



## KERALA

For the post of Munsiff-Magistrates in the Kerala Judicial Service. The selection shall be after holding competitive examinations comprising two successive stages. The first stage is the Kerala Judicial Service Examination, (Preliminary), which shall be conducted on the basis of the Scheme and Syllabi given below. The second stage is the Kerala Judicial Service Examination (Main), consisting of a written examination conducted on the basis of the Scheme and Syllabi given below and a viva-voce conducted on the basis of the Scheme given below. Only those candidates who are declared by the High Court to have qualified in the Preliminary Examination will be eligible for admission to the main written examination, provided they are otherwise eligible for admission to the Main Examination.

## Scheme of the Preliminary Examination

The preliminary examination will consist of one paper of objective type screening test based on the syllabi given below containing 100 multiple choice questions, with each question carrying four marks. Maximum marks is 400 and one mark will be deducted for each incorrect answer. The duration of the preliminary exam will be two hours. The preliminary exam is conducted for shortlisting the candidates and the marks obtained in the preliminary examination will not be counted for determining the final order or merit of the candidates.

Cut off mark prescribed in the preliminary examination for qualifying for the main written examination is 40% for general candidates and 35% for candidates belong to SC/ST category. Only those candidates who are declared by the High Court to have qualified in the preliminary examination will be eligible for admission to the main written examination provided they are otherwise eligible for admission to the main examination. Short list of candidates selected for the main examination will be published by the High Court.

## Syllabus for the Preliminary Examination

**Part A** - Code of Civil Procedure, Negotiable Instruments Act, Transfer of Property Act, Contract 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** - General Knowledge. Test of Reasoning and mental ability.

## Scheme of the Main Examination

### (a) Written Examination

The Kerala Judicial Service (Main) Examination will consist of 5 papers of written examination carrying a total of 900 marks, based on the syllabi given below and vivavoce which carries 100 marks. Paper I of the written examination carries 100 marks and the each of the remaining four papers carries 200 marks. The prescribed duration for each paper will be three hours. Cut off marks in the main written examination is 40% in each paper for general candidates with an overall minimum of 45% of the total marks in the written examination. For candidates belonging to SC/STs category the cut off mark shall



be 35% and 40% respectively. Fraction of half or more than half shall be regarded as full marks and less than half shall be ignored.

**b) Viva voce:**

Only those candidates who score the prescribed percentage of marks in the main written examination shall be called for viva-voce. The viva-voce is meant to assess the candidate's General Knowledge, grasp of general principles of law, analytical ability and suitability for appointment as Musnsiff-Magistrate. The cut off marks in the viva-voce is 30% for general candidates and 25% for candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste and Schedules Tribes category. Fraction of half or more or more than half shall be regarded as full marks and less than half shall be ignored. The marks secured by the candidates in the viva voce shall be added to the total marks secured by them at the written examination (Main) and the names of all those candidates shall be arranged in the respective lists on the basis of the total marks secured by them.

## Syllabi of the Written( Main) Examination

**PAPERS SUBJECTS****Paper – I**

English Grammar, General essays (two), Translation of Malayalam Depositions / Documents to English and Precis writing ( English)

**Paper – II**

Code of Civil Procedure, Civil Rules of Practice, Limitation Act, Contract Act, Partnership Act, Specific Relief Act, Kerala Court Fees and Suit Valuation Act, Stamp Act (State & Central), Kerala Civil Courts Act, Law relating to ADR and Kerala Building (Lease and Rent Control) Act.

**Paper – III**

Transfer of Property Act, Panchayat Raj Act, Municipalities Act, Family Courts Act, Revenue Recovery Act, Negotiable Instruments Act (except Ch.XVII), Easements Act, Registration Act and Personal Laws - Hindu, Muslim & Christian.

**Paper – IV**

Part A: Code of Criminal Procedure, Criminal Rules of Practice, Information Technology Act, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act. Part B: Indian Evidence Act, General Principles of Criminal Jurisprudence.

**Paper – V**

Indian Penal Code, Kerala Police Act, Abkari Act, Probation of Offenders Act, Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, Forest Act, N.D.P.S. Act, Negotiable Instruments Act - Ch. XVII.

