Preparing Candidates for Success In Law School: An Insider's Look At The LSAT & LSAC Services

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Building a Just and Prosperous World

The LSAT

Fairness, Validity, Readiness

- ✓ Critical Thinking Skills
- ✓ Candidate preparation and performance translates to first-year of law school (1L)
- ✓ Results are tested for validity
- ✓ No tricks or secrets to answering test questions correctly
- ✓ Test questions are reviewed by a diverse team of Test Developers
- ✓ Accessible for candidates and law schools

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LSAT FORMAT & CONTENT

3 Hours

4 scored multiple-choice sections: 35 minutes each

Total of 100-102 scored multiple-choice questions

1 unscored multiple-choice section (35 minutes)

1 unscored writing sample

READING COMPREHENSION

LOGICAL REASONING

TWO SECTIONS

ANALYTICAL REASONING

WRITING SAMPLE

OFF-SITE

FLEXIBLE TEST DAY

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Reading Comprehension

LSAT questions are designed to prepare candidates for reading that is complex and involves intricate arguments.

- Read one complex passage … OR

  two related passages—Comparative Reading

- About 450–500 words in total

- Answer 5–8 questions

- 4 Reading Comprehension sets per test

- Variety of topics: Humanities, Natural Science, Social Science, Law Related

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Logical Reasoning

LSAT questions are designed to prepare candidates to understand, analyze, evaluate, and draw inferences from short arguments.

- Short argumentative passages (20–100 words);1 question about each passage
- About 25 questions per Logical Reasoning section; about 50 per test
- Topics include: politics and government, economics, medicine, psychology, natural sciences, education, ethics
- Formats offered: excerpts from articles, editorials, letters to the editor, dialogues, advertisements
- Familiarity with terms such as: argument, inference, assumption, conclusion, and premise

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Analytical Reasoning

LSAT questions are designed to prepare candidates to understand a structure of relationships and draw conclusions about that structure.

- Read a passage of up to 130 words that describes a scenario and a set of rules that apply to it
- Answer 5–7 questions about what can or must be the case
- The scenarios involve various kinds of relationships, such as:

  above, next to

  before, after

  group membership
- Four AR sets per test section

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Sample Analytical Reasoning Passage

Exactly six guideposts, numbered 1 through 6, mark a mountain trail. Each guidepost pictures a different one of six animals– fox, grizzly, hare, lynx, moose, or porcupine.

The following conditions must apply:

The grizzly is pictured on either guidepost 3 or guidepost 4.

The moose guidepost is numbered lower than the hare guidepost.

The lynx guidepost is numbered lower than the moose guidepost but higher than the fox guidepost.

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Writing Sample

This section of the LSAT is designed to prepare candidates to write clear and persuasive arguments based on the facts presented in the prompt.

- Prompt: decide between alternative courses of action using given criteria
- Not scored by LSAC
- Completed writing sample is sent to law schools for their use in evaluating applicants
- 35 minutes
- Flexible date, time, and location

