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CLAT 2020 Update: Dates, Syllabus and Exam Pattern

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CLAT 2020 Update

CLAT Consortium released a press release in the last week of November stating that the examination will be held under a completely different pattern and syllabus. The document did not give any details about the changes in particular.



Read all about the first press release here.

The Consortium was to meet for its Executive Committee's meeting in December. All the information regarding the pattern and syllabus was expected to be released in the aforesaid meeting.

Second Press Release

A second press release has been issued by the Consortium.

It consists of four parts

1. Schedule
2. Content
3. Areas
4. Others

Schedule



01.01.2020

31.03.2020

10.05.2020

11.05.2020

12.05.2020

15.05.2020

18.05.2020

24.05.2020

Content

- A general guide to question format was approved to indicate the comprehension based Test;
- Paper setter shall always keep in mind the 12th standard level of students appearing for CLAT 2020;
- Quantitative analysis will be based on 10th standard mathematics content.
- There shall be 150 objective type questions.

Areas



- English language
- Current affairs including general knowledge
- Legal Reasoning
- Logical Reasoning
- Quantitative Techniques

Other Information

- A consortium of NLUs website shall provide the necessary guidelines, module-wise model question paper and analysis of question paper.
- Candidates who enrol for CLAT 2020 alone shall be permitted to access these details from the website of Consortium of NLUs.
- There shall be a negative marking of 0.25 marks for each wrong answer for both UG & PG.
- LL.M. Admission Test – The candidates who secure 40% (35% in the case of SC, ST & PWD) marks in the objective type test will be qualified for evaluation of descriptive answers. There shall be 100 objective type questions.

CLAT 2020 Eligibility

1. There will be no upper age limit for UG Programme in CLAT 2020.
2. As regards the minimum percentage of marks in the qualifying examination (i.e., 10+2 or an equivalent examination), the candidates must have secured:

1. Forty-five percent (45%) marks or its equivalent grade in case of candidates belonging to General/OBC/PWD/NRI/PIO/OCIcategories
2. Forty Percent (40%) marks or equivalent in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST categories.

3. Candidates who are appearing in the qualifying examination in March/April 2020 are also eligible to appear in CLAT-2020 examination. However, they shall be required to produce evidence of their passing the qualifying examination at the time of admission, failing which they shall lose their right to be considered for admission.
4. The result of the qualifying examination (i.e., 10+2) shall be submitted by the candidate at the time of admission failing which the candidate shall be ineligible for admission to the Course.
5. In case of equal marks, the break of tie shall be by the following procedure and order as under:
   1. Higher marks in the component /section on legal aptitude in the CLAT-2020 exam;
   2. Higher age;
   3. Computerised draw of lots.

CLAT 2020 Sample Paper

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However, the subjects have been named and on the basis of that, we are suggesting the below for law aspirants

- LSAT past year paper for their reading comprehension and analytical reasoning section.
- GMAT/CAT past year paper for their quantitative/deductive reasoning as well as reading comprehension.

These are the basic questions asked from quantitative/deductive reasoning

- Comprehending the basic structure of a set of relationships by determining a complete solution to the problem posed (for example, an acceptable seating arrangement of all six

diplomats around a table)

- Reasoning with conditional (“if-then”) statements
- Inferring what could be true or must be true from given facts and rules
- Inferring what could be true or must be true from given facts and rules together with new information presented in hypotheticals
- Recognizing when two statements are logically equivalent in the context.

Read the second press release on LiveLaw here.

First Press Release

The Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) – 2020 will be held on May 10, 2020 (Sunday). The notification for CLAT – 2020 will be released in the last week of December, 2019 and the online application form would be available from January 1, 2020.

This decision was taken by the Consortium of NLUs in its meeting held today, at the Consortium‘s Permanent Secretariat in Bangalore. The meeting was chaired by the President of the Consortium, Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad and all the Vice-Chancellors of member NLUs of the Consortium attended the meeting.

The CLAT – 2020 will also have a change in the pattern of the questions for the UG. Comprehension based questions would be asked from Quantitative Techniques, English, Current Affairs, Deductive Reasoning and Logical Reasoning.

It was also resolved to reduce the number of questions from 200 to 120-150 questions. Prof. Mustafa said that asking students to answer 200 questions in 120 minutes is not right as it puts students under lot of mental stress.

The exam will remain off line and the duration will be two hours. He told that the idea is to get better students to National Law Universities who have competence in reading texts and demonstrate skills in inferential reasoning. Similarly, the PG admission test will also have comprehension based questions.

The descriptive portion will remain same as last year. The Consortium has authorised the Executive Council of CLAT–2020 to study the possibility of introducing cut off marks for the LL.M. The details of CLAT-2020 will be notified by the EC.

The Consortium also resolved to undertake several Faculty Development Programmes in various member NLUs and launch a scheme of Scholarship / Fee Concessions for the students of NLUs. The Consortium would also assist the member NLUs in upgrading their library, IT facilities and other infrastructure.

At the end of the meeting, Prof. V. Vijayakumar, Vice-Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal was elected as the new President and Prof. Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab was elected as the Vice-President. Prof. Balraj Chouhan, Vice-Chancellor, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur was elected as CLAT–2020 Convenor. Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO was elected as Member of the Executive Council for CLAT – 2020. Prof. V. Kesava Rao, Vice-Chancellor, NUSRL, Ranchi will attend the meetings of the Executive Council as Special Invitee for the purposes of conduct of CLAT – 2020.

The outgoing President expressed his satisfaction on the formation and registration of Consortium of NLUs and expressed the hope that under the dynamic leadership of Prof. V. Vijayakumar, the Consortium will make meaningful contribution to the legal education in 2019 – 2020.

He thanked all the members of the Executive Council and the members of the General Council for their co-operation and support in discharging the duties of President in the first year of the formation of the Consortium of NLUs. Number of changes were made in CLAT – 2019, i.e., the test was made off line from online and in PG paper descriptive portion was included.

Further, for the first time carbonised copy of the OMR sheet was provided to the candidates. A Grievance Redressal Committee was also constituted for CLAT – 2019 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Sri Justice S. Rajendra Babu, Former Chief Justice of India.

Prof. V. Vijayakumar, after taking over as new President of the Consortium of NLUs thanked the outgoing President for his contribution in the registration of the Consortium and drafting of its MoA and assured that CLAT Consortium will now do more meaningful contribution in terms of Faculty Development of member NLUs.

Read more CLAT 2020 Update on CLATalogue.