
SLAT Exam Preparation

Preparation Tips from Toppers & Best Books

Compiled for law aspirants preparing for the Symbiosis Law Admission Test (SLAT). Content curated from Shiksha.com's article "SLAT 2026: Preparation Tips by Toppers, Best Books" and Shiksha.com's SLAT best-books resource.

About the SLAT Exam

The Symbiosis Law Admission Test (SLAT) is a highly competitive national-level entrance exam conducted by Symbiosis International (Deemed University) for admission to undergraduate law programmes at Symbiosis Law School campuses in Pune, Noida, Hyderabad, and Nagpur. It is an objective-type test assessing candidates on Logical Reasoning, Legal Reasoning, Analytical Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, and General Knowledge, followed by a Personal Interview (PI) round.

Preparation Tips from SLAT Toppers

Topper Insight 1 — State Rank 1 (133/150 marks)

- Built a preparation strategy tailored to personal strengths and weaknesses.
- Relied on mock tests and study material provided by a coaching institute.
- Focused strongly on the Written Ability Test (WAT) with critical analysis, practising it alongside reading on current legal developments.
- Worked daily on improving reading and writing speed.

Topper Insight 2 — Multi-exam Aspirant (SLAT, CLAT, AILET)

- Considered SLAT the toughest among the law entrance exams attempted that year.
- Started preparation a full year before the examination.
- Identified weak areas early and emphasised regular preparation analysis.
- Devoted more than 10 hours a week to preparation, including mock tests.
- Allocated study time per subject based on individual strengths and weaknesses.
- Practised previous years' question papers along with coaching institute material.

Topper Insight 3 — Cleared SLAT, LSAT India, MH CET Law & CLAT

- Found SLAT easier than CLAT and AILET.
- Made a preparation strategy with daily focus on three subjects, including General Knowledge.
- Worked harder on key improvement areas after honest self-analysis.
- Revised every subject's topics multiple times to sharpen recall and accuracy.
- Prepared Reading Comprehension, Logical Reasoning, and Analytical Reasoning as separate, distinct focus areas rather than mixing practice.

Common Themes Across Toppers

- **Time Management:** SLAT is a timed test, so practising under strict time limits is essential.
- **Practice & Mock Tests:** Regular mock tests build familiarity with the exam pattern, confidence, and help identify strengths and weaknesses to work on.

- **Revision:** Consistent revision (mind maps, flashcards, self-made notes) improves retention and recall on exam day.
- **Section-specific strategy:** Each section (Reading Comprehension, Analytical Reasoning, etc.) demands a different skill set — prepare each with a tailored approach.
- **Avoid common mistakes:** Don't under-practice, don't hesitate to seek help from mentors/peers, and don't sacrifice accuracy purely for speed.

Best Books for SLAT Preparation (Section-wise)

The table below lists section-wise reference books recommended on Shiksha.com for SLAT preparation.

Section	Recommended Books
Legal Reasoning	Legal Aptitude and Legal Reasoning — A.P. Bhardwaj LA/LR: Legal Awareness and Legal Reasoning for CLAT, SLAT, AILET — A.P. Bhardwaj Wiley's ExamXpert Legal Awareness & Legal Reasoning — Amandeep Rajgotra & Danish Hasnain Arihant Legal Aptitude & Legal Studies for All Law Entrance Examinations — Pawan Kumar Varshney Legal Reasoning for CLAT, AILET, SLAT & Other Law Entrance Exams — Disha Experts Guide to Symbiosis Law Admission Test (SLAT) — Disha Experts
Logical Reasoning	A Modern Approach to Logical Reasoning — R.S. Aggarwal A Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning — R.S. Aggarwal
Analytical Reasoning	Analytical Reasoning — M.K. Pandey A Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning — R.S. Aggarwal
General Knowledge	Lucent's General Knowledge Manorama Yearbook Current Affairs Yearly — Arihant Publications
General English / Reading Comprehension	Word Power Made Easy — Norman Lewis Daily reading of newspapers/editorials (e.g., The Hindu, The Indian Express) to build vocabulary and comprehension speed

Tips for Choosing SLAT Books

- Prefer the latest edition — exam pattern and syllabus are updated periodically.
- Choose books recommended by toppers or subject experts over unverified sources.
- Prioritise quality over quantity: fully finish and understand one good book per section rather than skimming through many.
- Pair book study with regular mock tests and previous years' question papers for best results.

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