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CLAT 2022 Exam Analysis: Answer Key, Expected Cut off & Difficulty Level

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The CLAT Exam was finally conducted on June 19, 2022, from 2 PM to 4 PM after much waiting. Like last year, CLAT 2022 was pen and paper-based. A total of **70,277 students** registered for CLAT 2022. Out of this **59,843 students** registered for the Undergraduate exam. In this CLAT 2022 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 2022 Exam Analysis will include:

1. Subject wise division of questions
2. Difficulty level of the questions
3. CLAT 2022 Question Paper with Answers
4. CLAT 2022 Answer Key
5. CLAT 2022 Expected Cut off

The CLAT Exam consists of 150 questions that need to be answered in 120 minutes. The division of questions (in general) 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 2022 Exam: An Analysis

The exam in total consisted of 42 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 moderately easy.**

Section	Actual Number of Questions	Difficulty Level	Ideal Score
English	30	Moderate	26
Current Affairs, including General Knowledge	35	Easy	28
Quantitative Techniques	15	Easy	11
Logical Reasoning	30	Moderate	23
Legal Reasoning	40	Moderate	26
Overall	150	Moderately easy	114

Section Wise Analysis of CLAT Exam 2022

CLAT 2022 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: Cryptocurrencies (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- RC 2: Public Speaking (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- RC 3: Goddess Gaia (Difficulty level: Easy)
- RC 4: Saroo, the beggar from Madhya Pradesh (Difficulty level: Easy)
- RC 5: Modern animal rights movement (Difficulty level: Moderately difficult)

- RC 6: Wash your hands- Covid 19 (Difficulty level: Easy)

OVERALL DIFFICULTY: Moderately easy

CLAT 2022 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.

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 an 11.**

One can also observe that the pattern of topic distribution was quite similar to last year. And while there were a lot of questionable errors in 2021, this year the section was pretty easy.

OVERALL DIFFICULTY: Easy

CLAT 2022 Current Affairs including GK Section Analysis

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

- Passage 1: Drone Shakti in Union Budget (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 2: SPACE and ISRO (Difficulty level: Easy)

- Passage 3: SAGAR Vision (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 4: Russia-Ukraine War (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 5: AFSPA (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 6: CSR and Covid-19 (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 7: Patents and Green Technology (Difficulty level: Moderate)

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

Passage 1: It focussed on the Drone Shakti announcement by finance minister Sitharaman in the budget. The passage was most likely sourced from this Indian Express Article. The passage had 5 questions. The passage could be said to be easy-moderate, as per consortium standards. It was a predicted passage.

Perhaps a good score in this passage would have been 3-4/5

Passage 2: The second passage was on ISRO and the Indian Space Programme. This is a well predicted topic almost every year. The Passage had 5 questions, all of which were fairly easy as well. The questions were, however, quite static GK based and required prior knowledge on the programme.

A good score would be around 3.

Passage 3: It focussed on the SAGAR programme. The passage was most likely sourced from this piece on the Sunday Guardian. Most questions were on the Indian Maritime programme.

If you had read this article, one could have easily scored a 5/5 in this passage.

Passage 4: This was perhaps every aspirants dream! The passage was on the Russia-Ukraine war, and needless to say all 5 questions were extremely predictable. **The passage was easy and was a sure shot 5/5.**

Passage 5: The fifth passage was on the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act. This was quite the predicted question for CLAT 2022. The passage came with 5 questions. The passage was moderately easy, and **3/5 would be a good score**.

Passage 6: The sixth passage was on the time companies received to deposit their unspent CSR funds with banks. We believe it to be sourced from this article in the Economic Times. The passage again had 5 questions. **3/5 questions would have been the ideal attempt**. This perhaps was not the most anticipated questio

Passage 7: The seventh and last passage was on the patent trend in Green Technology. Again, a 3-5/5 attempt was ideal. The passage was sourced from this Times of India Article.

Overall, the section was a breath of fresh air in comparison to 2021, where the questions were very difficult. This year's GK was easy-moderate, and some of the passages could not have gotten easier! **A score of 28-30 would have been ideal**. The paper relied on several editorials and went on to show the importance of newspaper reading.

This section proved that **reading the newspaper** thoroughly was the best method to crack the GK section. An ideal score in this section would be anywhere around 30 and above.

OVERALL DIFFICULTY: Easy

CLAT 2022 Logical Reasoning Section Analysis

- Passage 1: Nuclear Energy (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 2: Madras Hight Court's Duty to Laugh order (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 3: POCSO Act (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 4: Global Biodiversity Framework (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 5: Covid-19 and Online Teaching (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 6: College and Adulthood (Difficulty level:)

Passage 1: 3 out of 5 questions are easy, while 2 are moderately difficult and confusing. The passage is largely factual in nature. With a careful reading, all 5 questions can be attempted.

This passage is based on Nuclear Energy, and how it can be used by India to meet its goals in the energy sector.

Passage 2: 4 out of 5 questions are easy, while 1 is a bit difficult and demands re-reading of the passage. The passage is a bit confusing to read, and thus, may seem difficult. However, the questions are easy to understand, and asks candidates to infer directly from the passage.

The passage is based on humour, and the need to view it from a reasonable lens.

Passage 3: The passage is very easy, both to read, and to comprehend. The questions are relatively straightforward, though need to be read twice sometimes, since the language can be confusing. 2 questions can be called difficult, while the rest are easy to solve. **3/5 is a good attempt.**

This passage is based on the unintended consequences of the POCSO Act, and the amendments needed to prevent such travesties from happening in the future.

