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CLAT 2021 Exam Analysis: Expected Cut off, Difficulty Level & Answer Key

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The CLAT Exam was finally conducted on July 23, 2021, from 2 PM to 4 PM after much waiting. Unlike last year, CLAT 2021 was pen and paper-based. A total of **70,277 students** registered for CLAT 2021. Out of this **59,843 students** registered for the Undergraduate exam. In this CLAT 2021 Exam Analysis, we will go through the section-wise detailed analysis of the paper. Also, we will take a look at the difficulty level of questions, the pattern of the exam and the weightage of topics.

Our CLAT 2021 Exam Analysis will include:

1. Subject wise division of questions
2. Difficulty level of the questions
3. CLAT 2021 Question Paper with Answers
4. CLAT 2021 Answer Key
5. CLAT 2021 Expected Cut off

The CLAT Exam consists of 150 questions that need to be answered in 120 minutes. The division of questions and weightage of sections is as follows:

Section	Number of Questions	Weightage
English	30	20%
Quantitative Techniques	15	10%
Current Affairs, including General Knowledge	35	25%
Logical Reasoning	30	20%
Legal Reasoning	40	25%

Difficult Level of CLAT 2021 Exam: An Analysis

The exam in total consisted of 38 pages. The paper was straightforward but voluminous. Candidates with a decent reading speed and time management skills would have found the paper to be easy to moderate. Overall, it can be said that the **difficulty level of CLAT was moderate.**

Section	Actual Number of Questions	Difficulty Level	Ideal Score
English	30	Moderate	24
Current Affairs, including General Knowledge	35	Easy	30
Quantitative Techniques	15	Easy	10
Logical Reasoning	30	Moderate	25
Legal Reasoning	40	Moderate	32
Overall	150	Moderate	121

Section Wise Analysis of CLAT Exam 2021

CLAT 2021 English Section Analysis

The English section was quite lengthy and consisted of **6 Reading Comprehension Passages.** Overall if someone went through the **passages carefully**, they would be able to score well, as the questions were on point. This section was more of a test of your reading speed, than knowledge of the English language. The passages were on the following topics:

- RC 1: Covid 19 Vaccine Diplomacy
- RC 2: A Scandal in Bohemia Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- RC 3: Need of Educational Institutions in the current education landscape
- RC 4: Planning & Strategy v. Execution
- RC 5: Prospects of Gig Economy
- RC 6: Failures of TRC in South Africa

CLAT 2021 Quantitative Techniques Section Analysis

The paper **did not involve any complicated questions or higher-level discussions.** They were based largely on percentages, and a basic understanding of percentages would have been enough to solve the problems, as long as adequate conceptual clarity existed on the same. The profit and loss based set too would have been adequately solved with a fundamental understanding of profit and loss. A careful approach would ensure full marks there.

The questions themselves were framed as cases, and **therefore difficult to navigate.** Spending a few seconds constructing a rough table to arrange the data in a clearer way could have helped students save time overall and prevent silly mistakes on account of reading errors.

The questions were based on the following topics:

- Percentages: 10 questions
- Profit and Loss: 5 questions

Overall, difficulty was **easy to moderate.** A grasp of the concepts in the syllabus would have been adequate to solve the paper. Most books on the subject would address the concepts required to solve the problems, although a Data Interpretation oriented practice regime would definitely have helped students with time management and accuracy. **One should have been careful of misread values and calculation errors** above any other issues in this paper.

Overall, though the paper did not throw many curveballs, a bad time management record could have been fatal. Most students are expected to score reasonably well in it, **at least above a 10.**



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CLAT 2021 Current Affairs including GK Section Analysis

The Section consisted of **7 passages with 5 questions each** on the following topics:

- Passage 1: TSO Kar Wetland Complex (Source: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change – Press Release) (Difficulty level: Easy)

- Passage 2: Port Investment – Chabahar (Source: Address by External Affairs Minister on 'Chabahar Day' at the Maritime India Summit 2021) (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 3: PM's Visit to Bangladesh (Source: Joint Statement issued on the occasion of the visit of Prime Minister of India to Bangladesh) (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 4: The disengagement plan between India and China along the LAC (Source: Explained | The disengagement plan between India and China along the LAC) (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 5: World Water Day, 2021 (Source: UNESCO and National Mission for Clean Ganga celebrate World Water Day 2021 – Registrations for Ganga Quest 2021 begin today) (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 6: The United Nations (Source: From right to faith to peace for all, Upendra Baxi) (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 7: Vaccination (Source: India's 'Vaccine Maitri' Initiative) (Difficulty level: Moderate)

Each passage consisted of **1-2 questions relating to static GK** of each topic.

