AILET

How to Prepare for SLAT (SET): Pattern, Subject-Wise Tips and Books

Aditya Anand · 20 May 2020

About SLAT

The Symbiosis International (Deemed) University conducts the Symbiosis Law Admission Test (SLAT) for admission into their five-year integrated law courses. The law courses are offered at the four law schools under the aegis of SIU – Symbiosis Law School (SLS) Pune, SLS Noida, SLS Hyderabad and SLS Nagpur (new campus). The institutes offer two integrated courses – BA LLB (Hons.) and BBA LLB (Hons.).

Pattern of SLAT

There are five subjects on which the test is conducted.

The test this year will be held on **May 31** online at the comfort of your homes through an AI Proctored method. This change is due to COVID 19.

The subject and the marks they carry has been illustrated in the table below.

Examination	Pattern	No of Questions	Marks	Timing	Session Timings
SLAT	Logical Reasoning	18	18	120 minutes (90 minutes for MCQ followed by 30 minutes for WAT)	09:30 – 11:30
	Legal Reasoning	18	18		
	Analytical Reasoning	18	18		
	Reading Comprehension	18	18		

General Knowledge	18	18
Written Ability Test (WAT)	Yes	NA

Logical Reasoning

This section will test your ability to understand and analyse a given set of data and then applying the set of steps (generally mathematical) to arrive at an answer.

The questions may come from puzzles, blood relations, syllogisms, number series, analogy and more. The idea is to solve most questions in less amount of time with maximum accuracy.

Legal Reasoning

This section will have questions based on legal principles and legal knowledge. You can expect the previous format of CLAT questions to be in this section. Questions like principle-fact and legal knowledge are common.

Analytical Reasoning

This section has questions that require you to analyse a set of data or statements and to use deduction based on instructions to come at a logical answer.

Always assume the data to be factually correct and then move ahead in this section.

General Knowledge

This section's name is self-explanatory. Read current affairs and static G.K for this section. It gives you a chance to gain speed in the test if you invested a few extra minutes in other sections.

Reading Comprehension

There will be passages that you will have to read carefully and then answer the questions that follow. Be quick to read and retain as much as possible while reading questions.

Subject Wise Preparation Strategy for SLAT

Reading Comprehension

It is safe to say that the preparation of this section is the easiest but it requires time.

Why is that?

The main reason is that you need to read lots of text quickly while retaining the understanding of what the text wants to convey. Once you are able to do that, the questions are mostly upfront and simple.

In order to prepare for this section, do the following

- Read editorials: Every day when you read the news in the morning (or your suitable time), invest 20 minutes into reading the editorial section. It contains above-average vocabulary and if you make it a habit, you will be able to read and understand complex text. It also boosts your reading speed.
- Practice: Make sure to solve at least 3 reading comprehension questions a week if you have a year to prepare for the examination. If you're on the crash course timeline, solve at least 2 a day in order to gain speed and understanding.
- Read Columns/Books: Make it a habit to read for pleasure. Invest time in following a book series like Harry Potter (or the genre of your choice). It is also a good idea to follow blogs that are updated frequently (make sure the quality of the blog is good).

Logical Reasoning/Analytical Reasoning

The type of questions that are asked in this section cannot be mastered in a week. Don't get me wrong, you CAN learn to solve them easily in a week but to solve quickly and accurately, you will need disciplined and steady practice.

- Time: The time you take to solve a question in this section is of the same importance as solving the question. The idea is to take the least amount of time as possible. In order to do this, always time your tests. Whenever you attempt a test paper or solve questions in preparation, time as much as you can so as to maintain a mental record of your progress.
- Concentration: Although this is a pre-requisite for all kinds of academic activities, it holds more importance in logical reasoning. The reason is that a single second of concentration lost can make you redo the question (if not get it wrong entirely). Concentrate on the data while you solve the question.
- Effective: Make sure as you practice and grow, the rate of solving questions correctly also goes higher.

General Knowledge

The preparation for this section is more of a habit that needs to be developed. Don't get me wrong, 3 months of rigorous GK study coupled with a religious newspaper reading habit will get you there.

There are a few things that you should keep in mind

- Revision: General Knowledge is an endless area and even if you manage to read everything, there is a good chance that you will end up forgetting it wholly or partly. Both of these will cost you marks.
- Notes: It is always safe to make notes, especially with something as vast as GK. Not only does it help with revision, but writing also helps you retain knowledge for longer periods of time.

Legal Reasoning

There is no rocket science to preparing legal reasoning. One important tip is to stick to the modules. If the subject is Contracts, you do NOT need to refer to bare acts.

All that knowledge awaits you on the other end of this entrance exam.

- Modules: Read all the chapters in the modules. It doesn't matter if you read our posts for theory or the modules of your coaching institute but follow a source and follow it with discipline.
- Principles: The principles given in the question are final and no matter if you read otherwise, use them to solve the questions.
- Legal GK: Make sure you are updated with the major events of the legal sector. Again, do not overindulge, simply keep a tab and make sure you're regular.

Books

A few books which you can refer to complement your preparation are listed below. This is not an exhaustive list, please make sure to ask your teachers and refer to other books.

1. Word Power Made Easy by Norman Lewis
2. Logical Reasoning by R.S Agarwal
3. English Language by Wren and Martin
4. Casual reading books of your choice to enhance speed and understanding

Read our post on How to Prepare for CLAT 2020

Read our post on CLAT LLM (PG) Preparation

Read our post on How to prepare for DU LLB

For more preparation advice click here.