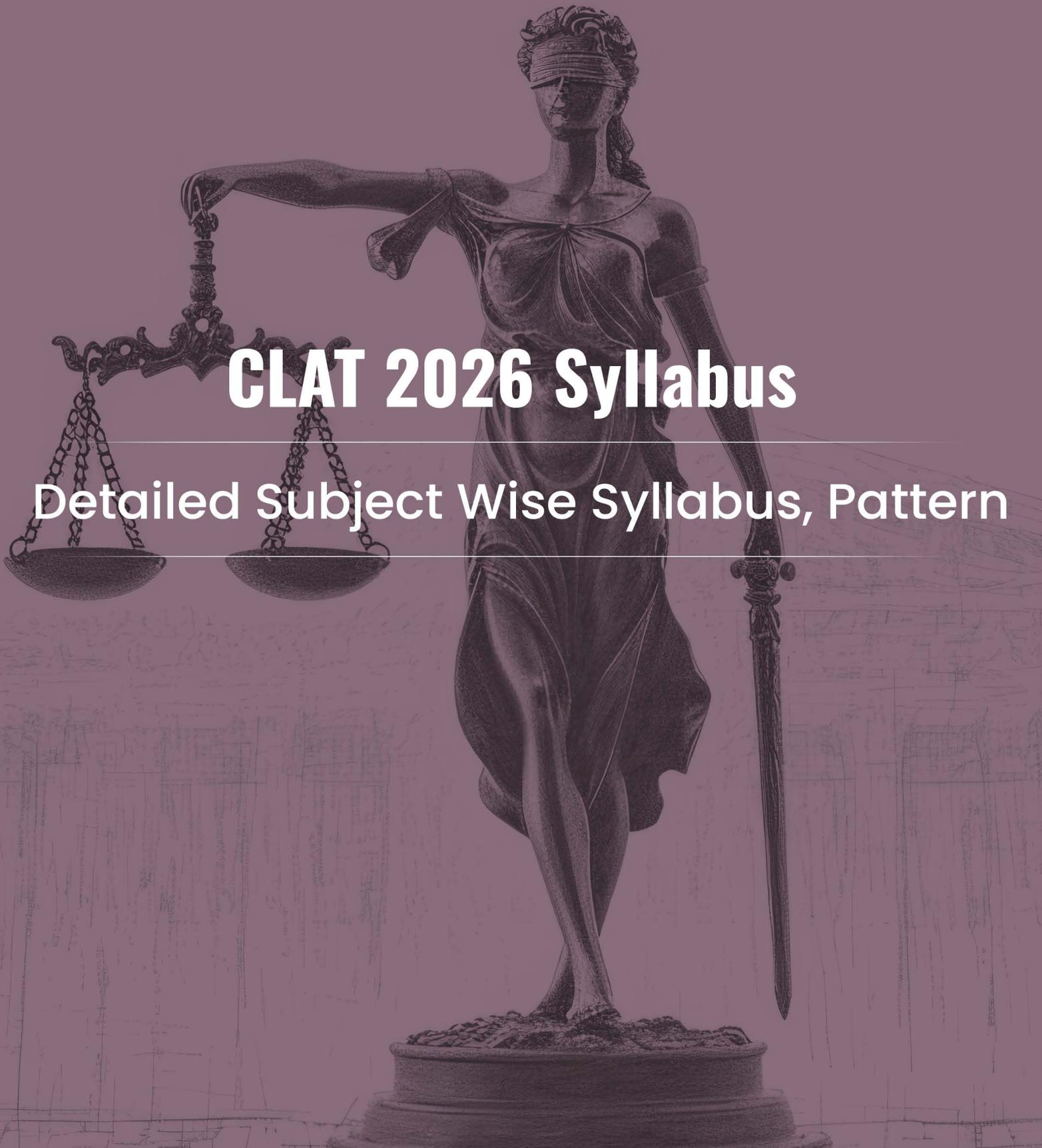


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## **CLAT 2026 Syllabus**

**Detailed Subject Wise Syllabus, Pattern**

## Introduction

The Consortium of National Law Universities (NLUs) prescribes the CLAT 2026 syllabus on its official website [consortiumofnlus.ac.in](http://consortiumofnlus.ac.in). Understanding the CLAT exam syllabus is the starting point for devising any strategy for [CLAT 2026](#). The syllabus of CLAT 2026 includes five sections: English, current affairs including GK, legal reasoning, logical reasoning, and quantitative techniques. The CLAT LLM syllabus covers different areas of law and tests the candidates's legal knowledge. In this ebook, you will get the complete CLAT 2026 syllabus, including important topics, [CLAT preparation tips](#), books, and more.

