

12. SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS

The selection process comprises three successive stages, viz., (A) Preliminary Examination for selection of applicants for admission to the Main Examination, (B) Main Examination; and (C) Viva–Voce Test.

A) PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (OBJECTIVE TYPE)(OMR METHOD)

I. DURATION AND MARKS

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks	Minimum Marks for a pass		
			SCs, SC(A)s and STs	BC(OBCM)s, BC(M)s and MBCs/DCs,	Others
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (Objective Type)	3 hours	100	30 Marks	35 Marks	40 Marks

Note:-

Refer to para. 17 of [“Instructions to Applicants”](#) with regard to Instructions to be followed while appearing for competitive Examinations conducted by the Commission.

II. SCHEME OF PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION:

The Preliminary Examination will consist of one paper containing 100 multiple choice questions based on the syllabus given below. It will be conducted in the forenoon session. The papers will be set both in English and Tamil and each question shall carry one mark; and, **0.10 mark** will be deducted for each incorrect answer. The duration of the Preliminary Examination will be three hours. The Preliminary Examination is conducted for the purpose of shortlisting the candidates and the marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination shall not be counted for determining the final order of merit of the candidates.

Note:

- (i) No candidate who has secured less than the minimum marks for a pass prescribed for the paper, in the Preliminary Examination will be declared eligible to participate in the Main Examination.
- (ii) The admission of candidates for the Main Examination will be shortlisted at a ratio not exceeding 10 times of the number of vacancies following the rule of reservation. However, in each reservation group, all the applicants, who secure the same marks as that of the cut-off marks of their reservation groups, shall also be admitted to the Main Examination, though the number of applicants to be admitted to the Main Examination may exceed 1:10 ratio.

III. SYLLABUS FOR THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

PART-A

The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908

The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881

The Transfer of Property Act, 1882

The Indian Contract Act, 1872

The Specific Relief Act, 1963

The Constitution of India

The Tamil Nadu Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1960 and Tamil Nadu Regulation of Rights and Responsibilities of Landlords and Tenants Act, 2017 (Tamil Nadu Act 42 of 2017)

PART-B

The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

The Indian Penal Code, 1860

The Indian Evidence Act, 1872

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Acts

The Criminal Minor Acts (including Information Technology Act, 2000; The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012).

PART-C

General Knowledge (Degree standard),

Test of Reasoning and Mental ability (S.S.L.C. standard).

Note:-

Minor Acts mentioned in the syllabus are only illustrative and not exhaustive.

B.) MAIN EXAMINATION (DESCRIPTIVE TYPE):-

Subject		Maximum Marks	Minimum Marks for a pass in each Paper		
			SCs, SC(A)s and STs	BC(OBCM)s BC(M)s and MBCs/DCs,	Others
WRITTEN (Descriptive Type)	Duration				
1. Translation Paper	3 hours	100	30% in each paper	35% in each paper	40% in each paper
2..Law Paper-I	3 hours	100			
3.Law Paper-II	3 hours	100			
4.Law Paper-III	3 hours	100			
VIVA-VOCE TEST	-	60	Minimum marks for a pass in the viva-Voce for all categories of candidates is 18		

SYLLABUS FOR THE MAIN EXAMINATION

- (i)** Translation Paper: Translation of passages from English to Tamil and from Tamil to English. The passages will be from Pleadings, Depositions, Orders, Judgments and Documents.
- (ii)** Law Paper – I: The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872; Principles of Pleading and the Constitution of India (as Amended).
- (iii)** Law Paper – II: Framing of Issues and Writing of Judgments in Civil Cases.
- (iv)** Law Paper –III: Framing of charges and Writing of Judgments in Criminal Cases.

Note:-

- (i) The question papers on Law Papers I, II and III will be set both in Tamil and English. Except the Translation paper all other papers shall be answered by the

candidates either in English or Tamil, but not partly in Tamil or in any other language. Answer sheets written partly in English and partly in Tamil or any other language will not be evaluated but will be invalidated.

- (ii) The candidate should appear for all the four papers in the Main Examination for his answer sheets to be evaluated and in case the candidate absents himself for one or more papers, the papers attended will not be evaluated.
- (iii) The candidate who has secured less than the minimum marks prescribed for each paper in the Main Examination shall not be eligible for Viva Voce Test.
- (iv) The candidate shall strictly adhere to the instructions given while appearing for the Preliminary and Main Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. In case of any deviation, the answer sheets of the candidates concerned will be invalidated.
- (v) It is made clear to the candidates that quoting the principle laid down or reiterated in any citation would be enough and details of citation shall not carry any extra weightage. Further quoting of wrong citation may be detrimental to candidates.

- (vi) Any representation by the candidate, for changing the dates of examination/selection process, change of examination centre, for relaxation of conditions mentioned in the advertisement or examination related directions or guidelines or minimum marks or qualifications/requirements etc. or for revaluation/ re-totalling, shall not be entertained.
- (vii) All the directions/instructions/guidelines and formats issued regarding examination shall be treated as part of the advertisement.
- (viii) Candidates for Viva-Voce test will be shortlisted from the successful candidates in the Main Examination in the ratio of 1:2 or 1:3 with reference to the number of vacancies as specified in "Instructions to Applicants" under the heading "Selection Procedure" .

(C) VIVA-VOCE TEST

Viva-voce test shall be for sixty (60) marks and candidates of all categories shall obtain minimum 18 marks for a pass in the Viva-voce

1. The object of viva-voce test is to assess the suitability of the candidate for the cadre by judging the mental alertness, general knowledge, knowledge of

law, grasp of procedural laws and principles of law, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgment, skills, attitude, ethics, power of assimilation, power of communication, character, suitability and intellectual depth, the like of the candidate, his/her tact and ability to handle various situations in the Court, Administrative and Management Skills.

2. Candidates of all categories who have obtained the minimum pass mark 18 in the viva-voce test alone are eligible for being considered for the selection.
3. The marks secured by a candidate in the Viva Voce Test shall be added to the total marks secured by him/her in the Main Examination.
4. Since 'Character' and 'Suitability' of a Candidate are of utmost importance for being considered, for appointment to the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service as Civil Judge, the character and suitability of the candidate would be enquired into and verified by the Competent Authority.