Overall, the **GK portion of CLAT 2021 was moderately easy.** In comparison to 2020 where the pattern for GK had changed, this time students were prepared for the type of passages to come. Further, last year the questions were technical in nature and involved various numbers which would have been difficult to memorise. **However, this year the questions were easy, direct and prominent in the news.**

The passages were either picked up from government press releases or from news articles of prominent writers. Newspaper passages were mainly taken from The Hindu and the Indian Express. Thus, moderate emphasis on GK would have propelled students to attain a good score. Apart from the static GK questions, most questions could be answered if one had previously skimmed through the topic of the passage.

This paper proved that **reading the newspaper** thoroughly was the best method to crack the GK section and those who overtly relied on online outlets would probably face more adversity in comparison as they would not have received the entire picture as encompassed by the passage. An ideal score in this section would be anywhere around 30 and above.

CLAT 2021 Logical Reasoning Section Analysis

- Passage 1: School as an Institution (Source: Indian Express) (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 2: Mental health and COVID (Source: Indian Express) (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 3: COVID-19 and its effects (Source: South Asian Monitor) (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 4: Diplomacy in the Indian sub-continent (Source: WordPress Article) (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 5: COVID Death Rates (Source: Times of India) (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 6: Climate Change (Source: Indian Express) (Difficulty level: Moderate-Difficult)

The questions for all the passages covered almost **all the critical reasoning topics** such as assumptions, conclusions/inferences, strengthening and weakening of arguments, etc. While some passages were lengthy, others were of moderate length. Overall, the logical reasoning section was a little surprising since it did not have a single analytical reasoning question. Therefore, topics such as syllogisms, seating arrangements, puzzles, input-output, etc. were completely absent from the paper. **The overall difficulty level was moderate.**

Looking at the source of the passages, **the students who were regular with the news updates must have found this section to be quite easy.** Students conversant with the language and writing style of news columns could have read the passages at a better speed. While the passages could be traced back to newspaper publications, the questions were of the kind which are very well **covered in books such by authors such as MK Pandey and RS Aggarwal.** These books on critical reasoning provide ample questions to the students of all difficulty levels to give them an idea of tackling the most difficult set of questions. The test-takers only needed to be careful to not get confused between deceptively similar answer options, to get the answer correct.

CLAT 2021 Legal Reasoning Section Analysis

The Legal Reasoning section consisted of **8 Passages with 5 questions each**. The topic-wise bifurcation is as follows:

- Law of Contract: 15 questions (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Res Judicata: 5 questions (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Law of Torts: 5 questions (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Compassionate Appointment: 5 questions (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Law of Crimes: 5 questions (Difficulty level: Easy)

- Family Law: 5 questions (Difficulty level: Moderate)

The difficulty level of the section was moderate. Most questions were easy but quite a few of them were moderately difficult. The passages were appreciably lengthy; however, they were not very complex. Further, the passages were based on fundamental legal concepts as opposed to legal current affairs. Clarity of the fundamental legal concepts was extremely important for doing well in this paper. With regard to the questions although, they were not very difficult, they required a thorough reading and understanding of the passages. Without a close reading of the passage, it becomes very easy to get the answer wrong. Additionally, many questions were phrased as negative statements, therefore, if not read properly it could lead to silly mistakes. 26-28 is a good score for an ideal attempt of 30-32.

CLAT 2021 Expected Cut off

- The expected cut off for Top 3 NLUs is around 120.
- The expected cut off for Top 10 NLUs is 105+.
- And for the remaining NLUs, the cut off expected is 85+.

We'll be updating these as we get more information from different students.

CLAT 2021 Answer Key

The provisional answer key for CLAT 2021 has been released by the Consortium on its website. You can check the same **here**.

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