The consortium will conduct the [Common Law Admission Test](#) for admission into [5-year LLB](#) programmes of [participating NLUs](#). It will conduct the [Common Law Admission Test PG](#) for admission into [LLM](#) programmes. The consortium will notify the [CLAT 2026 exam date](#), which will likely be conducted in the first week of December 2025.



## CLAT 2026 Syllabus Overview

The table given below provides an overview of the syllabus of CLAT 2026, mentioning the sections and the weights given to each section.

### CLAT UG Syllabus Overview

Sections	Weight	No. of questions
English	20%	22-26
Current affairs, including GK	25%	28-32
Legal reasoning	25%	28-32
Logical reasoning	20%	22-26
Quantitative techniques	10%	10-14



## CLAT UG 2026 Syllabus: Section-wise Details

CLAT is a reading-intensive exam. The CLAT UG exam syllabus tests the candidate's reading and comprehension ability across different sections. The sections-wise CLAT syllabus is given below in detail.

### CLAT English Language

The [CLAT English language](#) syllabus consists of 3-4 passages drawn from journalistic sources such as newspaper and magazine articles. These passages are followed by questions that test the English comprehension ability of the candidates. The passages are of a difficulty level of 12th standard. The English section carries 20% weightage in the CLAT 2026 syllabus and consists of 22-26 questions. Preparing well for the CLAT English language section can lay a good foundation for other sections in the syllabus of CLAT 2026. This is because other sections also require the candidate to have good reading and comprehension skills due to the reading-intensive nature of the CLAT question paper.

### CLAT 2026 English Syllabus Overview

Particulars	Details
Weight	20%
No. of questions	22-26
No. of passages	3-4 passages of around 450 words each
Topics	Grammar, fill in the blanks, sentence correction, synonyms & antonyms, tense, voice, direct questions based on information in the passage
Skills tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and understanding the core idea of the passage</li> <li>• Summarising the passage</li> <li>• Drawing conclusions and inferences from the passage</li> <li>• Evaluating the arguments presented in the passage</li> <li>• Word meanings and terms given in the passage</li> </ul>

### Preparation Tips for CLAT English Syllabus

Given below are a few preparation tips for CLAT English

- Develop a constant reading habit. This will significantly enhance reading speed and improve comprehension ability. Better reading and comprehension will help the candidate navigate through passages very quickly and would be helpful in other sections as well.
- Improve vocabulary by taking the help of flashcards, and a dictionary and noting down meanings of difficult words that come across during one's reading.

- Develop attention to small details as this will help in summarising the passage and identifying the central idea contained in the passage
- Practise with as many mock English passages as possible and answer the questions with a timer for better speed and time management.

### CLAT Current Affairs including GK

The current affairs section in the CLAT syllabus 2026 consists of 4-6 passages followed by questions. The passages are drawn from non-fictional journalistic sources such as newspapers and magazines. The [CLAT current affairs](#) section carries 25% weight and has 28-32 questions. There will be questions from static general knowledge as well as questions from current events. Questions in the CLAT current affairs section can also be based on some past event if the event has some contemporary relevance.

### CLAT 2026 Current Affairs Syllabus Overview

Particulars	Details
Weight	25%
No. of questions	28-32
No. of passages	4-6
Topics	National and international events, politics, sports, science and technology, summits & conferences, sports, awards & honours, historical events of contemporary significance, arts & culture
Skills tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate's general awareness</li> <li>• Reading and comprehension ability</li> <li>• Ability to draw inferences from the passage</li> </ul>

### Preparation Tips for CLAT Current Affairs

Given below are a few preparation tips for the syllabus of CLAT current affairs

- Read newspapers regularly and follow news to stay updated with current national and international events.
- Read law magazines to follow the latest updates from the legal world. This will help in the legal reasoning section as well.
- Keep notes of important events or adopt memory-enhancing tricks to retain general knowledge that comes across while reading.
- Solve mock test papers to improve speed and develop comfort with the exam pattern.

## CLAT Legal Reasoning

The legal reasoning section of the CLAT 2026 syllabus is a test of the candidate's legal aptitude or suitability to pursue a law programme. The [CLAT legal reasoning](#) carries a 25% weight in the CLAT syllabus and has 28-32 questions. The legal reasoning section of CLAT 2026 syllabus will have 4-6 passages on law which will be followed by questions based on the passage.

