Introduction to the CLAT prep Course

Nivedita Academy has been a pioneer in test prep coaching in Trichy, for a good 5 years. Moulding rankers every year, we do know how the CLAT (and other law entrances) work. It's not just that. We have had the highest number of students cracking the top 5 **(NLS, NUJS, NALSAR, NLU – D, NLU Jodhpur**) from Kolkata since 2012. That's right! No other training institute comes even close. We have a whopping 95% of our students getting into the top 15 and at least 30% every year getting into the top 6.

We get these results because...

*We are dedicated professionals with a single point agenda to get **you** to succeed. Our mentors have been painstakingly working towards providing the best-in-class training and a curriculum that will not only help you crack the CLAT but will also instil in you razor sharp skills that are so necessary to succeed at Law School*

Our course content

Each lesson has been developed using one of our hallmark strategies, **"Learning by Doing."** After 10 years of teaching students acing the CLAT, our top instructors pooled their knowledge to create this unparalleled collection of CLAT strategies and targeted content coverage. In each lesson you will **learn by doing** challenging problems; you will master the core CLAT content that is critical to success; and you will begin to **"Think Like the Testmaker"**, understanding how the authors of the CLAT take these content areas and question types and challenge even the most capable pre-Law school students.

Foundations of CLAT Logic

This guide will introduce the CLAT format and its question types. It will also provide a comprehensive index of how our course is structured along with self assessing analytics that will help you keep track of the sessions conducted at Nivedita Academy.

CLAT OVERVIEW
Format of the

TOPIC	No. Of Questions
English	40
QA	20
GK	50
Legal (Reasoning/GK)	50
Logic/Analytics	40

CLAT

The total time allotted for the

CLAT is 2 hours. Content on the

CLAT

English: The English section on the CLAT will test a candidate's ability to competently comprehend complex reading material. It will also test a students' grasp of the English language in terms of complex grammar, logic and vocabulary in context. Competency in this section is an essential indicator of success at Law school. Imagine yourself reading a 1000 page legal brief in English and not understanding a word of it!

Quant: This section tests a candidate's ability to use numbers and apply logic to arrive at a solution. Most questions on the CLAT are derived from what you should have learnt at the 8th to 10th standard in school. Though the concepts are school concepts, the questions require a higher level of mathematical understanding. Strategy and logic are key and we will show you how to solve a complex problem within seconds.

Legal Reasoning: This section is the hallmark of the CLAT and will again test logic, but at a high level. The questions in this section are like advanced reading comprehension passages and will test your flair for analysing situations based on restrictions. The greatest lawyers have razor sharp reasoning skills, and this section will test exactly that. In a nutshell, you will be given a principle (a diktat which can't be changed) and some facts. You will have to ascertain whether, given the principle, the facts conform to the law or not. These can be very tricky and at times frustrating! But don't worry; we'll make this section a breeze for you.

Logic/Analytics: The Reasoning section of the CLAT consists of 40 problems collectively designed to measure your ability to read critically, evaluate arguments, and recognize formal written English. It will also draw situations where you will have to identify series, formulate strategies and organize and arrange data to best suit the needs of the question. This section will also test your ability to break down arguments and identify conclusions, premises, inferences, assumptions, course of actions, forcefulness of arguments and a gamut of other features.

