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CLAT Syllabus 2027/2028: Latest & Detailed Section-Wise Breakdown

The Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) is the gateway to 27+ National Law Universities across India, and every serious aspirant's preparation journey starts with one thing: a clear understanding of the syllabus. CLAT has moved far away from rote-based, memory-heavy testing. Today, it is a **passage-based, skill-oriented exam** that checks how well you can read, comprehend, reason, and apply concepts under time pressure.

This post breaks down the CLAT 2027/2028 UG syllabus section by section, along with the exam pattern, marking scheme, and weightage — everything you need to build a focused study plan.

CLAT Exam Pattern at a Glance

Before diving into the sections, here's the overall structure of the exam.

Exam Detail	Details
Mode of Exam	Offline (Pen and Paper)
Total Questions	120 MCQs
Duration	2 Hours (120 minutes)
Question Type	Passage-based, comprehension-driven MCQs
Marking Scheme	+1 for correct answer
Negative Marking	-0.25 for every incorrect answer
Number of Sections	5

Passage Length	Roughly 400–450 words per passage
Maximum Difficulty Level	Class 12

The biggest thing to understand about CLAT is that it is **not a subject-knowledge test**. Every passage carries the information, facts, or legal principles you need — your job is to read fast, understand accurately, and apply logic to answer.

Section-Wise CLAT Syllabus 2027/2028

CLAT UG has five sections. Below is the number of questions and approximate weightage of each.

Section	Approx. No. of Questions	Approx. Weightage
English Language	22–26	~18–20%
Current Affairs including GK	28–32	~25–26%
Legal Reasoning	28–32	~25%
Logical Reasoning	22–26	~18–20%
Quantitative Techniques	10–14	~10%
Total	120	100%

Now let's go through each section in detail.

1. English Language

This section evaluates reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, and the ability to draw inferences from a passage — similar to how a first-year law student would need to read case material.

Topic Area	What It Covers
Reading Comprehension	Passages from contemporary fiction, non-fiction, opinion pieces, and journalistic writing
Vocabulary in Context	Meaning of difficult words/phrases as used in the passage

Main Idea & Theme	Identifying the central argument or summary of a passage
Author's Tone & Viewpoint	Understanding the author's opinion, tone, and purpose of writing
Inference-Based Questions	Drawing logical conclusions that are implied but not directly stated
Grammar & Sentence Correction	Basic grammatical accuracy within the context of the passage
Arguments & Counter-Arguments	Identifying supporting and opposing arguments within a passage
Summarising & Paraphrasing	Choosing the most accurate summary of a given paragraph

Preparation tip: Reading editorials and opinion columns daily (rather than only novels) builds both vocabulary and the analytical reading speed this section rewards.

2. Current Affairs Including General Knowledge

This is the highest-weightage section in recent papers. It is entirely passage-based — you'll be given a news-style extract and asked to answer questions based on the facts and context within it.

Topic Area	What It Covers
National Affairs	Government policies, schemes, bills, and political developments
International Affairs	Global events, treaties, diplomatic relations, international bodies (UN, WTO, etc.)
Legal & Constitutional Developments	Landmark judgments, new laws, constitutional amendments
Economy & Business	Budget highlights, economic policies, financial news, RBI/SEBI updates
Awards, Honours & Appointments	National and international awards, key appointments

Sports	Major tournaments, records, sporting events
Science & Technology	Space missions (ISRO/NASA), AI and tech developments, environmental summits (COP series)
Books, Authors & Obituaries	Recently published books, notable personalities in the news
Static GK (contextual)	History, geography, and polity facts woven into current events

Preparation tip: Since this section is passage-based, memorising a static GK book alone won't help — pair daily newspaper reading with a monthly current affairs digest and practice answering context-based questions, not just factual recall.

3. Legal Reasoning

This is the section most unique to CLAT and carries one of the highest weightages. No prior legal background is required — every legal principle needed to solve the passage is given to you. Your job is to apply the stated principle to the facts and pick the most legally sound conclusion.

Topic Area	What It Covers
Constitutional Law	Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles, Citizenship, Centre-State relations, Amendments, Landmark Judgments
Law of Torts	Negligence, Strict & Absolute Liability, Vicarious Liability, Defamation, Nuisance, Trespass, Malicious Prosecution, general defences
Contract Law	Offer & Acceptance, Essentials of a Valid Contract, Consideration, Free Consent, Void & Voidable Agreements, Breach & Damages, Indemnity & Guarantee, Bailment
Criminal Law	General Principles (mens rea, actus reus), Culpable Homicide vs Murder, Theft, Robbery, Extortion, Kidnapping & Abduction, General Exceptions

Family Law	Marriage, Divorce, Maintenance, Custody, Succession & Inheritance basics
Legal Maxims & Terminology	Common Latin maxims used in judgments (e.g., volenti non fit injuria, res ipsa loquitur)
Public Policy & Contemporary Legal Issues	Environmental law, gender justice, consumer protection, recent Supreme Court rulings
Legal Ethics & Jurisprudence (basic)	Concepts of justice, equity, and the role of law in society

Preparation tip: Instead of memorising bare definitions, learn each principle through a real-world example — it helps you apply it faster to unfamiliar fact patterns in the exam.