The Consortium of NLUs has specified that candidates are not required to have prior knowledge of the law to attempt the CLAT legal reasoning section. The questions can be answered based on the information in the passage. However, experts opine that having some basic legal knowledge will give the candidate an advantage and help them answer the questions more quickly than a candidate without prior knowledge about law.

### CLAT 2026 Legal Reasoning Syllabus Overview

Particulars	Details
Weight	25%
No. of questions	28-32
No. of passages	4-6
Topics	Basic legal principles and concepts, important legal terms, torts, criminal law, family law, and child rights.
Skills tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying the core idea or the principles contained in the passage</li> <li>Applying legal principles and rules given in the passage to practical situations.</li> <li>Understanding how changes in rules can change a given situation</li> </ul>

### Preparation Tips for CLAT Legal Reasoning Syllabus

Given below are a few tips to prepare for the CLAT reasoning section of CLAT

- Read law magazines to develop an awareness of legal concepts and important judgments.
- Try to understand the core principle set out in the passage which will help answer the question.
- After identifying the principle, break down the principle in smaller parts and see if it applies to any question.
- If there is more than one legal principle in the passage then determine which principle applies to which situation.
- Answer the questions only with the information in the passage and avoid assumptions.

## CLAT Logical Reasoning

The logical reasoning section of CLAT syllabus 2026 will have 2-4 passages of around 450 words. The passages will be drawn mostly from legal sources, requiring the candidate to think logically and answer the ensuing questions. The [CLAT logical reasoning](#) section carries 20% weight and consists of 22-26 questions.

### CLAT 2026 Logical Reasoning Syllabus Overview

Particulars	Details
Weight	20%
No. of questions	22-26
No. of passages	2-4 passages
Topics	Evaluating arguments in the passages, drawing inferences and conclusions, drawing analogies and comparisons, identifying assumptions and ideas contained in the passage
Skills tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying the arguments present in the passage and their underlying hypotheses.</li> <li>Understanding the reasoning behind the given arguments and that line of reasoning leads to particular conclusions.</li> <li>Identifying how changes in certain premises or evidence can lead to the strengthening or weakening of an argument.</li> <li>Drawing inferences from the passage and applying these inferences to different scenarios.</li> <li>Evaluating arguments by understanding their contradictions and drawing analogies.</li> </ul>

### Preparation Tips for CLAT Logical Reasoning Syllabus

- Work on developing analytical and logical thinking skills by solving puzzles and engaging in games such as chess.
- Develop a regular reading habit to improve comprehension skills, as comprehension is important in analysing the passages in the logical reasoning section, which are very verbose.
- Practice with mock questions to improve logical reasoning and solve questions quickly.

### CLAT Quantitative Techniques

The quantitative techniques section in the CLAT 2026 syllabus carries 10% weightage and contains 10-14 questions. In the [CLAT quantitative techniques](#) section, there will be 1-2 passages followed by questions that test the basic maths skills of the candidates. The

questions in the CLAT maths section are of a maximum of class 10 level. Even though the maths section carries only 10% weight, it can make a big difference in the final CLAT score if one performs well in the section.

### CLAT Quantitative Techniques Syllabus Overview

Particulars	Details
Weight	10%
No. of questions	10-14
No. of passages	1-2
Topics	Basic arithmetics, profit and loss, time and work, ratio and proportion, algebra.
Skills tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with and drawing inferences from numerical data</li> <li>• Performing basic mathematical operations on given problems</li> <li>• Reading and comprehending data given in the passage</li> </ul>

### Preparation Tips for CLAT 2026 Quantitative Techniques Syllabus

A few tips to prepare for CLAT quantitative techniques are listed out below

- Instead of calculators, start making basic calculations manually to improve arithmetical ability.
- The maximum difficulty level of the questions will be of 10th standard level so one can prepare with NCERT maths textbooks
- The way to ace maths is by practising rather than reading. Since maths involves calculations, practising with mock tests will prove beneficial.



## CLAT PG Syllabus 2026

The syllabus of CLAT PG 2026 tests a candidate's knowledge of various laws. The [CLAT LLM syllabus](#) tests the candidate's understanding of various laws to determine their suitability for a postgraduate law programme.

The CLAT PG question paper will have 20-22 passages which are extracts from legal sources. Multiple-choice questions will follow each passage. There will be a total of 120 objective-type questions.

