

NLU Delhi, 2010 - FIRST IMPRESSION

There was a huge sigh of relief amongst students as they overcame the emotions and apprehensions regarding the Delhi paper. Based on the feedback which we received from students and examinees all over India, here is our 'first impression' of the paper:

First, The number of questions in the paper was 150. The total time allotted for attempting the paper was 90 minutes. There were 4 sections of 35 questions each and 10 questions were asked in Mathematics. The paper was easy as compared to the last year's mess, and anyone who had put in systematic and meticulous hard work could have aced it. Most of the students managed to finish the paper well within time and which also gave them a buffer time to go through the questions once again!

Second, contrary past year's paper pattern, this year the paper was neatly divided into proper sections. So the time management techniques that LSTians usually practice during Mocks would have helped a lot.

Third, and most important, the *hardcore academic* part:

1. **English**: The overall difficulty level of the section was easy. There were questions on reading comprehension, fill in the blanks (tense), word pairing, idioms and synonyms. The passage was easy to comprehend and most of the questions were factual in nature. Synonym and Idiom questions tested basic concepts only.

2. **Logical Reasoning**: Most of the logical reasoning questions were factual in nature. However, the language of some of the questions was convoluted. The questions tested the basic understanding of logic and hardly posed any challenge to LST students.

3. **General Knowledge**: The overall difficulty level of the section was easy to moderate. An average student should attempt 22 – 25 questions correctly. This section had a good mixture of questions from current affairs, constitution and static GK. .

4. **Mathematics**: The overall difficulty level of the section was easy. There were questions on the basic topics such as Average & Time, Speed and Distance. Similar questions were also there in LST Mocks. Thus, a student who has practiced fundamentals and analyzed every mock would have an upper hand in the examination.

5. **Legal Aptitude**: Well, it turned out to be a section every LSTian would have dreamt of a hundred times before coming to the exam center. Not testing Legal knowledge separately was a huge benefit for those who thought their Knowledge strength is a bit weak. But the same was widely tested under the GK section. So a balance was still achieved by the Examiner. Topics like vicarious liability, malicious prosecution, battery, etc. under the Tort law gained importance. Criminal and Constitutional Law based questions were also treated equally. Questions on Contract Law were identical to those done in classroom and also provided in the Module. The fact situation where an airplane passes overhead at the time when acceptance is made is discussed in class and also dealt with in the Module I. Further, the concept of offer and acceptance had to be very clear to answer these questions, which LSTians would have loved attempting.

All questions carried 1 mark each that was a bit unjustified for a reasoning question. However, mostly there were single Principle questions with a couple of exceptions where multiple Principles were provided.

There was also a surprise element. Two questions didn't have any Principle attached to them and so students had to simply apply logic in answering. Guess, all your hard work in practicing reasoning questions paid off in the end.

Last, but definitely not the least, the expected cut-off: it can be safely estimated that it would hover around **112+**, as it seemed to be easier than last year.

All in all, a pretty good show. It turned out to be a good dress rehearsal before the all-important play, the CLAT 2010!!

-The LST Team