4. Logical Reasoning

This section tests your ability to analyse an argument's structure rather than solve puzzles in isolation — it is passage/argument-based, just like the rest of the paper.

Topic Area	What It Covers
Critical Reasoning	Identifying arguments, premises, and conclusions in a passage
Assumptions	Spotting unstated assumptions behind an argument
Inferences	Drawing valid conclusions strictly from the given information
Strengthening/Weakening Arguments	Selecting statements that support or contradict an argument
Logical Consistency	Identifying contradictions or fallacies in reasoning
Analogies	Understanding relationships between concepts or situations
Cause and Effect	Distinguishing correlation from causation in given scenarios

Course of Action	Judging the most logical next step based on a given situation
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Preparation tip: This section rewards precision over speed-reading tricks — practice identifying the exact conclusion an author is drawing before evaluating the answer options.

5. Quantitative Techniques

The smallest section by weightage, but often a scoring opportunity since the difficulty is capped at Class 10 level. It's built around data interpretation rather than pure calculation.

Topic Area	What It Covers
Data Interpretation	Bar Graphs, Pie Charts, Line Graphs, Tables, Mixed/Combined Data Sets
Percentages	Percentage change, increase/decrease-based problems
Ratio & Proportion	Comparative and proportional reasoning problems
Averages	Simple and weighted average-based questions
Profit, Loss & Discount	Basic commercial mathematics
Simple & Compound Interest	Interest calculation problems
Time, Speed & Distance	Basic motion-related word problems
Time & Work	Work-rate and efficiency-based problems
Mensuration	Basic area, perimeter, and volume calculations

Preparation tip: Since every question here is attached to a short passage or dataset, practising interpretation speed matters more than mastering advanced formulas.

Quick Revision Table: All Sections Together

Section	Core Skill Tested	Difficulty Level	Prior Knowledge Needed?
English Language	Comprehension & Vocabulary	Class 12	No
Current Affairs & GK	Awareness & Contextual Reading	Class 12	Helpful, not mandatory
Legal Reasoning	Legal Application & Logic	Class 12	No (principles are given)
Logical Reasoning	Argument Analysis	Class 12	No
Quantitative Techniques	Data Interpretation & Arithmetic	Class 10	No

Key Takeaways for CLAT 2027/2028 Aspirants

- CLAT is a **skill-based, passage-driven exam** — success depends on reading speed, comprehension, and application, not memorisation.
- **Legal Reasoning and Current Affairs together make up nearly half the paper**, so these deserve consistent daily attention.
- Negative marking of 0.25 means **accuracy matters more than attempting every question** — build the discipline to skip passages you're unsure of.
- Since the difficulty level is capped at Class 12 (Class 10 for Maths), the real differentiator between candidates is **speed and consistency of practice**, not access to advanced material.
- Following the official syllabus released by the Consortium of National Law Universities and cross-checking it regularly is important, as minor pattern tweaks have occurred in recent years (e.g., number of passages per section).

Why Choose CLAT iQ?

Cracking CLAT isn't just about knowing the syllabus — it's about having the right guidance, structured practice, and consistent feedback to convert that knowledge

into a top rank. Here's why aspirants choose **CLAT IQ** for their preparation:

- **Structured, Section-Wise Curriculum** – Every section of the syllabus above is broken down into a step-by-step study plan, so nothing is left to guesswork.
- **Passage-Based Practice from Day One** – Since CLAT is entirely comprehension-driven, practice material is designed to mirror the real exam pattern rather than isolated topic-wise questions.
- **Updated Current Affairs & Legal Developments** – Regular updates ensure students are always prepared with the latest legal and current affairs developments that CLAT tends to draw from.
- **Personalised Doubt Support** – Dedicated mentorship to clear concepts in Legal Reasoning, Logical Reasoning, and Quantitative Techniques.
- **Full-Length Mock Tests with Detailed Analysis** – Simulated exam conditions combined with in-depth performance analytics to track speed, accuracy, and section-wise improvement.
- **Proven Track Record** – A strong history of student results across top National Law Universities, built on a preparation system tailored specifically to how CLAT is evolving.

If you're serious about CLAT 2027 or 2028, having a syllabus is just the starting point — the right preparation partner makes the difference between knowing what to study and knowing how to master it.