### CLAT PG Exam Syllabus Overview

Topics	No. of questions
Constitutional law	120 questions
Jurisprudence, Contract law, Administrative Law, Corporate law, Tax law, Property law, Labour law, Environmental law, Torts, Family law, and Criminal law.	

### CLAT PG Syllabus Topics

The table below describes the important topics in different laws mentioned in the CLAT LLM 2026 syllabus.

### CLAT LLM Syllabus 2026 Details

Topics	Details
Constitutional Law syllabus	Basic & Salient Features of Indian Constitution/History/ Preamble, Citizenship, Doctrine of Basic Structure, Fundamental Rights- Article 12- Article 30, DPSPs & Fundamental Duties, Important Amendments, Constitutional Remedies, Supreme Court, Ordinance Power, Parliament, Services under Union and State, Emergency Provisions Trade, Commerce, Intercourse, Executive, Amendment Power, Committee and Commissions, Anti-Defection Law, Center-state Relations, Scheduled Area, Article 300 A, Article 370

Law of Torts	<p>Introduction to General Principles, What is Tort? Origin of Law of Torts in India, Criticism of Winfield, Damnum sine Injuria/Injuria sine Damnum</p> <p>Tortious Liability, Several and Independent Tortfeasors, Joint Tortfeasors and related cases, Statutory Authority, Consent (Volenti nonfit Injuria)</p> <p>General Defences, Act of God &amp; Private Defence, Strict Liability, Specific Torts, and Absolute Liability, Negligence, Nuisance and Defamation, Vicarious Liability, Consumer Protection, The distinction between Joint and Several Tortfeasor</p>
Criminal Law	<p>Elements of crime, Actus Reas and Men's rea, group liability, abetment, criminal conspiracy, exceptions, attempt to commit offences, offences against public tranquillity, offences against the body – culpable homicide, murder, hurt, grievous hurt, wrongful confinement, and wrongful restraint criminal force, assault, abduction, kidnapping, rape &amp; un-natural offences</p>
Jurisprudence	<p>Definition/outlook of the subject/Nature of Jurisprudence, Source of Law, School of Jurisprudence, Rights, Duties, Power Liability</p> <p>Person and Liabilities, Ownership and Possession, Corporate Liability, Theories of Punishment, Law and Morals, Contemporary Jurists &amp; Recent Contemporary Concepts, and Maxims, Hohfeld's Legal Relation/ Jural Analysis</p>
Law of Contracts	<p>Introduction, Basic elements of Contract, Offer Acceptance Consideration, etc., Communication of Offer, Acceptance, and Revocation of Offer &amp; Acceptance, Consent, Capacity to Contract, Privity of Contract, Element Vitiating Contract, Wagering Agreements and Contingent Contract, Quasi Contract, Breach of Contract and Remedies for Breach of Contract, Bailment, Pledge- Specific Contract, Indemnity, Guarantee and Agency, Force Majure &amp; Doctrine of Frustration</p>

Administrative Law	<p>Meaning Definition Scope and Significance of Administrative Law, Rule of Law, administrative Actions- Meaning and Classifications</p> <p>Principles of Natural Justice, Meaning, Nature and need of administrative direction, Natural Justice and Statutory Provisions, Control Mechanism of Delegated Legislation Parliamentary, Procedural and Adjudicatory, Liability of Administration, Administrative Discretion and Remedies, Meaning of Delegated, Legislation and its growth, Administrative Adjudication, Enforceability of Administrative Direction, Administrative Direction to Quasi-Judicial and Statutory Bodies, Doctrine of Estoppel, Relationship between Constitutional Law and Administrative Law, Emerging Trends in Administrative Law</p>
Intellectual Property Rights	<p>Nature, meaning, definition and scope of IPR, Trademarks Act 1999, Patents Act 1970, Copyright Act 1957, IPR in International Perspective</p>
Environmental Law	<p>Outline of the Subject, The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981, The Environment (Protection) Act 1986</p> <p>The National Environment Tribunal Act, 1955, Indian Forest Act 1927, The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991, Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers, (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, International Environment Law</p>