GK (Current Affairs and Legal GK): This section focuses on a candidates awareness of his surroundings. Basically the current affairs section can be answered by anyone who reads the newspapers regularly. The legal GK section will test whether the candidate is aware of some basic legal terms.
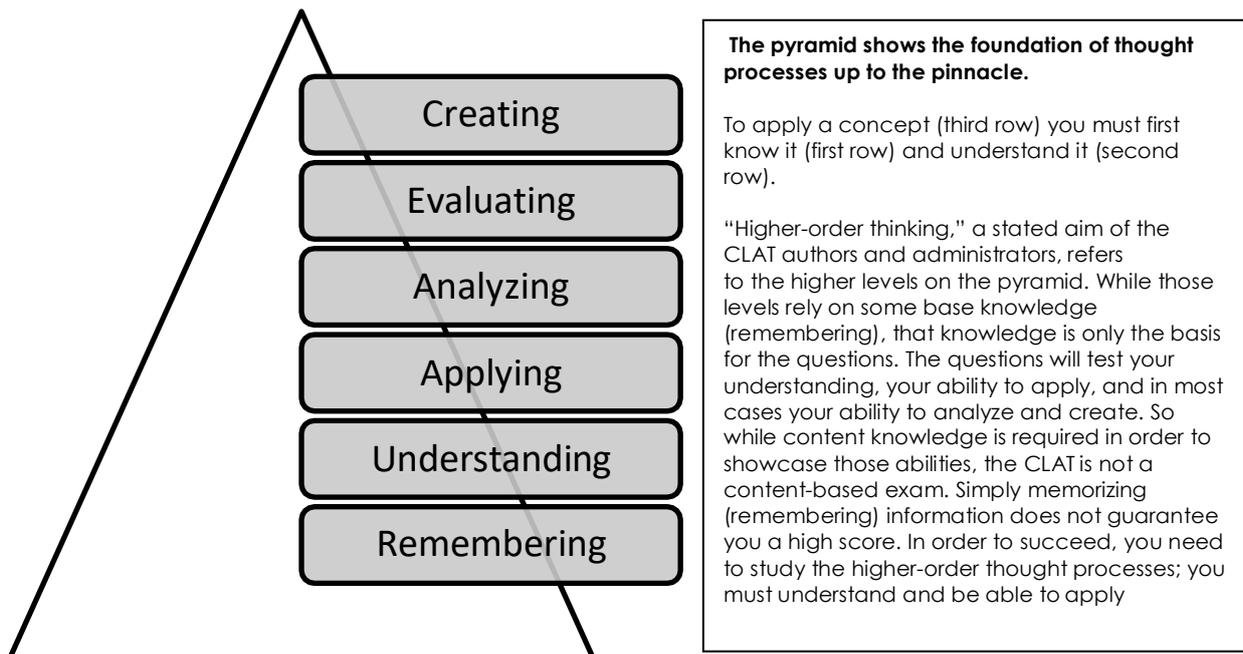
What does the CLAT test?

The CLAT is designed to:

• **Predict student success in law school, allowing schools to accept those most likely to be successful.**

• **Measure higher-order thinking abilities through reasoning and language comprehension skills.**

What is higher-order thinking?

Educational theory is based largely on Bloom's Taxonomy of Educational Objectives, which is often best represented in pyramid form:
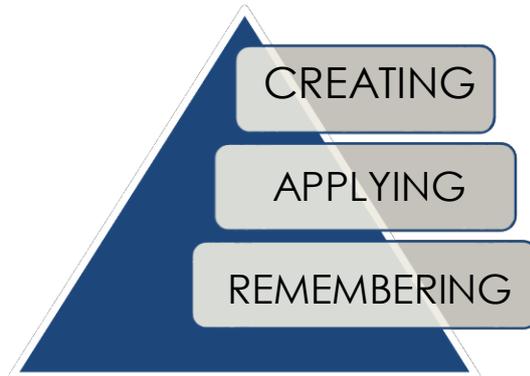
Creating

Evaluating

Analyzing

Applying

Understanding

Remembering

The pyramid shows the foundation of thought processes up to the pinnacle.

To apply a concept (third row) you must first know it (first row) and understand it (second row).

"Higher-order thinking," a stated aim of the CLAT authors and administrators, refers to the higher levels on the pyramid. While those levels rely on some base knowledge (remembering), that knowledge is only the basis for the questions. The questions will test your understanding, your ability to apply, and in most cases your ability to analyze and create. So while content knowledge is required in order to showcase those abilities, the CLAT is not a content-based exam. Simply memorizing (remembering) information does not guarantee you a high score. In order to succeed, you need to study the higher-order thought processes; you must understand and be able to apply

Simply put, the CLAT is a test of how you think, not a test of what you know.

This makes sense. Your smartphone knows more than you do right now, but only you can apply that information to legal success. Law Schools want someone who can take knowledge and do something with it; they want critical thinkers and innovators.

THE PREP METHODOLOGY

The educational philosophy at Nivedita Academy is based on this multi-tiered Bloom Taxonomy, which classifies different orders of thinking in terms of understanding and complexity. To achieve a high score on the CLAT, it is essential that you understand the test from the top of the pyramid.

