

introduction 2

- **Analytical Reasoning**
- **Logical Reasoning**
- **Reading Comprehension**

Analytical Reasoning

more commonly known or colloquially known as the games section, the logic games section

this is the section that tests “the organization and management of information and the ability to draw reasonable inferences from it”

- always one of the four scored sections
- always going to have four short passages, known as the logic games
- each game has five to seven questions
- those four games and five to seven questions for each one will be about 22-24 questions per section.

Analytical Reasoning

what can you expect to find in the games section?

- each passage or each game presents a scenario similar to a logic puzzle like a brain teaser
- after the scenario you'll be given rules that determine relationships between the elements in that game, that puzzle, that scenario
- the questions are going to ask about the relationships between those elements
- the point of this section is to test your abstract reasoning skills, your ability to look at the elements, to make inferences about the elements and about the relationships between the elements

Analytical Reasoning

- the Logic Games are all about rules and inter-connected information
 - a law may have lots of different elements that are related in different ways
 - appealing to one part of the law has consequences to other parts, and to other laws even
 - knowing how different rules interact is essential to dealing with complex laws and that's what this section tests

can come at any point

Logical Reasoning

more commonly known as the Arguments

this is the section that tests your “ability to think critically; and the analysis and evaluation of the reasoning and arguments of others”

- always 2 out of the 4 scored sections, constitutes 50% of the test
- between 24 and 26 short arguments and they’re followed by a question, sometimes you’ll get two questions following the argument
- total of 50 – 52 questions

Logical Reasoning

what can you expect to find?

- arguments are going to present a scenario, and the questions are going to relate to the reasoning structure in the scenario, for example:
 - can you identify the main point of the argument ?
 - how can you strengthen the argument?
 - how can you weaken the argument?
 - plenty of other categories

Logical Reasoning

- section is designed to test your ability to reason logically, to see whether or not you can evaluate arguments
 - can you evaluate information quickly?
 - can you judge the validity of the reasoning and not focus on the truth/falsity of the content?

can come at any point

Reading Comprehension

this is the section that tests “the reading and comprehension of complex texts with accuracy and insight”

- one reading comprehension section.
 - three long passages, and one dual passage, both on the same topic
 - 5-8 questions per passage for a total of between 26 - 28 questions
 - contents of the passages are generally about something in the arts, the humanities, science, or history.

Reading Comprehension

what can you expect to find?

- passage is generally an argument, an argument in support of a thesis
 - questions essentially test your ability to follow the dense information in the passages and also to understand the logical structure behind the passages, for example:
 - what's the main point?
 - what's the author's purpose?
 - what's the role of the second paragraph?
 - plenty of other types
- for the double passage questions might ask you to do some sort of comparison or evaluation of the relationship between the passages

can come at any point

Additional Sections

Experimental Section

- can be any type (games, arguments, reading)
- can come at any point in the test, you'll have to do all five of the sections as if they'll all be graded
- you won't know which one of the five sections that you're doing is the experimental section
- point of the experimental section is to test future LSAT questions

Additional Sections

Writing Section

- unscored, won't factor into your 120 – 180 score
- you'll be asked to write an essay in support of one or two alternatives, an argumentative essay
- given separately via the internet