

CLAT 2026

Common Law Admission Test — Undergraduate

Official Syllabus & Examination Pattern

Duration	Questions	Marks	Penalty
2 Hours	120 MCQs	1 / Question	-0.25 / Wrong

Marks Distribution

Section	Questions	Marks
English Language	28–32	28–32
Current Affairs incl. General Knowledge	28–32	28–32
Legal Reasoning	28–32	28–32
Logical Reasoning	22–26	22–26
Quantitative Techniques	10–14	10–14
Total	120	120

01 English Language

Passages (~450 words each) drawn from contemporary or historically significant fiction and non-fiction writing, readable by a Class XII student in 5–7 minutes.

You will be tested on your ability to:

- Read and comprehend the main point, arguments, and viewpoints in the passage
- Draw inferences and conclusions based on the passage
- Summarise the passage effectively
- Compare and contrast different arguments or viewpoints
- Understand the meaning of words and phrases in context

02

Current Affairs including General Knowledge

Passages (up to 450 words) from news, journalistic sources, and non-fiction writing. Questions may include legal information from the passage, but no additional law knowledge is required beyond what is provided.

You will be tested on your ability to:

- Demonstrate awareness of contemporary events of significance from India and the world
- Show familiarity with arts and culture
- Understand international affairs
- Identify and contextualise historical events of continuing significance

03

Legal Reasoning

Passages (~450 words) relating to fact situations, legal matters, public policy questions, or moral philosophical enquiries. No prior knowledge of law is required.

You will be tested on your ability to:

- Identify and infer the rules and principles set out in the passage
- Apply such rules and principles to various fact situations
- Understand how changes to rules or principles may alter their application

■ *Prior law knowledge is NOT required. All necessary principles are provided in each passage.*

04

Logical Reasoning

Short passages (~450 words each) followed by one or more questions testing critical thinking and analytical reasoning skills.

You will be tested on your ability to:

- Recognise an argument, its premises and conclusions
- Critically analyse patterns of reasoning and assess how conclusions depend on premises
- Infer what follows from the passage and apply inferences to new situations
- Draw relationships and analogies, identify contradictions and equivalences
- Assess the effectiveness of arguments

Short sets of facts, propositions, or textual representations of numerical information followed by questions. All mathematics is limited to Class X standard.

You will be tested on your ability to:

- Derive, infer, and manipulate numerical information from passages
- Apply ratios and proportions
- Use basic algebra operations
- Apply mensuration concepts
- Perform statistical estimation

■ *All mathematical operations are limited to Class X standard syllabus.*

How to Prepare

- Read quality newspapers & periodicals daily to stay current on national and world events.
- Access guides, sample questions, and model papers via the Consortium learning portal.
- Attend online expert sessions organised by the Consortium after registration.
- Practise Class X maths problems regularly to improve quantitative speed.
- Build reading speed — aim to read each 450-word passage in under 5 minutes.