CREATING

APPLYING

REMEMBERING

CREATING *Think Like the Testmaker*

Creating is the top of the pyramid in Bloom's Taxonomy. When you have completely mastered the CLAT, you are able to Think Like the Testmaker. You are on top of the pyramid looking down! You don't just have good content knowledge and lots of practice with CLAT problems; you understand how a problem has been made, what makes it hard, and how to break it down. When you Think Like the Testmaker you can

1. Quickly recognize what the problem is actually asking,

2. Discover hidden information and manipulate it to make it useful,

3. Recognize and see through trap answers, and

4. Create your own plan of attack for any problem

APPLYING *Skills Meet Strategy*

What makes the CLAT difficult is not so much the underlying skills and concepts, but rather the way those skills and concepts are tested. On the CLAT, what you know is only as valuable as what you can do with that knowledge. The OPUS curriculum emphasizes learning through challenging problems so that you can:

1. Learn how to combine skills and strategies to effectively solve any CLAT problem

2. Most effectively utilize the classroom time you spend with a true CLAT expert, and

3. Stay focused and engaged, even after a long day at school.

REMEMBERING *Skillbuilder*

To succeed on the CLAT you must have a thorough mastery of content. For each content area, we have identified all core skills that simply require refreshing and/or memorizing and have put them in our *Strategy Corner* section. By doing this:

1. Students who need to thoroughly review or relearn these core skills can do so at their own pace, and

2. Students who already have a solid command of the underlying content will not become disengaged because of a tedious review of material they've already mastered
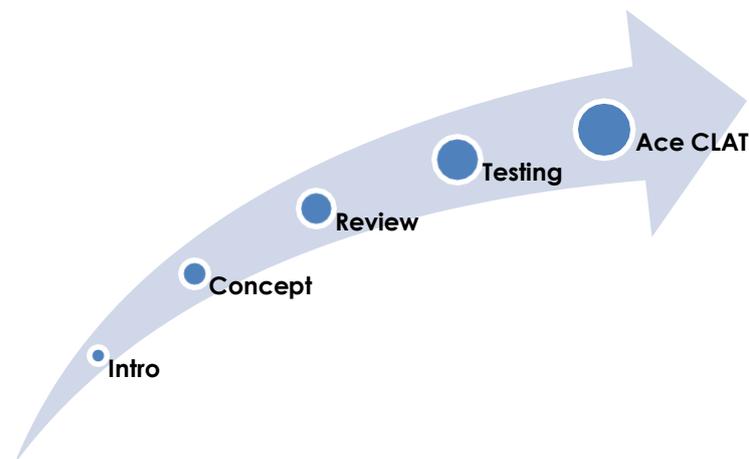
How our course is structured:

Our Curriculum Is Designed to Maximize Your Time

The Teaching Philosophy: Learning by Doing

Law schools have long featured the Case Method of education, providing students with real-world problems to solve by applying the frameworks they have studied. The OPUS *Learning by Doing* method is similar. In class, you will spend your time applying skills and concepts to challenging CLAT problems, at the same time reviewing and better understanding core skills while focusing your attention on application and strategy. The Case Method in Law schools maximizes student engagement and develops higher-order thinking skills, because students must apply and create, not just remember. Similarly, the *Learning by Doing* philosophy maximizes the value of your study time, forcing you to engage with difficult questions and develop top-of-the pyramid reasoning ability.

An important note on *Learning by Doing*: In Law school, your goal with a business case is not to simply master the details of a particular company's historical situation, but rather to develop broader understanding of how to apply frameworks to real situations. In this course, you should be certain to reflect on each question not simply through that narrow lens (Did you answer correctly? What key word made the difference?), but rather as an example of larger CLAT strategy (How could the exam bait you with a similar trap? How deeply do you need to understand the content to solve this genre of problem more efficiently?)

A basic flowchart of the course

Intro: The student's are exposed to the CLAT. The students also go through an expectation setting phase where we advise them on the most effective plan of action.

Concept: Every concept tested on the CLAT (and beyond) are thoroughly taught to the students. Each student will be exposed to Best-In-class instruction and a thorough review of concepts, skills and strategies that are so essential to cracking the CLAT. Further the student's will receive specific content mentor books which will cover ALL concepts that are tested on the CLAT.

Review: Each concept tested is reviewd through a comprehensive series of class tests (100 + in number) and online assessment with detailed analytics (Over 5000 CLAT and higher level questions). Further, each and every student will be provided with specific **CLAT workshops** which will expose the students to REAL CLAT questions and relevant concepts that are expected to be featured on the real test.

Testing: After the Concept and Review phase, the student will be exposed to OPUS SIMULATED MOCK Tests (10) including special tests specific to NLU – D and Symbiosis Entrance Test. Further they will receive a test pack of another 10 (making it a total of 20) MOCK TESTS which will help the students assess themselves and clarify concepts before the real thing!

