

# LNAT

## Law National Aptitude Test

### SECTION BREAKDOWN

#### 1 MCQs

The MCQs are all about comprehension. Leave everything you think you know at the door and answer based on the passage.

- It is sometimes recommended to read the passage, the questions and then find the answers. If you are able to read quickly, you will find it more likely to get answers correct this way. If you are struggling for time, you may find it easier to read the questions first and go looking for an answer.
- Try not to overthink the questions. They are tricky but are not trick questions. Pay close attention to the wording of the questions as this is likely where most of your mistakes will come from.
- Aim to spend 90 minutes on this section and no more.

#### 2 Essay

This essay is not really like any essays you have done in school. The objective here is solely argument and not knowledge. Most of your time should be spent on argument and not stating facts or narrative. It is OK to make assumptions so long as they are clearly stated and reasonable, even if they are not correct. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are important but given the time restrictions some mistakes are to be expected. Only make three/four good points and leave time for a conclusion.

### WHAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE A "GOOD SCORE"?

A good mark in the MCQs will vary. 27 will normally be enough for Oxford. The average varies between 18 and 24.

The essay does not get a mark each university will be sent a copy of the essay.

### USEFUL LINKS

Any good resources to use/ recommend?

<https://lnat.ac.uk/> - look at all the rules here.

<https://www.thelawyerportal.com/tests/lnat-practice-questions/> - MCQs are in the format that you will face on exam day.

Any cheap question book with explanations for MCQs and essay questions will be helpful, anything from the last few years should be good.

### WHAT IS THE LNAT?

The LNAT is 2h 15min long and consists of two sections: multiple choice questions (MCQs); and essay.

What does each section entails?

MCQs: you will be presented with a series of unrelated passages, each with their own questions.

Essay: answer from one of the three essay questions.

### PREPARATION TIPS

Practice, practice, practice: nothing is going to prepare you for the exams like practice.

And practice under timed conditions.

#### 1 MCQs

- Time is really of the essence here. You have to answer 42 questions in 90 minutes so aim for 2 minutes per question.
- There will be some basic maths needed so if you have dropped all maths, practice percentages, long addition, subtraction etc. These can be easy marks.
- When reading try to understand what is being said before moving forward, especially when a rule or opinion is being described as you will likely need to apply it.

#### 2 Essay

- Leave enough time for the essay!
- Make extra polished outlines for some common topics: freedom of speech, abortion, removal of autonomy (such as mental health) electoral or parliamentary reform, and/or whatever you are already interested in. (NB: if the essay question is not what you prepared for, do not force it to be)
- Short sentences. No sentence should be more than 2 lines. Do not include subordinate clauses when they could be a separate sentence.
- Do not try to use fancy grammar. Almost no one knows how to use a dash. Even semicolons are rarely well used. By contrast you must use commas, full stops and question marks correctly.
- Use paragraphs and titles. Not only will this act as a sign post to the examiner that you are making a cogent point, it will also force you make a more structured and better argument.
- Generally, writing as though you speak will improve your style immensely.
- Avoid bullet points if you can.
- If you have not been typing essays already ask your teachers if you can.
- Engage with counter arguments explicitly. If you make a point and think of a good counter, tell the examiner. Think of it like a dialogue.

Exam logistics:

- Book early to get a good time and centre.
- Take the day off school. Tell your teachers if you have an absence for interviews system in place, if not they aren't going to complain. This is legitimately much more important. Last minute revision and not rushing will be worth it.
- Bring water in a bottle that meets the regulations.
- Bring all the necessary ID.