

Passage Topic Classification

The following table lists all released LSAT Reading Comprehension passages since February 2000, along with a topical classification. After the table, a statistical breakdown is presented.

| Test | P# | Type | Topic |
|---------------|----|-------------------|---|
| February 2000 | 1 | Science | Kinglets |
| | 2 | Humanities/Law | Juvenile Delinquency |
| | 3 | Diversity | Hammer and Hoe |
| | 4 | Science | Darwin/Taphonomy |
| June 2000 | 1 | Science | Industrial Ecosystem |
| | 2 | Diversity | Thurgood Marshall |
| | 3 | Diversity | Haraway's Primate Visions |
| | 4 | Humanities | Theory of the Mind |
| October 2000 | 1 | Law | Defense Lawyers |
| | 2 | Diversity | Multicultural Education |
| | 3 | Diversity | Native American Autobiography |
| | 4 | Science | Wine Effects |
| December 2000 | 1 | Humanities | Per-Capita GNP |
| | 2 | Diversity | Domestic Novels |
| | 3 | Science | Atmospheric CO ₂ |
| | 4 | Law | Jeremy Bentham |
| June 2001 | 1 | Humanities | Authoritarian Rulers and Democratic Reforms |
| | 2 | Diversity | The Blues |
| | 3 | Science | Lamarck's Theory |
| | 4 | Diversity | Women Refugees |
| October 2001 | 1 | Diversity | French Revolution Memories |
| | 2 | Diversity | Romare Bearden |
| | 3 | Science | Biology and Universal Laws |
| | 4 | Law | Dworkin and Legal Positivists |
| December 2001 | 1 | Humanities | Computer Conferences |
| | 2 | Humanities | Latin Texts |
| | 3 | Science | Hormones |
| | 4 | Law/Diversity | South African Law |
| June 2002 | 1 | Law | Jury Unanimity |
| | 2 | Science/Diversity | Marie Curie |
| | 3 | Diversity | The Invisible Man |
| | 4 | Humanities | Risk |

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| October 2002 | 1 | Diversity | Burning Forests |
| | 2 | Law | Legal Systems/Intellectual Authority |
| | 3 | Humanities | Abrams and Historical Sociology |
| | 4 | Humanities | Medical Ethics Training |
| December 2002 | 1 | Diversity | Mexican Muralist Painters |
| | 2 | Diversity | Fairy Tales |
| | 3 | Science | Planck and Wave Theory |
| | 4 | Law | Canadian Copyrights and Digitalization |
| June 2003 | 1 | Humanities | Multipolar/Bipolar Systems |
| | 2 | Diversity | Latin vs Spanish Poetry |
| | 3 | Science | Neutrinos |
| | 4 | Law | Leading Questions |
| October 2003 | 1 | Law | Course Packs and Copyrights |
| | 2 | Diversity | Cullen |
| | 3 | Science | Renewable Energy Resources |
| | 4 | Humanities | Victorian Philanthropists |
| December 2003 | 1 | Law/Diversity | Thurgood Marshall |
| | 2 | Humanities | Roy Lichtenstein |
| | 3 | Humanities | Technological Developments and Markets |
| | 4 | Science | Neurotransmitter Theory |
| June 2004 | 1 | Science | Oil Drilling Contamination |
| | 2 | Humanities | Code-Switching |
| | 3 | Humanities | Literary Theory |
| | 4 | Law | Faculty Inventions |
| October 2004 | 1 | Law | CAW Legal Services Plan |
| | 2 | Diversity | Historiography |
| | 3 | Science | NGF |
| | 4 | Humanities | The Modern Movement |
| December 2004 | 1 | Humanities | Disaster Relief |
| | 2 | Humanities | Hippocratic Oath |
| | 3 | Science | Lichen-forming Fungi DNA |
| | 4 | Law/Diversity | Canadian Aboriginal Rights |
| June 2005 | 1 | Humanities | Definition of Prosperity |
| | 2 | Diversity | Joy Kogawa's Obasan |
| | 3 | Science | Pronghorns |
| | 4 | Law | Preventing Harm |