A Snapshot of what you'll get at Nivedita Academy

Material:

- A set of 12 concept books covering all concepts pertinent to the CLAT – over 1500 concept questions with explanations

- 100 + class tests – 2000 questions with explanations

- 10000 + clat specific online questions with explanatory – sorted by topic/subtopic/section tests/ full length mock tests

- Workshops – 1000 CLAT questions (2008 – 2013) - printed

- 35 Full Length CLAT Mock Tests – (7000 questions with explanations)

Pedagogy:

Nivedita Academy will provide you with unlimited guidance to help you ace the CLAT. We have the best instructors training you for the test and they are available to you every step of the way. We encourage you to ASK AS MANY QUESTIONS as you feel you should, and get EACH AND EVERY CONCEPT CLARIFIED in class. Our teachers appreciate this kind of proactive learning and they look forward to engaging in your quest to crack the CLAT.

We will not give up till you are confident of your concepts! So we hope that neither will you!

Detailed brief of the course:

English
Material Provided: English Foundation / English Prep Up / English Vocab /
Word Power Made Easy / Reading Comprehension (1 and 2)
Faculty: Noshir Mehta / Vibha Mitra

The English course is designed to build on your language skills. The CLAT will test you on the following areas

Topic	Class Attended?	Questions for Review	Notes
Spellings			
Grammar			
Analogies			
Reading Comprehension			
Vocabulary			

Tests:

Type	Topic	Total q's	NOTES: Your Score
Section Test	**Spellings**	50	
Section Test	**Analogies**	20	
Section Test	**Sentence Completion**	30	
Section Test	**Sentence Correction**	20	
Section Test	**Reading Comprehension**		
Section Test	**Idioms & Phrases**	30	
Section Test	**Synonyms & Antonums**	50	
Tracker	**LOD 1.1**	25	
Tracker	**LOD 1.2**	25	
Tracker	**LOD 1.3**	25	
Tracker	**LOD 1.4**	25	
Tracker	**LOD 2.1**	25	
Tracker	**LOD 2.2**	25	
Tracker	**LOD 2.3**	25	
Tracker	**LOD 2.4**	25	
Tracker	**LOD 2.5**	25	
Tracker	**LOD 2.6**	25	
Tracker	**LOD 2.7**	25	
Tracker	**LOD 3.1**	15	

(PS: Answer keys and explanations are posted in your online student account)

Detailed brief of the course:

Math

Material Provided: English Foundation / English Prep Up / English Vocab / Word Power Made Easy / Prep Up (1 and 2)
Faculty: Soumya Roy, Shouri Mitra

The Math course is designed to build on your numerical ability and logic. The CLAT will test you on the following areas.
CONCEPTS

Chapter	Topic	Class Attended?	questions for review	Notes
1	**Number System**			
2	**Geometry basics**			
3	**Percentage**			
4	**Profit & loss**			
5	**SI & CI**			
6	**Ratio & proportion**			
7	**Averages**			
8	**Time & Work**			
9	**Time & Distance**			
10	**Set theory + Algebra**			
11	**Permutation & Combination**			
12	**Probability + Miscellaneous**			

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TESTS:

	TOPIC	no. of q
Section Test	**Number System**	10
Section Test	**Algebra + Geometry**	50
Section Test	**Percentage**	10
Section Test	**PL**	10
Section Test	**SI CI**	10
Section Test	**Ratio Proportion**	10
Section Test	**Average**	10
Section Test	**Time & Work**	10
Section Test	**Time & Distance**	10
Section Test	**Set Theory**	10
Section Test	**Permutation & Combination, Probability**	10
Tracker	**Tracker - 1**	20
Tracker	**Tracker - 2**	20
Tracker	**Tracker - 3**	20
Tracker	**Tracker - 4**	20
Tracker	**Tracker - 5**	20
Tracker	**Tracker - 6**	20
Tracker	**Tracker - 7**	20
Tracker	**Tracker - 8**	20
Tracker	**Tracker - 9**	20
Tracker	**Tracker - 10**	20

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Detailed brief of the course:

Verbal Reasoning / Analytical Aptitude

Material Provided: English Foundation / English Prep Up / English Vocab / Word Power Made Easy / Prep Up (1 and 2)

Faculty: Noshir Mehta / Vibhab Mitra / Kaveri Chakravorty / Gayatri Chatterjee

This course is designed to build on logic and analytical skills. The CLAT will test you on the following areas

