

Syllabus and Scheme for conduct of the Examination

Delhi Judicial Service Examination will be held in two successive stages:-

- (i) Delhi Judicial Service Preliminary Examination (Objective type with 25% negative marking) for selection for the Mains Examination (Written), and
- (ii) Delhi Judicial Service Mains Examination (Written) for selection of candidates for calling for Viva-Voce.

A. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

1. The preliminary Examination will be a screening test of qualifying nature and will consist of one paper of multiple choice questions carrying maximum of 200 marks. In the preliminary examination questions on general legal knowledge and aptitude of the candidate, candidate's power of expression, flair in English, knowledge of objective type legal problems and their solutions covering The Constitution of India; The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and *Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023*; The Indian Penal Code and *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023*; The Indian Contract Act, 1872; The Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008; The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and *Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023*; The Specific Relief Act, 1963; The Limitation Act, 1963; The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and The Commercial Courts Act, 2015 will be included.
2. Minimum qualifying marks in the preliminary examination shall be 60% for general category and 55% for reserved categories, i.e., Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and eligible categories of Persons with Disabilities as specified for this Service. However, the number of candidates to be admitted to the Mains Examination (Written) will not be more than ten times the total number of vacancies of each category advertised.

Provided that in case a candidate(s) secures marks equal to the marks secured by the last candidate shortlisted for Mains Examination (Written), then all such candidate(s) who have secured marks equal to the marks secured by the last candidate shortlisted for Mains Examination (Written), shall also be shortlisted for the Mains Examination (Written) irrespective of the fact that by including such candidate(s), the number of candidates shortlisted for Mains Examination (Written) exceeds the prescribed limit of ten times the number of vacancies in each category advertised.

²⁴ Amended vide Govt. of NCT of Delhi's Notification No. F.6/18/08-Judl./Suptlaw/2315-19 dated 15.12.2008 and further substituted vide Govt. of NCT of Delhi's Notification No. F.6/15/2021-Judl./Suptlaw/358-362 dated 09.02.2022 and further substituted vide Govt. of NCT of Delhi's Notification No. F.1/51/2024-Judl./424-429 dated 06.02.2026.

3. The marks obtained in the preliminary examination by the candidates who are declared qualified for admission to the Mains Examination (Written) will not be counted for determining their final order of merit.

B. Mains Examination (Written)

The Mains Examination (Written) will include the following subjects (each subject to carry the number of marks shown against it):

Sl.No.	Subjects	Max. Marks
1.	General Legal Knowledge & Language	250
2.	Civil Law I	200
3.	Civil Law II	200
4.	Criminal Law	200

1. GENERAL LEGAL KNOWLEDGE AND LANGUAGE

This paper shall comprise of two Sections:-

Section I : General Legal Knowledge:- This is to test the candidate's knowledge of current legal affairs etc. **(100 Marks)**.

Section II: Language (Essay, Translation and Precis Writing):- This is to test the candidate's knowledge and power of expression in English. Credit will be given both for substance and expression. Conversely deduction will be made for bad expression, faults of grammar and misuse of words etc. There will be two passages for translations one in English which will be required to be translated into Hindi (in Devnagri Script) and the second passage in Hindi (in Devnagri Script) shall be required to be translated into English. **(150 Marks)**

2. Civil Law-I

The Indian Contract Act, 1872; The Sale of Goods Act, 1930; The Transfer of Property Act, 1882; The Specific Relief Act, 1963; Hindu Law; Mohammedan Law; The Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958; Law of Torts; The New Delhi Municipal Council Act, 1994; The Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 and The Commercial Courts Act, 2015. **(200 Marks)**

3. Civil Law-II

The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and *Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023*; The Limitation Act, 1963; The Registration Act, 1908; The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996; The Trade Marks Act, 1999 and The Copyright Act, 1957. **(200 Marks)**

4. Criminal Law

The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and *Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023*; The Indian Penal Code and *Bhartiya Nayaya Sanhita, 2023*; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and *Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023*; The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005; The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881; The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.” (200 Marks)

C. VIVA-VOCE

1. Viva-Voce will carry 150 marks. Candidates of general category must secure minimum 40% marks in each written paper and 50% marks in the aggregate and candidates of reserved categories, i.e., Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and eligible categories of Persons with Disabilities as specified for this Service must secure minimum 35% marks in each written paper and 45% marks in the aggregate in Mains Examination (Written) to be eligible for being called for Viva Voce.

Provided that the candidates shortlisted for viva voce shall not exceed three times the number of vacancies in each category advertised. In case, there is a candidate(s) who has/have secured marks equal to the marks secured by the last candidate shortlisted for viva voce, then all such candidate(s) who have secured marks equal to the marks secured by the last candidate shortlisted for viva voce, shall also be shortlisted for the viva voce irrespective of the fact that by including such candidate(s), the number of candidates shortlisted for viva voce exceeds the prescribed limit of three times the number of vacancies in each category advertised.

2. Candidates of general category must secure minimum 50% marks and candidates of reserved categories, i.e., Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and eligible categories of Persons with Disabilities as specified for this Service must secure minimum 45% marks in viva-voce to be eligible for being recommended for appointment to the service.
3. The marks obtained in the viva voce will be added to the marks obtained in the Mains Examination (Written) and the candidate's position will depend on the aggregate of both.

D. GENERAL

1. In addition to the syllabus mentioned in the Appendix to the Rules, the High Court may include any other Act(s)/law(s) in the Preliminary and/or Mains Examination (Written), as may be specified by it from time to time.
 2. Fee may be charged from the candidates as specified by the High Court from time to time.
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3. There shall be no re-evaluation of answer sheets in respect of Preliminary Examination and Mains Examination (Written). No request for re-evaluation of answer sheets shall be entertained and the same shall be liable to be rejected without any notice to the candidates.
4. Rounding-off of marks at any stage of the examination shall not be permissible. No request for rounding-off of marks at any stage shall be entertained and the same shall be liable to be rejected without any notice to the candidates.
5. The candidature of candidates found using unfair means of any nature by exercising or attempting to influence the result of the examination at any stage of the Examination, i.e., Preliminary Examination, Mains Examination (Written) or Viva Voce, shall be summarily rejected without any further notice to the candidates.

Moreover, such candidate shall be debarred from the future Examination for such a period as may be decided by the High Court, which shall ordinarily be not less than three years.

6. All Examination material including OMR answer sheets relating to Preliminary Examination, answer sheets of Mains Examination (Written), award sheets of viva voce, etc. in relation to each recruitment examination for Delhi Judicial Service will be destroyed one year after the declaration of the final result. However, if any litigation pertaining to any examination is pending before any Court, and the question / issue involved in the ²⁵[*is*] touches upon the answer sheets of the candidate (s) i.e. totaling, evaluation, re-evaluation, etc., the Registry shall preserve such answer sheets before initiating the process of destruction in terms of the above decision.]

ACADEMY

²⁵ The word “/is” substituted vide Govt. of NCT of Delhi’s Corrigendum No. F.6/15/2021-Judl./Suptlaw/382-388 dated 11.02.2022.