Passage 4: This passage is one of the easiest in this section, and doesn't require multiple readings. **4 out of 5 questions** are very straightforward, while 1 question has confusing options.

This passage is based on the failure of the previous Biological conservation plan, the development of the new one, and the hurdles it may face.

Passage 5: This passage is based on the shift from Offline to Online teaching, and the difficulties faced by academics due to lack of systematic procedures and support.

3 out of 5 questions were easy to attempt, however, 2 were difficult.

Passage 6: This passage can be relatively difficult to read due to its factual nature. 3 out of the 5 questions are moderately difficult in nature, while the other 2 are easy. Due to this, a **good number of attempts in this passage would be 3-4.**

This passage is based on stress and anxiety due to various factors that constitute a student's college life.

In this section, **a good number of attempts would be 22-25**. All the questions from this section were from common Critical Reasoning topics like Central/Main Idea, drawing a conclusion from the passage, Strengthening of the Author's argument, title of the passage, inference from the passage, etc.

A candidate who has solved mocks in a time-based manner, and knows when to skip questions and when to spend time in re-doing it would be able to score relatively well.

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.

OVERALL DIFFICULTY: Moderate

CLAT 2022 Legal Reasoning Section Analysis

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

- Passage 1: Constitution: Fundamental Rights and Reasonable Restrictions- 5 questions (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 2: Special Marriage Law- 5 questions (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 3: Contract Law: Void and Voidable Contracts- 5 questions (Difficulty level: Difficult)
- Passage 4: Environmental Jurisprudence: Doctrines- 5 questions (Difficulty level: Very easy)
- Passage 5: Public International Law: Theories of Relationship between International Law and Municipal Law- 5 questions (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 6: Law of Writs (Constitutional)- 5 questions (Difficulty level: Easy)
- Passage 7: Penal Law and Personal Laws related to Bigamy- 5 questions (Difficulty level: Moderate)
- Passage 8: Constitution: Levy of Taxes on Religious Denominations (Mentions the theme of secularism)- 5 questions (Difficulty level: Difficult)

The difficulty level of the section was moderate.

Passage 1: Although the legal principles underlined are easy to understand, there are a number of those principles to keep track of. If one is able to gauge all the propositions of law underlined, even without previous legal knowledge, the questions can be solved.

The questions, however, are much easier and 4 correct answers off of 5 questions would be a good score here.

Passage 2: While passage is extremely easy to read and understand, the questions that follow are a little confusing. Students are expected to take a note of the specific grounds for divorce, in addition to the time limits imposed by the law-both of which are distinctly stated in the passage.

The first three questions are framed in a relatively straightforward manner, while the last two are framed to confuse the students by adding a couple of contractual terms. **Hence, a score of 3/5 would be a good score in this passage.**

Passage 3: Although one may read and understand this passage logically, this is the kind of question that does indirectly take into account one's understanding of legal terms up to a certain extent. Technical of contract law, albeit easy ones, are loaded in the passage which makes the questions difficult as well.

The questions are also not very easy if one looks at the options provided. While a student is bound to be confused in choosing the correct answer, a well-prepared aspirant would have practised a question like this and used it to their advantage. **In that respect, a score of 3/5 would be a good score- despite the difficult level of this passage.**

Passage 4: Environmental Jurisprudence is an easy to understand theoretical section of law, and that reflects in this passage. Whatever is supplied for information in the passage is fairly easy to understand and the questions are directly from that information. 3-4 important terms are mentioned, that have to be kept track of, and one can easily solve all the questions correctly.

Ideally, a single focussed reading of the passage will lead to a full score, and an average score of 4/5 is predicted for this passage.

Passage 5: As is the pattern of most CLAT questions, this question also consists of an easy passage with moderate level questions. One needs to understand minutely the difference between the two theories, and their application to solve the questions directly.

A score of 3/5 would be a good score for this passage, as a couple of questions are framed in a slightly difficult manner.

Passage 6: The passage has a number of legal terms to keep track of (appellate, discretionary, equitable) but a good English vocabulary would not let that be a bar to understanding the essential proposition. Furthermore, the questions almost exclusively relate to the specific writ of mandamus- and for a change, in this passage, the options help more than they confuse!

A score of 4-5 would be a good score here.

Passage 7: This passage is a blend of penal law and personal law, and the exceptions carved out by personal laws is not very easy to understand by reading the passage. This makes it a little harder to answer the questions. Although if one is able to grasp the relationship and primacy between these two laws when it comes to bigamy, they would be able to solve the questions correctly.

3/5 is a good score for this passage.

Passage 8: The passage as well as the questions of this passage are the most difficult in this series of 8 questions. It is a tricky subject, even for those with legal education, hence making it particularly tricky for the UG aspirants.

The options here also make it easier for the student to get the right answer, but it remains tricky nevertheless.

3 would be an impressive score in this passage.

OVERALL DIFFICULTY: Moderate

CLAT 2022 Expected Cut off

- The expected cut off for Top 3 NLUs is around 96.
- The expected cut off for Top 10 NLUs is 82+.
- And for the remaining NLUs, the cut off expected is 65+.

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

CLAT 2022 Answer Key

The provisional answer key for CLAT 2022 has been released by the Consortium on its website. You can check the same **here**.

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