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Interview of CU Law Entrance Exam 2020 Topper, Soham Das [29th Rank] in CU B.A. LL.B Entrance Exam.

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Other than CLAT and AILET, there are other entrance exams as well that are conducted to fill the seats in traditional universities. One Such University is Calcutta University and the following interview of the Calcutta University B.A.LL.B. entrance exam topper will give more perspective about it.

Please tell the readers about yourself.

Pleasant greetings to everyone, I am Soham Das, from Kolkata, West Bengal. I completed my schooling from Adamas International School and I secured 29th rank in the CU BALLB Entrance Examination, 2020.

What were the motivations behind you pursuing law?

The fact that Law as a profession is extremely rewarding (in terms of money as well as mental satisfaction) and, intellectually challenging at the same time, served as the source of motivation for me to pursue the subject.

Please walk us through your exam preparation. How did you tackle each subject?

The examination is of 100 marks divided into 4 subjects which are English, General Awareness, Reasoning and Maths.



Did you take coaching for preparation? How important are coaching institutes for CU BA LLB prep?

I did not take coaching for this examination per se, but I did take up online GK & Current Affairs classes with Malobika Sen Ma'am, who herself is a NLU graduate.

The importance of coaching institutes really depends on the individual, but regular practice and efforts are the key.

What books/resources did you use for the exam?

I followed R.S. Agarwal's Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Techniques. I also made notes from websites such as GKToday and Jagran Josh and referred to Wren and Martin's books on grammar.

When should one start preparing for the exam?

Ideally one should invest a year's time to cover the entire syllabus comprehensively. I started preparing right after my 11th standard examinations ended.

Which skills and abilities do you consider important to do well in CU BA LLB?

Since the questions are multiple choice based, so the ability to think on one's feet, good comprehending skills and steady practice are quite important.

In your view, what were your strengths and weaknesses with respect to the exam? How did you tackle them?

GK and Logic were always my favorite. I found them interesting and so working on them was enjoyable. In contrast, Maths has always been my Achilles heel and to overcome that, I practiced regularly.

What would be your subject-wise strategy for preparation if you were to take CU BA LLB Exam again?

My strategy would be the same if I were to give the exam again. Reading newspapers, practicing questions and keeping yourself focused.

Now that the exam is done, what plans for the future?

With the COVID-19 pandemic ensuing, the exam was delayed by a lot of time. The examination's completion comes as a sigh of relief and I plan to take a temporary break from studies.

In the future, I hope to become a capable and honest lawyer, and use my knowledge for the benefit of those underprivileged.