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Self-Study Preparation Pack

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Paper 2: Business Laws

Important Topics, Weightage & Past-Paper Frequency

For January 2027 attempt · Analysis of 7 ICAI attempts: June 2024 – May 2026 (new scheme)

Official ICAI weightage | Act-wise marks in 7 papers | Topic frequency map | Priority list

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This subject pack has 6 parts

1 Chapter-wise notes | **2 Important topics & weightage** | 3 Past papers: trends & links

4 Mock tests + solutions | 5 Chapter practice questions | 6 Last-week plan & strategy

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1. Official ICAI section-wise weightage

ICAI's section-wise weightage for the new scheme (issued **26 October 2023**, applicable from May 2024; deviation of **±5%** allowed):

Section	Act / topic	Weightage	Marks (of 100)
I	Indian Regulatory Framework	0%–5%	0–5
II	Indian Contract Act, 1872 (incl. special contracts)	**20%–30%**	20–30
III	Sale of Goods Act, 1930	15%–20%	15–20
IV	Indian Partnership Act, 1932	15%–20%	15–20
V	LLP Act, 2008	5%–10%	5–10
VI	Companies Act, 2013	15%–20%	15–20
VII	Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881	10%–15%	10–15

2. Act-wise marks actually printed in the 7 papers (Skillshort analysis)

Marks counted from ICAI's suggested answers. Totals exceed 100 because "OR" alternatives are included; figures are approximate (±3) because some parts combine two Acts.

Act	Jun 24	Sep 24	Jan 25	May 25	Sep 25	Jan 26	May 26	Typical
Contract Act	32	30	32	38	32	32	38	**30–38**
Sale of Goods	14	21	21	21	14	22	18	14–22
Partnership + LLP	19	19	26	26	26	22	26	19–26
Companies Act	21	19	14	18	14	21	17	14–21
NI Act	14	11	14	10	12	14	14	10–14
Regulatory framework	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	**6 (always)**

TREND What the numbers say

- The **Regulatory Framework** carries a **6-mark theory part in every paper** (usually Q3(c) or Q4(c)) – an easy, predictable 6 marks.
- **LLP** appears in every attempt as a **6-mark part** (often split 4 + 2).
- **Contract Act** (with special contracts) is the largest block – about one-third of the paper, including the "OR" choice.
- Q1 is compulsory and usually mixes **Contract, Companies and Partnership** case studies.

3. Topic frequency map (7 attempts)

Topic	Times asked	Priority
Guarantee – surety's rights, co-sureties, discharge of surety	6/7	HIGH
Agency – commission, sub/substituted agent, personal liability, termination	5/7	HIGH
Bailment & pledge – finder of goods, pawnee rights/duties, bailor's rights	4/7	HIGH
Consideration & Sec 25 exceptions; privity	4/7	HIGH
Free consent – coercion, undue influence, fraud	4/7	HIGH
Breach & damages – Sec 39, 73, 74, quantum meruit	4/7	HIGH
Void agreements – public policy, restraint of trade, wagers	3/7	MED
Offer & acceptance – communication, lapse	3/7	MED
Contingent & quasi contracts	3/7	MED

Topic	Times asked	Priority
SoG – conditions & warranties, caveat emptor (sale by description/sample, fitness)	6/7	HIGH
SoG – transfer of property, Sec 24, Sec 25, nemo dat	5/7	HIGH
SoG – unpaid seller (lien, stoppage, resale), buyer's remedies	5/7	HIGH
SoG – delivery rules (wrong quantity Sec 37), auction Sec 64, hire purchase	4/7	HIGH
Partnership – nature/test (Sec 4, 6), types of partners, minor	6/7	HIGH
Partnership – mutual rights, implied authority, holding out	5/7	HIGH
Partnership – retirement, expulsion, outgoing partner, transfer of interest	5/7	HIGH
Partnership – registration & effects of non-registration	3/7	MED
Partnership – dissolution by court, Sec 45–48	5/7	HIGH
LLP – incorporation, designated partners, name, registered office, small LLP	7/7	HIGH
Companies – classes: OPC, small, government, holding/subsidiary, dormant, Section 8	7/7	HIGH
Companies – corporate veil, perpetual succession, common seal	4/7	HIGH
Companies – MOA/AOA, ultra vires, constructive notice, indoor management	5/7	HIGH
NI – PN/bill/cheque essentials & differences	5/7	HIGH
NI – Sec 138 dishonour of cheque	3/7	MED
NI – presentment, notice of dishonour, maturity, holder in due course	4/7	HIGH
NI – classification (inland/foreign, ambiguous, inchoate), negotiation & endorsement	4/7	MED
Regulatory framework – SEBI/RBI/IBBI, ministries, judiciary, sources & types of law	7/7	HIGH

4. Priority study order (if time is short)

1. **Contract Act** – guarantee, agency, bailment/pledge, consideration, free consent, remedies.
2. **Sale of Goods** – conditions/warranties, transfer of property, unpaid seller.
3. **Partnership** – minor, mutual rights, reconstitution, dissolution.
4. **Companies** – classes of companies + three doctrines + corporate veil.
5. **NI Act** – PN/bill/cheque, Sec 138, presentment/notice.
6. **LLP** and **Regulatory framework** – one sitting each; they give 12 nearly guaranteed marks.

EXAM TIP **Case-study questions repeat the same sections with new names. Learn the 25 key sections in the "Sections table" of the Last-Week file by heart.**