Time and Work, Averages and Divisibility Rules. Within the time available, the **minimum correct attempts** in this section are expected to be 11. The time allocation should have been around 20 minutes.

### **LEGAL KNOWLEDGE**

The most anticipated section in CLAT, it maintained its billing accordingly. The questions ranged from knowledge of Legal terms, Torts and Contracts, Constitution, Civil and Criminal law, various Legal Committees and Historic Law based questions. Some of the questions were based on caselets which demanded Judgmental Ability from legal point of view. The overall difficulty level of this section varied from medium to difficult. Within the time available, the **minimum correct attempts** in this section are expected to be 33. The time allocation should have been around 30 minutes.



## LOGICAL REASONING

The questions were mainly from Analytical Reasoning and Critical Reasoning. The topics included Blood Relations, Assertion and Reason, Strong and Weak Arguments and Verbal Analogies. The distribution of questions was nearly equal among these topics. The overall difficulty level was medium. Within the time available, the **minimum correct attempts** in this section are expected to be 31. The time allocation should have been around 25 minutes.

## SECTIONAL SCORES AND OVERALL CUT-OFF

Below is present the summary of the above analysis.

Section	No. of questions	Marks per question	Total marks	Time allocation (min.)	Possible Attempts (questions)	Possible Scores
General English	40	1	40	25	32-34	<b>33</b>
General Knowledge	50	1	50	20	38-42	<b>41</b>
Mathematics	20	1	20	20	12-14	<b>13</b>
Legal Knowledge	45	1	45	30	33-36	<b>35</b>
Logical Reasoning	45	1	45	25	32-34	<b>33</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>147-160</b>	<b>154</b>

The cut-off for the top 3 law schools (NALSAR Hyderabad, NLS Bangalore and NUJS Kolkata) is expected to be 152 while the next set of law schools (NLU Bhopal, NLU Jodhpur and Symbiosis Pune) the cut-off is expected to be 146. The cut-off for other schools is expected to be 128-132.

All the best  
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