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Law School Admission

LSAT Preparation: The Test



- The LSAT is administered by the Law Society Admission Council which is headquartered in Newton, Philadelphia.
- The test is administered four times an academic year within the US and Canada: June, Sept – October, December and February.
- Regular exam consists of the following parts: reading comprehension section, analytical reasoning section, logical reasoning section, and writing sample.

LSAT Preparation: Comprehension Section

- Will involve a portion of reading material (about 1/1.5 page(s)) and then questions relating to this.
- Typical questions:
 - From the passage, each of the following statements are correct except:
 - Which of the following statements is best supported by the commentary in the passage:

LSAT Preparation: Analytical Reasoning Section

- These questions require you to decipher relationships and draw conclusions from them:
- Sample Question: (Source: www.lsac.org)
 - **Alaw firm has exactly nine partners: Fox, Glassen, Hae, Inman, Jacoby, Kohn, Lopez, Malloy, and Nassar. Their salary structure must meet the following conditions:**
 - Kohn's salary is greater than both Inman's and Lopez's.
 - Lopez's salary is greater than Nassar's.
 - Inman's salary is greater than Fox's.
 - Fox's salary is greater than Malloy's.
 - Malloy's salary is greater than Glassen's.
 - Glassen's salary is greater than Jacoby's.
 - Jacoby's salary is greater than Hae's.
 - **If Malloy and Nassar earn the same salary, what is the minimum number of partners that must have lower salaries than Lopez?**
 - (A) 3 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 6 (E) 7

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Logical Reasoning Section

- These questions require you to define the chain of reasoning:
- Sample Question (Source – www.lsac.org)
 - **No one who has a sore throat need consult a doctor, because sore throats will recover without medical intervention. In recent years several cases of epiglottitis have occurred. Epiglottitis is a condition that begins with a sore throat and deteriorates rapidly in such a way that the throat becomes quite swollen, thus restricting breathing. Sometimes the only way to save a patient's life in these circumstances is to insert a plastic tube into the throat below the blockage so that the patient can breathe. It is highly advisable in such cases that sufferers seek medical attention when the first symptoms occur, that is, before the condition deteriorates.**
 - **Which one of the following is the best statement of the flaw in the argument?**
 - (A) The author draws a general conclusion on the basis of evidence of a particular instance.
 - (B) The author assumes that similar effects must have similar causes.
 - (C) The author uses a medical term, "epiglottitis," and does not clarify its meaning.
 - (D) The author makes two claims that contradict each other.
 - (E) The author bases her conclusion at the end of the passage on inadequate evidence.

LSAT Preparation: Writing Sample

- General Situation is Provided
- These are written so that you can take a position either for or against.
- Sample Question: (Source – www.lsac.org)
 - Dr. Elaine Costa, an archaeologist, has the opportunity to participate in one of two archaeological digs and must choose between the two. Write an argument for her choosing one option over the other, keeping in mind the following two criteria:
 - Dr. Costa wants to achieve prominence in her field.
 - Dr. Costa wants to have autonomy in her work.
 - The first excavation is in an area of known archaeological significance abroad, and although it is not certain that the dig will yield anything for Dr. Costa, if it does yield something it is likely to be an important find. This archaeological zone receives more than a million tourists a year who are attracted by its historic importance and architectural grandeur, and even at this late date exciting discoveries can still be made. The dig is already well underway and Dr. Costa's role would be limited to serving as a member of the excavation team, though she would have almost complete control over the part of the excavation to which she is assigned. There would be several prominent archaeologists at the site with whom she would be able to collaborate. The second excavation is at a local site, where Dr. Costa would serve as site director. The dig is sure to produce finds, but they would probably be less important than the finds that the first dig could yield. She would be the sole professional at the site, overseeing volunteers and students, with the responsibility of directing the project from start to finish. Dr. Costa would have the freedom to structure the dig in the way that suited her best, although her work would be subject to occasional review and approval by officials from the agency that is funding the dig. The end of the excavation would not by any means be the end of the archaeological investigation; afterward, she would be able to analyze the collected finds, the plans, and all the deposit information recorded during the fieldwork for publication in a professional journal.



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- Purchase LSAT preparation materials online

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Special Alert: ABA Score Averaging

The American Bar Association recently voted to change the way in which it asks law schools



LSAT Preparation: Self-study Materials

- At your local Chapters store you can find a variety of self-study preparation guides.
- These books often provide helpful tips and strategies for answering the various types of question.
- Caution: often these materials include sample exams which tend to be easier than the real LSAT exams

LSAT Preparation: A Few Tips



- LSAT is not a test you can “study” for
- Ability to do well on test is primarily based on your ability to perform under pressure
- Practicing writing the test is an effective way to assess and improve your ability to perform under pressure
 - Purchase old exams from LSAC
 - Make yourself write the old exams
 - Adhere to the strict time-frames when practicing



Law School Admission: Ontario

- There are six law schools in Ontario
 - Osgoode Hall Law School (York University) (290 1st year students)
 - University of Ottawa (200)
 - Queen's University (160)
 - University of Toronto (180)
 - University of Western Ontario (165)
 - University of Windsor (150)
- Each law school has its own requirements for admission
- The actual applications to the law schools in Ontario are administered centrally by Ontario Universities' Application Centre - Ontario Law School Application Service (OUAC - OLSAS)
- See Oxford Seminars Website – School Profiles

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Law School Admission: Ontario



- Deadline for applications is always around November 1 of the year prior to admission
- Online application becomes available usually by mid-August
- Application involves providing a wealth of personal information, obtaining references and submitting written answers to specific questions or an essay about yourself.
- Be prepared to spend about 20 – 30 hours on the application.



Law School Admission: Other Schools in Canada

- University of Alberta (175 1st year students)
- University of British Columbia (209)
- University of Calgary (75)
- Dalhousie University (156)
- University of Manitoba (101)
- McGill University (107)
- Universite de Moncton (50)
- University of New Brunswick (80)
- University of Saskatchewan (110)
- University of Victoria (105)

Law School Admission: Other Schools in Canada



- No centralized process for applying to other schools in Canada
- Each school has its own admission requirements
- Each school has its own deadlines