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| October 2005 | 1 | Diversity | The Downstate Campaign |
| | 2 | Humanities | Cultural Revolution Artistic Effects |
| | 3 | Law | Family Dispute Resolution |
| | 4 | Science | Pathogens |
| December 2005 | 1 | Humanities | Cave Paintings |
| | 2 | Diversity | Gluck's Poetry |
| | 3 | Law/Diversity | Canadian Courts and Cultural Property |
| | 4 | Science | Embryo Polarity |
| June 2006 | 1 | Law | Court Computer Displays |
| | 2 | Diversity | African Art Classification |
| | 3 | Diversity | Women Doctors |
| | 4 | Science | Maize |
| September 2006 | 1 | Diversity | Mexican American Literature |
| | 2 | Law | Bankruptcy Law |
| | 3 | Diversity | Cultural Identity Influences |
| | 4 | Science | Experimental Results Replication |
| December 2006 | 1 | Diversity | Ezekiel Mphahlele |
| | 2 | Science | LHB |
| | 3 | Diversity | TV in Developing Nations |
| | 4 | Law | Computer Legal Reasoning |
| June 2007 | 1 | Diversity | Rita Dove |
| | 2 | Science | Music's Evolutionary Importance |
| | 3 | Law | Web Intellectual Property |
| | 4 | Science | Irish Pollen Record |
| September 2007 | 1 | Diversity | Ousmane Sembene |
| | 2 | Humanities/Law | Narrative |
| | 3 | Science | Evolutionary Game Theory |
| | 4 | Humanities | Philosophical Anarchism |
| December 2007 | 1 | Diversity | Lum's Poetry |
| | 2 | Law | British Common Law |
| | 3 | Science | Research Commercialization |
| | 4 | Science | Cyclamen Mites |
| June 2008 | 1 | Law | Internet Legal Issues |
| | 2 | Science | Drilling Muds |
| | 3 | Diversity | Cakewalk |
| | 4 | Humanities | Groupthink |

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| October 2008 | 1 | Law | Employment and Trade Secrets |
| | 2 | Science | Purple Loosestrife |
| | 3 | Diversity | Kingston and Talk-Story |
| | 4 | Humanities | Tulip Price Bubble |
| December 2008 | 1 | Diversity | Tutuola |
| | 2 | Science | Kin Recognition |
| | 3 | Law | The Roma |
| | 4 | Diversity | French Female Education |
| June 2009 | 1 | Law | FCC |
| | 2 | Science | Scientific Humanism |
| | 3 | Humanities | Willa Cather |
| | 4 | Science | Fractal Geometry |
| September 2009 | 1 | Science | Ancient Textiles |
| | 2 | Science | Emeagwali's Computers |
| | 3 | Law | Copyrights |
| | 4 | Humanities | Listening to Music |
| December 2009 | 1 | Science | Parallel Computing |
| | 2 | Law | Statutory Law |
| | 3 | Humanities | Isamu Noguchi |
| | 4 | Humanities | Ultimate Game |
| June 2010 | 1 | Humanities | New Urbanism |
| | 2 | Science | Bee Communication |
| | 3 | Diversity | Teatro Campesino |
| | 4 | Law | LRCWA |
| October 2010 | 1 | Law | UDHR |
| | 2 | Humanities | Art Forgeries |
| | 3 | Science | Animal Communication |
| | 4 | Diversity | Early Black Historians |
| December 2010 | 1 | Science | Lichenometry |
| | 2 | Law | Medical Illustrations |
| | 3 | Science | Dental Caries |
| | 4 | Humanities | Sarah Orne Jewett |
| June 2011 | 1 | Law | Tradition |
| | 2 | Humanities | Kate Chopin |
| | 3 | Science | Ocean Geology |
| | 4 | Humanities | Historian Objectivity |

