LSAT CURRICULUM SYLLABUS: Overview

The Binary Solution LSAT Curriculum consists of the following two (2) parts:

1. Theory Module (Orientation & 12 Deconstruction Lessons= 5 Games, 4 Arguments, 3 Reading): Theory provides specific techniques for the solution of every type of LSAT question. LSAT questions are organized on the according the 3 sections of the LSAT, which are Analytical Reasoning (GAMES), Logical Reasoning (ARGUMENTS) and Reading Comprehension (READINGS). During Theory, the goal is to build an understanding of the LSAT that evolves from the particular to the general. Specific LSAT questions are categorized within a single <u>Casebook For The Deconstruction</u>. The Casebook includes: (i) minimalist techniques for spotting and solving every category of LSAT question, followed by (ii) typical as well as boundary cases for each category of question, and (iii) a visually memorable system of *MindMaps* that facilitate the high level abstract thinking that a test-taker needs in order to quickly spot the relevant issues in any LSAT question. Approximately 3000 LSAT questions are studied during Theory, and they are organized along the lines of our unique and intuitive classification system.

2. Application Module (up to 95 Practice LSATs & Instructor-Led Test Reviews)

The second phase of the course provides immersive practice through timed test-taking. Each practice LSAT is followed by a <u>Test Anaylsis</u> which requires that students repeat the questions they got wrong without consulting the answer key. This is known as a Second Pass (or Second Blind Pass) and it is a process that is applied by most "natural" high scorers (i.e., people who achieve high marks readily and tend to self-study). The Second Pass helps raise scores by identifying weak areas, and requiring a refutation of every wrong answer selected and a defense of every correct answer. Students are encouraged to perform an Analysis on at least 25-35 actual LSATs, which can be obtained online in the Official LSAT database known as the <u>LawHub</u>. The LawHub provides access to 70 actual LSATs, and our Exam Archive provides an additional 25 LSATs.

Syllabus Details: Six (6) Sub-Courses

Theory Module (4 Courses) Students learn to *Deconstruct the LSAT* by examining its 3 component parts (*Games, Readings & Arguments*), as well as the common *Binary* reasoning that gives rise to its single scale.

Theory Texts: <u>Casebook for The Deconstruction</u> (each lesson below corresponds to a Casebook Chapter) and three (3) <u>Casebook Supplements</u> (one for each exam section)

- 1. Foundation
 - A. Orientation: Binary Thinking-The Meaning of It All
 - B. Games 1: On Truth--Separating the Possible From the Definite
 - C. Reading 1: Flow-How to Read Like a Lawyer
 - D. Arguments 1: Propositional Logic—The Basic Vernacular of Law
- 2. Games In-Depth
 - A. Games 2: Set-up Science, part 1-Distribution & Conditionals
 - B. Games 3: Set-up Science, part 2—Multi-Sets
 - C. Games 4: Set-up Science, part 3—Superblocks & Satellite Issues
 - D. Games 5: Exceptions & Refinements

3. <u>Readings In-Depth</u>

A. Reading 2: Complex Content

- B. Reading 3: Comparative Reading
- 4. Arguments In-Depth
 - A. Arguments 2: The Bait & Switch Flaw
 - B. Arguments 3: Causation & Evidence
 - C. Arguments 4: Man-in-Law & the Satellite Issues

Application Module (2 Courses)

After completing the *Theory* students are expected to take and *Analyze* as many LSATs as are required to either reach a target score or to meet a test deadline. Candidates must also complete an unscored *Writing Test* either shortly before or after an official LSAT administration. Application Texts: <u>Official LSAC LawHub</u> and Binary Solution Analysis Exercise and Exam Archive

5. LSAT Practice

A. Schedule at least 4-6 weeks of practice tests according to the *Custom Application Algorithm*

B. Complete 25-35 *Official LSATs (aka Prepests)* with at least 5 Full *Test Analyses*

C. Attend at least one cycle of Instructor-Led Test Reviews & Predictions

6. <u>Writing Test</u>

A. Schedule Writing Test with LSAC (up to 8 days before official LSAT or anytime after)

B. Take Writing Test remotely in order to allow timely release of official LSAT score

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LSAT CURRICULUM: AT-A-GLANCE

****THEORY*****

During <u>The Foundation</u>, students begin *Deconstructing the LSAT* by examining its 3 component parts (Games, Readings & Arguments), as well as the common *Binary* reasoning that gives rise to its single scale.

- A. <u>Orientation</u>: explains the form of the LSAT and how it measures *Binary* thinking --which is the foundation of all legal reasoning.
- B. Games 1: On Truth-- Separating the Possible from the Definite
- C. <u>Reading 1</u>: Flow-- How to Read Like a Lawyer
- D. <u>Arguments 1</u>: Propositional Logic-- The Basic Vernacular of Law

The **Games In-Depth** Course builds upon *Games 1* (which was covered in **The Foundation Course**) through the development of an Issues-based approach to the Diagramming and Solution of All LSAT Games

**Note: each of the following subjects corresponds to a Chapter in the *Casebook & Games Supplement which bears the same name:*

- A. <u>Games 2:</u> Set-up Science, part 1—Distribution & Conditionals
- B. Games 3: Set-up Science, part 2—Multi-Sets
- C. <u>Games 4</u>: Set-up Science, part 3—Superblocks & Satellite Issues
- D. <u>Games 5</u>: Exceptions & Refinements

The **Readings In-Depth** Course builds upon Reading *1* (which was covered in **The Foundation Course**) through the development of a rapid method of reading that is based upon the dialectic of *Thesis-Antithesis-Synthesis*, which is present in all legal writing **Note: each of the following subjects corresponds to a Chapter in the *Casebook* &

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- A. <u>Reading 2</u>: Complex Content
- B. <u>Reading 3:</u> Comparative Reading

The **Arguments In-Depth** Course builds upon *Arguments 1* (which was covered in **The Foundation Course**) through the development of binary approach to Rule and Fact, which is the foundation of all American Case Law

**Note: each of the following subjects corresponds to a Chapter in the <u>Casebook &</u> <u>Arguments Supplement</u> which bears the same name:

- A. Arguments 2: The Bait & Switch Flaw
- B. Arguments 3: Causation & Evidence
- C. Arguments 4: Man-in-Law & the Satellite Issues

****APPLICATION*****

LSAT Practice: After completing the *Theory* module, students are expected to take and *Analyze* as many LSATs as are required to either reach a target score or to meet a test deadline. A minimum of 25-30 LSATs (aka *Preptests*) are assigned during this course. Students are also encouraged to attend the immersive, Instructor-led reviews that are held 3 times per week before each officially administered LSAT Date. Students are provided with custom Practice-Test schedules based upon the time they have to practice and their target score goals.

**Texts: <u>Official LawHub</u> (online database offered by LSAC) and *Binary Solution Test Analysis Exercise & Exam Archive5*

Writing Test (Unscored*) Candidates must also complete an unscored *Writing Test* either shortly before or after an official LSAT administration. *Note: Completion of the Writing Test allows for timely release of an official LSAT score.