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# CRACKING CLAT-2016

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## It's all about Speed, Accuracy, and Practice!

Not even a decade back, law was the last resort for graduates. Thoughts of lawyers in black coats seating in dingy courtrooms would send shivers down any self respecting individual. But, careers in law have taken a turn and definitely for the better. Now lawyers work in swanky corporate offices and work for corporates as varied as media, insurance, banks, FMCG, or become partners/associates in law firms.

So if you have good communication skills, both oral and written, are fond of reading, can convince others easily, have a logical way of thinking so that you are able to look at matters objectively and come to your own conclusions, then this is the career for you. And if you are smart, suave, presentable, and ready to voice your opinion, then this is the career for you.

Setting up of National Law Schools/Universities (NLUs), 5 Years integrated LLB right after 12<sup>th</sup>, world class education, and admission through Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) have helped the cause. With 17 NLUs and 2,342 seats at LLB level now, CLAT attracts the best students and they are being placed in the best law firms around the world. No wonder the NLUs have provided 100% Placements since inception and today, they compete with Harvard, Oxford, Yale, NUS and the likes. The biggest recruiters are Indian & International Law Firms, Consultancies, Corporates, NGOs, Legal Process Outsourcing companies, Government Organisations, etc. Students passing out from the National Law Schools/Universities get average placements of around 6-10 lacs per annum.

CLAT 2016, which is being conducted by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Punjab is an online exam and has a total of 200 multiple choice questions, each of one mark, and the duration of the exam is two hours. The subject areas covered are English (including comprehension), General Knowledge/ Current Affairs, Elementary Mathematics, Legal Aptitude and Logical Reasoning. Wrong answers carry a negative score of 0.25.

In case of equal marks being obtained by two or more students, the student having higher marks in legal aptitude is given a better rank. In case there is still a tie, higher age and then draw of lots (if required) are used as criteria to give higher rank.

Test Area	Questions	Marks
English including comprehension	40	40
GK and Current Affairs	50	50
Elementary Mathematics	20	20
Legal Aptitude	50	50
Logical Reasoning	40	40
Total	200	200

## How to maximise your score in CLAT 2016:

The key to getting a good score in CLAT 2016 is having sound subject knowledge and a good strategy to attempt the paper.

### I. Build subject knowledge

Remember that as the exam is of multiple choice pattern, in depth knowledge is not required and the student has to develop the ability to spot the right answer.



- ♣ **English:** Work on your vocabulary, grammar, and reading skills. Books like 'Word Power Made Easy' should be useful for vocabulary. Revise basic rules in grammar and read lots of passages of 500-700 words from books/magazines/newspapers.
- ♣ **General Knowledge/Currents Affairs:** Do brush up on current affairs of the last 1 year (Apr-Mar) with special focus on legality, policy, economy, and constitution-related news. *Last 12 issues of our in-house monthly magazine VistaCareer will be a great help in this area.*
- ♣ **Mathematics:** Just revise basic arithmetic chapters and do lot of simplification and BODMAS based questions.
- ♣ **Legal Aptitude:** This section will test candidate's interest towards study of law, research aptitude and problem solving ability. Basics understanding of legal terminology, constitution, contracts, criminal law, torts, legal general knowledge, etc will be of great help in maximising scores in this section.
- ♣ **Logical Reasoning:** Work on logical and analytical reasoning question varieties like syllogisms, logical sequences, coding-decoding, analogies, puzzles, etc.

[Do get a good book for Logical Reasoning and Legal Aptitude, as you will need to build knowledge in these areas, since these subjects are not taught till Class XII.]

### II. Take 2-3 sectional tests every day:

You should write 2-3 sectional tests every day and try to attain the below mentioned speed:

- ♣ 3 - 4 questions every minute in General Knowledge/Current Affairs/English
- ♣ 3 questions every 2 minutes in Math
- ♣ 1 question per minute in Logical Reasoning and Legal Aptitude

Post the test, do analyse the paper and work on concepts that you got wrong as well as the ones that you left.

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