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| October 2011 | 1 | Law | Utility Maximization |
| | 2 | Humanities | Proverbs |
| | 3 | Science | Evolutionary Psychology |
| | 4 | Humanities | Dostoyevsky |
| December 2011 | 1 | Humanities | Latina Autobiographers |
| | 2 | Humanities | Storage Media |
| | 3 | Law | Blackmail |
| | 4 | Science | Land Restoration |
| June 2012 | 1 | Humanities | Digital Publishing |
| | 2 | Law | Fingerprints |
| | 3 | Humanities | Jazz |
| | 4 | Science | Fission |
| October 2012 | 1 | Humanities | Lorenzo Tucker |
| | 2 | Humanities | Kung Woman |
| | 3 | Science | Invasive Species |
| | 4 | Law | Sovereign Omnipotence |
| December 2012 | 1 | Humanities | Corrido |
| | 2 | Science | Plant Substances |
| | 3 | Humanities | Economic Theory |
| | 4 | Law | Law Enforcement/Water |
| June 2013 | 1 | Humanities | Booker T. Whatley |
| | 2 | Humanities | Old Photo Techniques |
| | 3 | Law | Software Patents |
| | 4 | Science | Calvaria Major |
| October 2013 | 1 | Science | Pathogens, Prions, and CJD |
| | 2 | Humanities | Dunham and Modern Dance |
| | 3 | Humanities | Wealth and Happiness |
| | 4 | Humanities | Risk |
| December 2013 | 1 | Humanities | Sam Gilliam |
| | 2 | Law | Online Gaming Assets |
| | 3 | Humanities | Superior Human Performance |
| | 4 | Science | What Mirrors Do |
| June 2014 | 1 | Science | Forest Fires |
| | 2 | Diversity | Mali Artifacts |
| | 3 | Humanities | Theoretical/Clinical Equipoise |
| | 4 | Law | Employee Workweek Workpieces |

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| September 2014 | 1 | Science | Charles Darwin |
| | 2 | Humanities | Julia Margaret Cameron |
| | 3 | Humanities | Marcusian Theory |
| | 4 | Law | Just Property Transfer |
| December 2014 | 1 | Humanities | Great Perfumes |
| | 2 | Law | Stealing Thunder |
| | 3 | Science | Brain and Free Will |
| | 4 | Diversity | Garcia's Study Flaws |
| June 2015 | 1 | Diversity | Indigenous Video |
| | 2 | Law | Judges Recusal |
| | 3 | Humanities | Wrongdoing |
| | 4 | Science | Glass Flow |
| October 2015 | 1 | Humanities | Schoenberg's Music |
| | 2 | Law | Biotechnology Patents |
| | 3 | Diversity | Wampum |
| | 4 | Humanities | Negative Evidence |
| December 2015 | 1 | Diversity | Federal Theater Project |
| | 2 | Law | Corporate Crime |
| | 3 | Diversity | Gender Roles |
| | 4 | Science | Lamarck Mechanisms |
| June 2016 | 1 | Law | Jury Nullification |
| | 2 | Humanities | High Art |
| | 3 | Humanities | Clay Tablets and Tokens |
| | 4 | Science | CFCs and Ozone |
| September 2016 | 1 | Science | Muscle Memory |
| | 2 | Humanities | Eileen Gray/Lacquer |
| | 3 | Humanities | Woodland Clearings |
| | 4 | Law | Specific Performance |
| December 2016 | 1 | Humanities | Rawl's Theory of Justice |
| | 2 | Diversity | Great Migration |
| | 3 | Humanities | Insider Trading |
| | 4 | Science | Brain Scans |
| June 2017 | 1 | Humanities | Wynton Marsalis |
| | 2 | Humanities | Thought |
| | 3 | Humanities | Dowsing |
| | 4 | Law | Judicial Research |

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| September 2017 | 1 | Science | Rain Forest Policy |
| | 2 | Humanities | Native American Radio |
| | 3 | Law | Judicial Candor |
| | 4 | Humanities | Grand Theories |
| December 2017 | 1 | Diversity | Language Studies |
| | 2 | Science | Physics/Cosmology |
| | 3 | Legal | Comparative Reading |
| | 4 | Diversity | Literature |

| | | <u>Percentage of Total</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Total Passages | 196 | 100.0% |
| Diversity | 47 | 24.0% |
| Law | 50 | 25.5% |
| Science | 57 | 29.1% |
| Humanities | 49 | 25.0% |

Passage totals add up to over 100% because some passages are classified in two areas.

As discussed in the Reading Comprehension Bible, the average LSAT features one Diversity passage, one Law passage, one Science passage, and another passage from those categories or from the general field of Humanities. By anticipating the general subject matter of the LSAT Reading Comprehension section, you give yourself a mental edge, and you can also focus more on applying the VIEWSTAMP methodology.