

## Analysis of National Law University – Orissa 2011

And it all comes to an end in great style!!!

The NLU Orissa exam was held on May 22, 2011. For the last few years now, the NLU Orissa has earned praise for focusing on testing the all round ability (across sections) in its examination paper and it was no different this time around. Detailed analysis of different sections of the paper is set out below.

Section	No. of Questions	Suggested time (mins)	Possible Attempts	Possible Scores
Legal Aptitude	45	30	35	25-27
General Knowledge	50	25	45	25-27
English	40	35	35	25-28
Logical Reasoning	45	40	35	30
Numerical Ability	20	20	15	10-13
Total	200	150	165	115-125

### **SECTION: LEGAL APTITUDE:**

Legal Aptitude section questions included varied questions, which tested reasoning skills, current affairs and legal knowledge of a person. The questions were based on the following pattern:

1. Legal Reasoning (Principle-Fact questions): 15 questions
2. Critical Reasoning (Assertion-Reasoning questions and inference based questions): 10 + 4 questions
3. Legal Knowledge – 8 questions
4. Legal Current Affairs – 8 questions

The overall structure of the section was as follows:

Topics	Number of questions
Law of Torts	06
Law of Contracts	07
Constitutional Law	12
Criminal Law	06
Current Affairs	08
Miscellaneous	06
Total	45

### **Legal Reasoning:**

Most of the questions in the reasoning section were from the topics of Torts and Contracts. There were six questions from each of these topic, two questions were from Criminal Law and one from Constitutional Law. This section definitely expected the students to be aware of the legal lingo. Prior legal knowledge or familiarity with the legal principles was required in order to be comfortable with this section. All in all, it can be said that the Legal Reasoning questions were of moderate difficulty level.

**Critical Reasoning:**

Like previous year, this year again seemed to favor Constitutional Law, with six questions from this genre. There were 10 assertion-reasoning types of questions and apart from that there were couple of inference-based questions. The questions required a person to have conceptual clarity and some knowledge of basic constitutional law principles. This sub-section can be said to be of moderate to high difficulty level.

**Legal Knowledge:**

There were eight questions from this area, which tested the legal knowledge of students. Most of the questions required application on the knowledge on the pertinent areas of constitutional law. Apart from constitutional law, assorted blend of subject matters was encapsulated in this section. Legal knowledge questions were also tested in the form of legal reasoning. Overall difficulty of this sub-section can be called as moderate

**Legal Current Affairs:**

Legal awareness on the current topics was also examined. There were eight questions testing the legal current affair. The questions were easy but the students required to be well versed with all the political and social developments happening around. The questions were all on national current affairs and international news was totally omitted. On the whole, this sub-section can also be called as easy.

**SECTION: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND CURRENT AFFAIRS**

This years GK section had 50 questions in all, like the last year. The section was an interesting blend of Static GK and Current GK. In fact, there was more current GK vis-à-vis static GK. In Static GK there were questions from History, Geography, Science, Constitution, Economics etc. and the maximum questions were from Geography (7) followed by Science (6). The detailed categorization of the types of General Knowledge questions is as under:

<b>Type of General Knowledge</b>	<b>Number of questions</b>
Current Affairs	19
History	4
Geography	7
Science	6
Business/Economics	8
Constitution	4
Miscellaneous	2

The Static GK questions were of moderate to high level of difficulty and History and Geography questions were difficult. The Current GK section was again not an easy one and had questions on statements, which were lengthy and factual in nature. This section was surely a challenging one and a score of something to in the range of 20-25 would be very competitive.

**SECTION: ENGLISH**

As is the case with the NLU-Orissa paper, the English section had a good mix of questions. The total number of questions asked was 40 and the over-all difficulty level was moderate to high. A score of 25 + can be considered competitive. The following is the distribution of questions in this section.

Topic	No. Of Questions	Difficulty level
Contextual vocabulary	3	Moderate to difficult
Odd one out	9	Easy
Analogy	4	Easy to moderate
Para jumble	3	Moderate to difficult
Reading comprehension	7	Easy to Moderate
Grammar (spot the error and paraphrasing)	5	Moderate to difficult
Underlined phrase replacement	3	Easy to moderate
Cloze	6	Easy

**SECTION: LOGICAL AND ANALYTICAL REASONING**

A total of 45 questions were tested in this section. The questions ranged from Easy - Moderate difficulty level. Questions were asked from a wide range of topics like Set Theory, Puzzles, Symbol based logic etc. The overall analysis of the section is as following:

Topic	Number of Questions	Level of Difficulty
Alphabet Series	3	Easy
Blood Relation	1	Easy
Symbol Based Logic	2	Easy
Puzzle	9	Moderate
Set Theory	3	Easy
Letter Arrangement	2	Easy
Calendar	1	Easy
Directions	3	Easy
Selection Criterion	4	Easy to Moderate
Analytical Reasoning	3	Moderate
Analytical Reasoning (Row Arrangement)	1	Moderate
Verbal Reasoning	13	Moderate

### **SECTION: ANALYTICAL AND NUMERICAL ABILITY**

The level of difficulty of this section ranged from Moderate to Difficult. A total of 20 questions from various topics of Mathematics were asked in this section. The questions from topics like Clocks, Time, Speed and distance and Profit and Loss were difficult and would have consumed time. The questions from Linear Equations and Percentages were comparatively easier. The overall structure of the section is as follow

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Number of Questions</b>	<b>Level of difficulty</b>
Number System	4	Easy to Moderate
Linear Eq uations	3	Easy
Clocks	1	Hard
Time, Speed and Distance	1	Hard
Profit and Loss	1	Hard
Age	1	Moderate
Data Interpretation	5	Moderate
Percentages	1	Easy
Algebraic Equations	1	Easy
Permutations and Combinations	1	Moderate
Time and Work	1	Moderate

### **CONCLUSION**

For the third time in a row, NLU Orissa surprises us with the well-structured and well-thought paper. Putting together our assessment of all sections the cut-off can be safely estimated to be around **115+**.

Unlike the other law entrance exams this year, there was not much of a surprise (read: shock) element involved and the paper was mostly on the expected lines. All in all, a great job done by NLU Orissa again.

**With Best Wishes!**  
**The LST Team**