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AILET Complete Preparation Strategy: A Holistic Guide to Cracking NLU Delhi's Entrance Exam

If you're dreaming of walking through the gates of National Law University, Delhi, AILET is the one exam standing between you and that dream. Unlike CLAT, which opens doors to 24 NLUs, AILET is a single-institution exam — which means the competition for those limited seats is razor-sharp. This makes strategy just as important as knowledge.

This guide breaks down a complete, section-by-section, week-by-week strategy to help you prepare holistically — not just to know the syllabus, but to actually convert that knowledge into rank.

Understanding the AILET Exam Pattern First

Before building any strategy, you need to know exactly what you're up against. For AILET 2027 (BA LLB), NLU Delhi conducts the exam offline, in pen-and-paper mode, with 150 MCQs to be solved in 120 minutes — that's just 48 seconds per question on average. There is negative marking of 0.25 for every wrong answer, so blind guessing can hurt you badly.

The paper is split into three sections, and here's the biggest thing most students get wrong: unlike CLAT, **AILET has no separate Legal Reasoning section and no Math section at all**. The three sections are:

- **English Language** – 50 questions
- **Current Affairs & General Knowledge** – 30 questions
- **Logical Reasoning** – 70 questions

Logical Reasoning alone carries nearly half the paper's weight and is also the official tiebreaker criterion when two candidates score the same marks. This one fact should shape almost every hour of your prep schedule.

Section 1: Logical Reasoning — Your Highest Priority

With 70 out of 150 marks, this section decides your rank more than any other. It tests critical thinking rather than memorized law, so no prior legal knowledge is required — but don't let that fool you into thinking it's easy.

Core topics to master:

- Analogies and classification
- Syllogisms and logical deductions
- Statement-assumption and statement-conclusion questions
- Blood relations, direction sense, and seating arrangements
- Coding-decoding
- Critical reasoning passages, including short legal-flavored scenarios (these test logic, not legal knowledge)
- Puzzles and series completion

How to build speed and accuracy:

1. Start with concept clarity for each reasoning type before jumping into timed practice.
2. Practice daily in short, focused 20–25 minute sets rather than long, tiring sessions — reasoning fatigue kills accuracy fast.
3. Maintain an error log. Every wrong answer should be revisited to identify *why* you got it wrong — misread the question, wrong logic, or silly calculation slip.

4. In the last two months, solve full-length reasoning sets under strict time pressure to simulate exam-day stress.

Section 2: English Language — Build It Like a Habit, Not a Cram Subject

With 50 marks, English is scoring territory if you build the habit early, because unlike GK, it doesn't change day to day.

Key areas:

- Reading comprehension (multiple passages, inference-based questions)
- Vocabulary — synonyms, antonyms, contextual usage
- Grammar — error spotting, sentence correction, and fill-in-the-blanks
- Para jumbles and cloze tests
- Idioms and phrases

Strategy:

- Read editorials from a quality newspaper daily. This does double duty — it builds vocabulary and feeds your Current Affairs prep simultaneously.
- Make a personal vocabulary notebook and revise it weekly rather than trying to mug up word lists in one sitting.
- Practice one full RC passage daily with a timer to build reading speed without losing comprehension.
- For grammar, don't just memorize rules — practice applying them across 15–20 questions a week until the correct usage becomes instinctive.

Section 3: Current Affairs & General Knowledge — Recent, Focused, Repeated

This section carries 30 marks and rewards consistency far more than last-minute cramming.

What to focus on:

- National and international news from the last 10–12 months before your exam
- Government schemes, policies, and constitutional or legal developments
- Awards, honours, and appointments
- Sports events and records
- Static GK — important historical facts, geography basics, and notable personalities

Strategy:

- Read one reliable newspaper daily (The Hindu or Indian Express are commonly recommended) and take five minutes to jot down 3–4 important points.
- Use a monthly current affairs compilation to revise rather than trying to recall scattered daily notes.

- Revise static GK in small, repeated cycles — spaced repetition works far better here than one long revision session.

- Don't ignore legal and constitutional current affairs — landmark judgments, new bills, and amendments are AILET favorites.

Building Your Month-by-Month Timeline

4–6 months out: Build foundations. Cover reasoning concepts topic by topic, start your daily newspaper habit, and build a vocabulary base. Take a diagnostic mock to know your starting point.

2–4 months out: Shift to topic-wise timed practice. Start solving previous years' AILET question papers section-wise to understand the actual difficulty and question style NLU Delhi favors.

Last 6–8 weeks: Full-length mocks under exact exam conditions — 120 minutes, no breaks, negative marking applied. Analyze every mock deeply: which section ate your time, where accuracy dropped, and which question types you consistently avoid.

Final 2 weeks: Pure revision. Revisit your error log, your vocabulary notes, and your current affairs compilation. Avoid learning new topics now — this is consolidation time.

Smart Exam-Day Strategy

- Decide your section order in advance based on your strengths. Many toppers attempt Logical Reasoning first since it carries the most marks and decides the tiebreaker.

- Don't get stuck on any single question for more than 45–50 seconds. Mark and move on — you can return if time permits.

- Because of negative marking, only attempt a question if you can eliminate at least two wrong options confidently.

- Keep the last 10 minutes strictly for reviewing marked questions, not for starting anything new.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Treating all three sections equally.** Logical Reasoning deserves the most hours, not an equal split.

- Cramming current affairs in the last week.** It doesn't stick; spaced revision does.

- Skipping error analysis after mocks.** Taking a mock without reviewing mistakes is just practice without progress.

- Ignoring previous year papers.** They reveal NLU Delhi's actual question style far better than any generic practice set.

-**Blind guessing under time pressure.** With -0.25 marking, uninformed guesses can quietly sink your score.

Final Word

AILET rewards steady, focused preparation more than last-minute brilliance. With no Legal Reasoning or Math section to worry about, your energy should go into three things: sharpening logical reasoning until it's fast and instinctive, turning English into a daily habit rather than a subject, and keeping your current affairs current — literally. Combine that with disciplined mock analysis, and a strong AILET rank is well within reach.

Good luck — and remember, consistency beats intensity every single time in this race.