

WEST BENGAL JUDICIAL SERVICE

(SYLLABUS FOR THE POST OF CIVIL JUDGE JUNIOR DIVISION EXAMINATION)

- Eligibility criteria - LL.B.
- Age Limit - 23-35 Years
- (For SC/ST - 5 Years and for OBC - 3 Years age relaxation)

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

The Examination will be held in three stages namely:

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| 1. Preliminary Examination (Objective) | (200 Marks) |
| 2. Main Written Examination | (1100 Marks) |
| 3. Viva-Voce. (Interview) | (100 Marks) |

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Note: There is negative marking and for every wrong answer one third mark will be deducted.

The Preliminary Examination will consist of one paper of Objective type containing 200 multiple choice questions. The paper will carry 200 marks and the duration will be of 2½ hour.

The Standard of the paper will be of the level of knowledge as expected of a graduate in Law of a recognized University. The paper will include questions covering the following fields of knowledge:

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| I. English Composition | (30 marks) |
| II. General Knowledge, Current Affairs and Test of Reasoning | (40 marks) |
| III. Indian Constitution | (20 marks) |
| IV. Law of Contract and Torts | (20 marks) |
| V. Laws of Evidence | (20 marks) |
| VI. Civil Procedure Code | (20 marks) |
| VII. Criminal Procedure Code and Indian Penal Code | (20 marks) |
| VIII. Personal Law | (10 marks) |
| IX. Law of Limitation | (20 marks) |

Questions on English Composition will cover synonyms, antonyms, use of appropriate and qualifying words etc.

MAIN WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Compulsory Papers:

1. English Composition, Essay and precise Writing (100 Marks)
2. Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Nepali/Santali Composition, Essay & Translation from English into Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Nepali/Santali (100 Marks)
3. General Knowledge and Current Affairs (100 Marks)
4. Civil Procedure Code (100 Marks)
5. Criminal Procedure Code and Indian Penal Code (100 Marks)

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6. Indian Evidence Act (100 Marks)
7. Law of Contracts and Torts (100 Marks)
8. Transfer of Property Act (100 Marks)

Optional Paper: Candidates shall take up any three of the following papers:

(300 Marks)

1. Hindu Law
2. Muslim Law
3. Jurisprudence and Principles of Legislation
4. Indian Law relating to Companies & Insurance
5. Principles of Equity including the Law of Trusts and Specific Relief
6. Partnership Act
7. Law of Limitation and Law of Prescription
8. The Indian Constitution & Constitutional Law

Note: Each of the Compulsory and Optional papers carries 100 Marks and is of 3 hours duration.

The standard of examination in the law paper (Compulsory and Optional) will be that of the LL.B. Degree of the Calcutta University. All answers must be written either in English or in Bengali (unless otherwise directed in question papers) except in the language paper.

INTERVIEW

For this purpose, a number of candidates selected in order of merit on the results of the written examination, will be called. There shall be no separate qualifying marks for any individual subject or for the personality test and merit of each candidate shall be determined on the basis of the total marks obtained in all the written papers and in the personality test. The Commission shall have discretion to fix qualifying marks in the aggregate.

Notes:

- (1) *In all the answer paper under examination due credit will be given for proper economy of words combined with clarity, precision and effectiveness of expression and originality of approach.*
- (2) *A deduction of 10% of full marks may be made from the total marks secured by a candidate in a particular paper if he/she discloses his/her identity by writing his/her name, roll number or by putting any identifying marks inside the answer script of that paper.*

Qualification:

- (a) A citizen of India or such a person of other nationality as declared eligible by Govt. of India.
- (b) Enrolment as an advocate in the roll of Bar Council of any State or Union Territories in India on the date of advertisement for the examination.
- (c) Ability to read, write and speak in Bengali (or required for recruitment in the case of candidate for hill areas of the district of Darjeeling i.e. for Nepali speaking candidates)

Chance Limit: No candidates shall be allowed to appear in the examination for more than three times, but candidates belonging SC/ST/OBC of West Bengal shall be allowed to appear in the examination for not more than five times.

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