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All You Need To Know About NLAT: The National Law Aptitude Test

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The National Law School of India University (NLSIU) Bangalore **will not accept CLAT 2020 scores for admission** in this academic session. The University will hold its own admission test called National Law Aptitude Test (NLAT) 2020.

When is NLAT?

NLSIU, Bengaluru will conduct the National Law Aptitude Test (NLAT), 2020 for admission to its undergraduate B.A., LL.B. (Hons) and postgraduate LL.M. programmes for the year 2020-21 on **September 12, 2020.**

Registration Date

Applications open September 3, 2020 and close at midnight on September 10, 2020. Candidates may submit their applications for the NLAT 2020 here.

Announcements regarding the admission process and counselling will follow after NLAT. For more details of the NLAT please click here.

What is the proctored format of online exam for NLAT?

The NLAT 2020 will be proctored through a combination of technological, Artificial Intelligence-based proctoring, as well as human proctoring.

The necessary personnel to ensure human proctoring is being provided and trained by the vendor engaged by the University for the NLAT 2020 to ensure the examination is conducted in as smooth and fair a manner as possible. The vendor has experience conducting large-scale examinations in similar formats.

Syllabus

The NLAT 2020 UG will test candidates on 5 (five) subjects (and the published format of the CLAT 2020 UG) comprising, English Language, Current Affairs Including General Knowledge, Legal Reasoning, Logical Reasoning, and Quantitative Techniques.

1. The NLAT 2020 UG will comprise 4 (four) General Comprehension ("GC") passages.
2. Each GC passage will be accompanied by 10 (ten) questions that candidates will have to answer based on the information provided in the corresponding GC passage and in the questions.
NLAT 2020 UG will have a total of 40 (forty) questions.
3. Each GC passage will be of a similar length (i.e., ~500 words) and order of difficulty as in the Mock CLAT 2020 UG papers.
4. The 10 (ten) questions that accompany each GC passage will have 2 (two) questions each from the 5 (five) subjects.

Intake

The total intake of students shall be 120 (One Hundred and Twenty). The Reservation Notification 2021 has been published separately on the website.

Eligibility

All candidates must have secured an unconditional pass and the minimum percentage of marks in the qualifying examination (10+2 or its equivalent examination) as specified below:
i. The aggregate percentage of 45% or its equivalent grade in case of General Category and PWD students.
ii. The aggregate percentage of 40% or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST.

There is no upper age limit to apply.

Pattern of Exam

- The NLAT 2020 UG shall be conducted in English.
- The Maximum Marks for the NLAT is 80 marks.
- All questions shall be Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)
- The total duration of the examination is 45 minutes.

- Marking Scheme: 2 marks per correct answer -0.25 marks per unanswered question -0.50 marks per wrong answer
- This is not an open book examination; candidates may not seek assistance from any other person to answer the questions in the examination.
- Candidates will only have 1 (one) attempt at each question. They will not be able to revisit a question once they have moved on to another question.
- Candidates may not take the assistance of any resources, whether electronic, print, or in any other form.

Tie Breaker

Tie-break Rule: In case of equal marks, a break of tie shall be made by the following procedure and order:
(i) Higher number of correct answers to Legal Reasoning Questions
(ii) Higher number of correct answers in the overall examination
(ii) Computerised draw of lots

How to prepare for NLAT?

The subjects involved in this paper are the same as CLAT.

The students who have prepared well for the Common Law Admission Test need not worry about the inclusion of new subjects.

On the lines of CLAT, even NLAT has all the questions based on passages.

However, there are a few things that you must consider in the few days you have left.

- The number of questions: There is a huge difference in the number of questions between NLAT and CLAT. CLAT will have around 150 questions whereas NLAT will only have 40.
- Marks per question: CLAT carries one mark per question whereas NLAT will carry 2 marks per question. Thereby bringing the total number of questions to 40 and total marks to 80.
- Every Passage will have 2 questions from each subject. Each passage will carry 10 questions.
- Duration is only 45 minutes which gives you approximately 1 minute per question.

Therefore the following may be done to increase the chances of selection.

- If you have been developing your reading speed, Great! If not, try reading 500 words at a time and retain the gist of the paragraphs in a single quick read.
- Read the questions first. No, do not study them in detail. Read them just enough to keep in mind which parts of the passage you have to concentrate on while skimming.
- Attempt all questions since there is negative marking for a wrong answer and for skipping a question. Therefore it is in your best interest to NOT leave a single question in the exam. However, the negative for a wrong answer is 0.50 and for not answering is 0.25 so be careful while making this choice.

Things to do before NLAT

Chill!

Meditate!

Rest!

The world has just faced the biggest pandemic in 100 years and everybody is facing uncertainty but this does not mean that there won't be better days.

All bad things come to end, so will this period. Remember this!

If you did not manage to land in your dream college, do not be disheartened.

Work harder than the best candidate of your dream candidate. Make sure you make the most of the 5 years at law school. Spend these years in a way so that when you graduate, you are better than the best candidate of the college you didn't get into.

NLS to hold own entrance test.

NLS and CLAT Consortium at Loggerheads? NLS VC Skips Emergency Meet