

SET 2009 (LAW)

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED CUT-OFF

The Examination Pattern

Making a total break from tradition, this year's paper saw a proliferation of questions based on legal aptitude, and these spanned across all sections, not only Legal Reasoning. For instance, the questions in three passages in the sections on Reading Comprehension were all based on legal principles and theories, and a candidate having a solid grounding in the principles of torts, contracts and criminal law had a definite upper hand over those who did not.

The same goes for the first seven questions on logical reasoning.

The section on legal reasoning was a kind of misnomer, because there were questions pertaining to legal knowledge also. In legal reasoning, the questions were in different formats- principle & facts- based, as well as assertion & reasoning –based questions. The goal of the examiners was to test the real conceptual understanding of the candidates, and not *merely* learning up the principles and applying them to the facts.

As regards legal knowledge, the key areas from where the concepts were tested were- Constitutional law, and the Indian Legal System.

There were questions on international law (Q. Nos. 52) as well as environmental law (Q. No 54) also.

In general knowledge, history (especially the freedom struggle), constitutional law and policy-related issues dominated.

Current affairs dominated, and it is significant that very latest topics are also being asked. For instance, the question on Kasab's request for a charge sheet in Urdu being turned down- it happened barely two weeks back!

Therefore, all those who thought that reading newspapers after March/ April was a safe strategy (because *apparently*, the question paper has already been prepared)- BEWARE!!!

You need to be conversant with the very latest events, and cannot leave anything to chance.



Expected cut-off

The overall standard of the paper was easy to moderate, and an average candidate could have easily scored 110 and above.

Taking all these into account, the minimum cut-off is not expected to go below 100, and above 120 in any case.

Here's hoping all candidates would take to heart, all the lessons they learnt from the examination and also used the confidence-boost they got from the easy standard, to score well in CLAT.

All the Very Best of Luck!!!

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