Labour & Industrial Law	Introduction, Theory, and Concept of Industrial Relations, Industrial Relations Code 2020, Code on Social Security 2020, Code on Occupational Safety Health and Working Conditions 2020, Code on Wages 2020, Industrial Disputes Act, The Factories Act, 1948, The Standing Orders Act, Analysis of Recent amendment made in Labour Laws and their leading cases
Public International Law	Overview of the Subject, Sources of International Law, Relationship between Municipal and International Law, Treaties International Organisations, State Recognition, State Succession, Human Rights and International Law, Law of Sea, Air and Space, Settlement of Dispute
Property Law	Outline and Applicability of the subject, Types of Properties, Concept of Sale, Lease, Mortgage, Exchange, Gift, Will, etc., Actionable Claims
Family law	Judicial Separation, Divorce, and Maintenance (For both Muslim law and Hindu law)
Company Law	Introduction to Companies Act, Doctrines under Companies Act, 2013, Directors, Shareholder Meeting, Listing/Delisting of Shares, Winding Up, Assessment Answers
Taxation law	Introduction, Residential Status, Income from Salary, Income which does not form part of Total Income, Income from House Property, Income from Business & Profession, Indirect Tax, Recent GST Amendment

## CLAT 2026 Exam Pattern

The Consortium of NLUs prescribes the [CLAT 2026 exam pattern](#) on its official website separately for integrated UG law and PG law programmes. The Consortium revised the CLAT UG exam pattern beginning from CLAT 2024 in a bid to make CLAT more student-friendly. The CLAT PG exam pattern was kept unchanged. The exam pattern of CLAT 2026 is described in the table below.

### CLAT UG Exam Pattern 2026 Overview

Particulars	Details
Mode of exam	Offline
Frequency	Once a year
Time	120 minutes
No. of sections	5
Sections	English, Current affairs, Legal reasoning, Logical reasoning, and Quantitative techniques
Type of questions	MCQs
Total number of questions	120
Total marks	120
Mark per question	1 mark per question
Negative marking	0.25 marks for every wrong answer

### CLAT PG 2026 Exam Pattern Overview

Particulars	Details
Mode	Offline
Frequency	Once a year
Time	120 minutes
Type of questions	MCQs
Number of questions	120
Sections	Different areas of law
Total marks	120
Mark per question	1 mark per question
Negative marks	0.25 marks for every wrong answer

## Best Books for CLAT 2026 Syllabus

Books are an important learning resource for any candidate's CLAT preparation. Getting hold of [best books for CLAT](#) is not that difficult if one knows how to select them. There are books available to prepare for each section of the CLAT exam. Since most law entrance exams are similar in terms of syllabus, candidates can also use these books for other [top law entrance exams](#).

### List of Best Books for CLAT 2026 Syllabus

Sections	Books
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Objective General English by N. Khurmi and George</li> <li>● English is Easy by Chetananand Singh</li> <li>● General English by SP Bakshi</li> <li>● Word Power Made Easy by Norman Lewis</li> <li>● Barron's Pocket Guide to Vocabulary Objective</li> <li>● General English by RS Aggarwal</li> <li>● High School English Grammar and Composition by Wren &amp; Martin</li> <li>● CLAT Guide by Tata McGraw-Hill</li> </ul>
General Knowledge including Current Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● General Knowledge by Lucent Publication</li> <li>● Competition Success Review</li> <li>● India Year Book</li> <li>● Pratiyogita Darpan</li> <li>● Manorama Yearbook</li> <li>● Current Affairs Yearly by Arihant Publications</li> <li>● Pearsons Concise GK Manual</li> <li>● Newspapers such as The Hindu and Times of India</li> </ul>
Legal Reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Legal Awareness and Legal Reasoning by Pearson</li> <li>● Legal Aptitude and Legal Reasoning by AP Bhardwaj</li> <li>● Objective Legal Aptitude by R.S Aggarwal</li> <li>● The Pearson Guide to the CLAT by Harsh Gagrani</li> <li>● LST's Legal Reasoning Module</li> </ul>

Logical reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning by R.S. Aggarwal</li><li>• Logical Reasoning by Arun Sharma</li><li>• Analytical Reasoning by M. K. Pandey</li><li>• A Modern Approach to Logical Reasoning by RS Aggarwal</li><li>• A New Approach to Verbal and Analytical Reasoning by Arihant Publications</li></ul>
Quantitative Techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elementary Mathematics with Numerical Ability by Prateek Jain</li><li>• NCERT mathematics textbooks</li><li>• Magical Book on Quicker Maths by M Tyra</li><li>• Quantitative Aptitude by R.S Aggarwal</li><li>• Fast Track Objective Arithmetic by Arihant Publications</li><li>• Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Examinations by Pearson's</li></ul>