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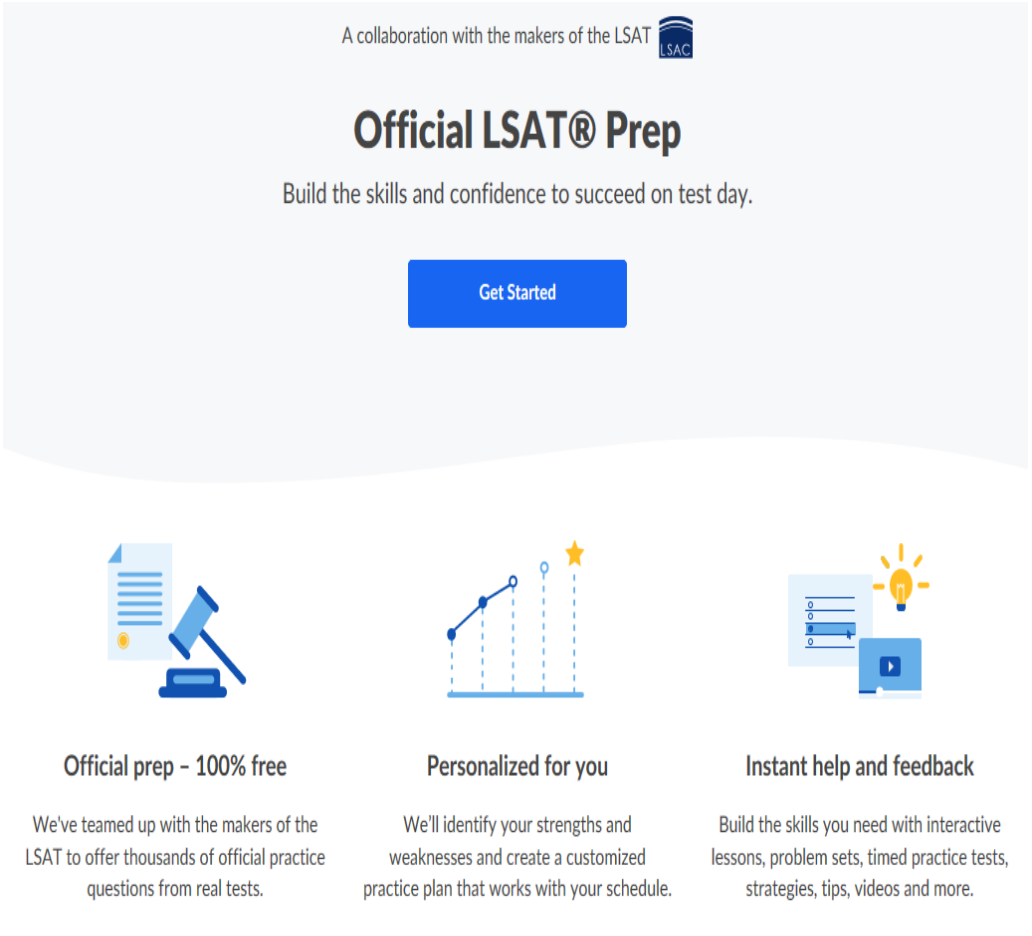

Candidates may begin preparing and practicing for the LSAT by creating an account with Khan or utilizing one of the Official LSAT Prep books featured on LSAC.org.

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ASHLEY, via Twitter

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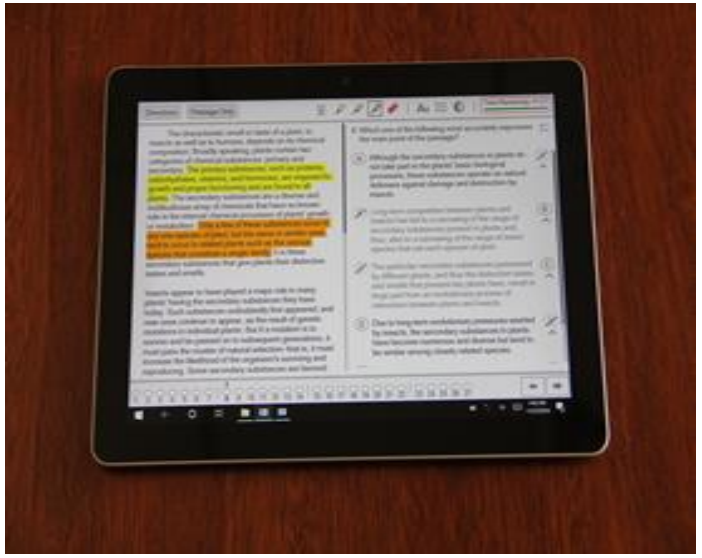

The Digital LSAT

Microsoft Surface Go tablet, July 2019

LSAC is committed to ensuring accessibility for test takers with disabilities. The Digital LSAT offers flexible type sizes, a built-in-screen reader and other enhancements that will assist test takers who need these options.

- ✓ Highlight with the ability to use multiple colors along with the ability to erase
- ✓ Underlining capability
- ✓ Line spacing (increase or decrease)
- ✓ Brightness adjustable
- ✓ Secure testing
- ✓ Easier check-in on Test Day
- ✓ No Standardized Timing issues

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Get acquainted with the Digital LSAT

LSAC offers a free Digital LSAT familiarization tutorial in the

Test Prep section of LSAC.org

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- ✓ Credential Assembly Services (CAS) for Candidates applying to law school

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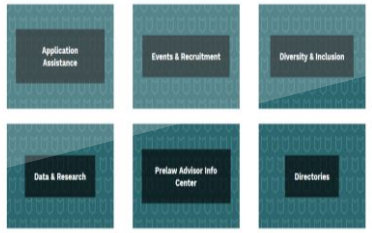

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