Verbal Reasoning Topic	Class Attended?	Questions for Review	Notes
Logical Connectives			
Syllogism			
Assumptions			
Conclusion			
Courses of Action			
Assertions/Reason			
Para Jumbles			
Forcefulness of Arguments			
Degree of Truth and Falsity			
Critical Reasoning			

TESTS	Total Score	Your Score	TESTS	Total Score	Your Score
Logical Connectives			Tracker 1		
Syllogism			Tracker 2		
Assumptions			Tracker 3		
Conclusion			Tracker 4		
Courses of Action			Tracker 5		
Assertions/Reason			Tracker 6		
Para Jumbles			Tracker 7		
Forcefulness of Arguments			Tracker 8		
Degree of Truth and Falsity			Tracker 9		
Critical Reasoning			Tracker 10		

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Analytical Reasoning:

Topic	Class Attended?	Questions for Review	Notes
Logic Games			
Cubes			
Relations			
Directions			
Coding/Decoding			
Logical Venn Diagrams			
Letter Series			
Number Series			
Calendar			
Clocks			

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Directions			Tracker 4		
Coding/decoding			Tracker 5		
Logical Venn Diag			Tracker 6		
Letter Series			Tracker 7		
Number Series			Tracker 8		
Calendar			Tracker 9		
Clocks			Tracker 10		

The **trackers** are a combination of Verbal Reasoning and Analytical Reasoning

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Detailed brief of the course:

LEGAL REASONING / LEGAL GK

Material Provided: English Foundation / English Prep Up / English Vocab / Word Power Made Easy / Prep Up (1 and 2)

Faculty: Rishad Medhora / Adil Murshed

Topics

1. **What Is LAW?**
   A structured Approach to legal reasoning

2. **Law of Torts:**

   Indroduction, Fundamental Concepts, General Defenses, Vicarious Liabilty, Nuisance, Negligence, defamation,Tresspass, Strict and Absolute Liabilty, Malicious Prosecution, damages,
   Solved Examples, Mentor Exercise

3. **Law Of Contract:**

   Introduction, Offer & Acceptance,Intention to create legal relations,Legal Considerations, Free Consent, Capacity, Legality of Agreements,Discharge of a contract, Remedies for Breach of contract, Special Contracts, Mentor Exercise

4. **Law Of Crimes:**

   Introduction, General Exceptions, Crimes, Mentor Exercise

TESTS:

TESTS	Total Score	Your Score
Tracker 1		
Tracker 2		
Tracker 3		
Tracker 4		
Tracker 5		
Tracker 6		
Tracker 7		
Tracker 8		
Tracker 9		
Tracker 10		

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Detailed brief of the course:

Current Affairs / LEGAL GK

Material Provided: English Foundation / English Prep Up / English Vocab / Word Power Made Easy / Prep Up (1 and 2)

Faculty: Rahul Chatterjee / Vibha Mitra

Topics for Legal GK:

- Constitution & political System
- Important Legislations
- Important Cases
- Important Legal Personalities
- Quotes on Law
- Legal Abbreviations
- Literature & Law
- IPC -Important Sections
- Words And phrases of foreign Origin
- Legal Maxims
- Importan
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Commissi
ons
- Important International Commissions , Convenants, AND Protocols
- Jurisdictions & Seat of High Courts
- Legal Vocabulary

Topics for Static GK

- Computer
- Science
- human Body
- Indian History
- World History
- World Geography
- Indian Geography
- Indian Economy
- Important Business & General Terms
- Indian miscellenia
- World Organizations
- Sports
- Honours & Awards
- Miscellaneous

Broad Categories for Current Affairs

- **National**
- **World**
- **Sports**
- **Awards**

NOTE: For **Current Affairs** OPUS compiles material on a daily basis and is uploaded onto your student account on the website. There are over 1000 pages of material pertaining to the current affairs section for The CLAT. These supplements are followed by questions online.

TESTS: Legal GK

Tests: Static GK

Test	Total Questions	Your Score
Tracker 1		
Tracker 2		
Tracker 3		
Tracker 4		
Tracker 5		
Tracker 6		
Tracker 7		
Tracker 8		
Tracker 9		
Tracker 10		

Misc.	20
World Orga.	20
Computer & Science	20
Indian & World Geography	20
Indian & World History	20
Indian Economy & Important Business terms	20
Indian Misc.	20
Sports, honours & Awards	20

There are tonnes of legal supplements in addition to the current affairs supplements in your online student account