

# Kerala Judicial Services Syllabus

## Eligibility criteria and age limit

The selection process for the Kerala judicial services is carried out in form of two different schemes.

- The lower judiciary examination is conducted for graduates who have acquired a bachelor degree in law from a recognized institute or university within the age group of 21 35 on the year of appearance for the examination.
- The higher judiciary examination is conducted by the High Court of Kerala for the recruitment of Civil Judges or District Judges. Candidates who have a standing of 7 years or more and within the age group of 35- 45 on the year of appearance for the examination are eligible.

In order to apply for the Kerala Judicial Service Examination, candidates must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

- 1. Candidate must be a citizen of India.
- 2. Candidate must have attained the age of 35 years and shall not have completed 45 years of age.
- 3. Candidates must have been practising advocacy having a standing of not less than 7 years.

## Pattern of the examination

The Kerala State Higher Judicial Service Examination will have three parts, Part I, Part II and Part III with five papers in each part. The exam is conducted every year. The duration of the written test for each paper is of three hours. The maximum marks for each paper are 100, and a minimum of 40 marks is required to qualify each paper. Candidates applying for the exam will have the option to choose any of the parts and will have to apply for all the five papers included in that part.

## Preliminary Examination

The preliminary examination consists of an objective paper. The preliminary examination is for two hours and contains 100 multiple choice questions altogether. Each question carries a weightage of 4 marks each and a negative of 1 for each wrong answer. The examination is conducted only for shortlisting the candidates for the next round and the marks scored here are not considered to determine the final merit of the selected candidates. The cut-off marks are 40% for general candidates and 35% for candidates from SC/ST category. The final list of shortlisted candidates for the written main examination is then declared by the HC of Kerala.

## Mains Examination

The mains examination for 900 marks consists of a total of 5 papers. The paper-1 carries 100 marks and the subsequent 4 papers carry 200 marks each. The duration of each paper will be for three hours. The cut-off marks for candidates belonging to general category is 40% for each paper and an average of 45% in all the five papers. Candidates belonging to SC/ST category must attain 35% and 40% respectively.

## Personal Interview

In this, the candidates have to appear in personalized interviews. The selection of candidates depends on their combined score in written test and personal interview conducted by the board of Kerala State Higher Judicial Service.

## Syllabus for Preliminary Examination

### Part A

- Code of Civil Procedure
- Indian Contract Act
- Negotiable Instruments Act
- •Transfer of Property Act
- Specific Relief Act
- •Kerala Building (Lease and Rent Control) Act

### Part B

- Code of Criminal Procedure
- Indian Penal Code
- Indian Evidence Act

### Part C

Constitution of India

•Legal G.K

## Reasoning

### Verbal Reasoning

 Analogy, Series Completion, Verification of the truth of the Statement, Situation Reaction Test, Direction Sense Test, Classification, Data Sufficiency, Alpha- Numeric Sequence, Puzzle, Puzzle Test, Blood Relations, Coding-Decoding, Assertion and Reasoning, Arithmetical Reasoning, Operations of Mathematics, Venn Diagrams, Word Sequence, Missing Characters, Sequential Output training, Directions, Test on Alphabets, Eligibility Test.

## Non-Verbal Reasoning

•Dot Situation, Identical figure groupings, Forming figures and analysis, Construction of Squares and Triangles, Series, Analytical Reasoning, Paper Folding, Cubes and Dice, Water Images, Mirror Images, Figure Matrix, Completion Incomplete Pattern, Spotting embedded figures, PaperCutting, Classification, Rules Detection.

### Mental Ability

 Number Series, Directions, Alphabet Series, Coding-Decoding, Blood Relations, Statements & Conclusions, Syllogism, Mirror Images, Cubes and Dice, Embedded Figures, Statements & Arguments, Arithmetical Reasoning, Clocks & Calendars, Analogy, Decision Making, Number Ranking, Non-Verbal Series, Data Interpretation.

## Syllabus for Main Examination

### Paper-I

• English Grammar, General Essays, Translation of Malayalam Depositional, Documents to English and vice-versa, Precise writing.

### Paper-II

### Part A

 Indian Contract Act, Transfer of Property Act, Limitation Act, Specific Relief Act, Easements Act, Kerala Building (Lease and Rent Control) Act, Hindu Succession Act, Indian Succession Act – Parts Y VI &X, Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Act.

#### Part B

 Kerala Court Fees and Suits Valuation Act, Stamp Act Kerala, Kerala State Legal Services Authorities Act, The Kerala Panchayat Raj Act -Ch. X, XI, XXIA & XXIII, Kerala Municipality Act -Ch. IX, X, XXIV & XXV, Negotiable Instruments Act (except Ch. XVII), Registration Act.

### Paper-III

### Part A

•Indian Penal Code, Indian Evidence Act, Abkari Act, Negotiable Instruments Act -Ch. XVII, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act.

Part B

 Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, Kerala Police Act, Probation of Offenders Act, Forest Act, N.D.P.S. Act (provisions relating to bail and trial by Magistrates).

### Paper IV

Part A

•Code of Civil Procedure, Civil Rules of Practice, Kerala Civil Courts Act, Order in Interlocutory Application/ Framing of issues/Judgment writing (Civil). Part B

•Code of Criminal Procedure, Criminal Rules of Practice, The framing of charges/ Order in Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions.

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