

# **PUNJAB**

## **JUDICIAL SERVICE EXAM**

The Punjab Judicial Service Examination, also referred to as the Punjab Public Service Commission Civil Judge or Judicial Magistrate Exam, is conducted every year by the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

### **Eligibility and Age Limit – Punjab Civil Service (Judicial Branch) Examination**

(i) Candidate must possess a Degree of Bachelor of Law of any University incorporated by Law in India or a Degree of Bachelor of Law of Punjab University (undivided), The Dacca University, The Tribhuvan University, Nepal. The Sind University or of the Rangoon or Mandalay University in Burma, or should be a Barrister of England or Ireland or member of the Faculty of Advocates of Scotland.

The expression “Degree of Bachelor of Laws” means a degree entitling a candidate to be enrolled as an advocate under the Advocate Act, 1961 and the rules made there under.

(ii) Punjabi Language skills of Matric or its equivalent Standard. (Reading, Writing, Spoken)

### **Punjab Judicial Service Civil Judge Exam – Age Limit**

- (i) Candidate should not be below 21 years and above 37 years of age on the last date of submission of Online application Forms.
- (ii) Upper age limit for candidate belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes of all States and Backward Classes only of Punjab shall be up to 42 years.
- (iii) Upper age limit is relaxed up to 45 years for all States/Central Government employees.
- (iv) Ex-servicemen of Punjab Domicile shall be allowed to deduct the period of his service in the Armed Forces of Union from his actual age and if the resultant age does not exceed the maximum age limit prescribed for direct appointment to such a vacancy in the Service Rules concerned by more than three years, they shall be deemed to satisfy the condition regarding age limit.
- (v) Upper age limit is also relaxed up to 42 years for Widows, Divorced women and certain other Categories of Women.
- (vi) Upper age limit is also relaxed up to 47 years for Physically Handicapped persons who have domicile of Punjab.

**The Punjab Civil Judge (Junior Division) cum-Judicial Magistrate exam is conducted in three stages :**

1. Preliminary Exam (Objective Type Multiple choice questions).
2. Mains (Subjective / Descriptive).
3. Viva-Voce (Personal interview)

### **Preliminary Exam:**

- (i) The Preliminary Examination shall be of objective type questions with multiple choices (which can be scrutinized by Computer) as distinguished from the main written examination which shall be subjective/narrative type.
- (ii) The question paper for the Preliminary examination shall be of two hours duration, it shall consist of 125 questions and each question shall carry 04 marks. For every question for which a wrong answer 0.20% i.e. 1/5th marks shall be deducted.. There will, however, be no negative marking in respect of un-attempted questions.
- (iii) The objective type multiple choice questions for the Preliminary Examination shall be from the syllabus prescribed for the Main Written Examination . The candidates shall be expected to have a general and basic overview of the main subjects and also the ability to answer questions on current events of National and International importance, Indian legal and constitutional History and governance. The candidates shall also be tested for their analytical skills reasoning and aptitude. The standard of questions shall be of graduate level.
- (iv) The object of the Preliminary Examination is to shortlist candidates for the Main Examination. No candidate shall be allowed to appear in the Main Examination unless he/she secures minimum 150 marks (read 100 marks for all reserved category candidates) in the Preliminary Examination out of 500 marks.

The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination shall not be counted towards final result. Candidates equal to 10 times the number of vacancies advertised, selected in order of their merit in the respective categories shall be eligible to sit in the Main Examination. However, this number shall be subject to variation. If two or more candidates at the last number (the number at the end) get equal marks, then all of them shall be considered eligible to sit for the Main Examination, warranting the corresponding increase in the stipulated ratio.

#### **Scheme of the preliminary exam:**

Main Subjects of Law & Current Affairs

Indian Legal & Constitutional History and Governance Reasoning & General Aptitude

### **Main Exam :**

The object of the examination is to test the practical ability of the candidates rather than the range of their theoretical knowledge. For this purpose, the kind of questions that will be asked will be to give the facts of a typical case and ask the candidate to frame issues, to write a judgment, and to discuss the admissibility of evidence.

No candidate shall be credited with any marks in any paper unless he obtains at least thirty three per cent marks in it.

No candidate shall be called for the Viva-voce test unless he obtains at least fifty per cent qualifying marks in the aggregate of all the written papers: Provided that the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes categories shall be called for the Viva- voce test if they obtain forty-five per cent marks in the aggregate of all the written papers.

The minimum qualifying marks in the language paper Punjabi (Gurmukhi Script) shall be thirty-three per cent. The standard of language paper will be that of Matriculation Examination of the Punjab School Education Board or its equivalent.

The merit of the qualified candidates shall be determined by the Punjab Public Service Commission according to the aggregate marks obtained in the written papers and viva-voce: Provided that in the case of two or more candidates obtaining equal marks, the candidate older in age shall be placed high higher in the order of merit.

The syllabus which is liable to alteration is given below:-

**Paper I- Civil Law** – Code of Civil Procedure, Punjab Courts Act, Indian Contract Act, Indian Sales of Goods Act, Indian Partnership Act, Specific Relief Act, Transfer of Property Act 1882, East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction Act 1949 Indian Evidence Act.

**Paper II-Civil Law** – Hindu Law, Mohammedan Law Customary Law, Law of Registration and Limitation.

**Paper III-Criminal Law** – Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code and Indian Evidence Act.

**Paper IV-English**  
English Essay (1000-1100) words, Precis, Words and Phrases (make sentences of the given words and phrases), Comprehension, Corrections

**Paper V-**  
Language- Punjabi in Gurmukhi Script, No book prescribed.

**Notes :**

(i) Bare copies of legislative enactments only will be supplied. (*Reconfirm the same with the current year's advertisement*)

(ii) Each written paper shall be of three hours duration. Papers I to IV shall carry 200 marks each. Papers V shall carry 150 marks each and in papers IV and V, 100 marks shall be for essay writing and 50 marks for general language and grammar, Paper VI i.e. Viva voce shall carry 100 marks.

(iii) Language paper (for 100 marks in total) will comprise of the following :

- (1) Translation of an English passage into Punjabi 20 marks
- (2) Explanation of Punjabi passage in prose and poetry in the same language 30 marks
- (3) Composition (Essay, Idioms, Corrections etc.) 50 marks

### **Viva-Voce (Personal Interview)**

- (i) The Viva-Voce shall carry 100 marks and final result shall be prepared on the basis of the Grand Total of the marks obtained by the candidates in the Main Examination and the Viva-Voce.
- (ii) No candidate shall be called for the Viva-Voce unless he obtains at least 50% qualifying marks in the aggregate of all the written papers and qualifies in language paper Punjabi (Gurmukhi Script). The candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes of Punjab, Backward Classes of Punjab and Physically Handicapped, Punjab shall be called for the Viva-Voce test if they obtain 45% qualifying marks in the aggregate of all written papers and qualify in Language Paper Punjabi (Gurmukhi Script).
- (iii) No candidate shall be considered to have qualified unless he/she obtains 50% marks (read 45% marks for the SC/BC/Physically Handicapped, Punjab category candidates) in aggregate out of the total marks of the written examination and viva- voce.
- (iv) The Viva-Voce shall relate to matters of general interest and is intended to test the candidate's alertness intelligence and general outlook. It shall be conducted in English.
- (v) No candidate shall be considered to have qualified for appointment on the basis of marks secured only in the Main Written Examination unless he/she appears for viva-voce.