

Pattern for UP Higher Judicial Service Examination - 2023

1. The preliminary examination as referred to in Rule 18(1)(b) of the Rules, 1975 shall be of 2 hours duration having Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) objective type from the prescribed syllabus and shall consist of 100 questions of 1 mark each. There shall be no negative marking.
2. The qualifying marks for preliminary examination shall be 45%.
3. Candidates, twenty times the number of vacancies category-wise, will be called to appear in the Main Written Examination who are able to obtain such qualifying marks in the preliminary examination.
4. The Main Written Examination shall consist of four papers, namely, (i) General Awareness & Legal Language of 100 marks and three hours duration; (ii) Law - I of 200 marks and three hours duration; (iii) Law - II of 200 marks and three hours duration; and (iv) Law - III of 200 marks and three hours duration.
5. Questions in main written examination will primarily be subjective type.
6. All questions shall be compulsory.
7. The Law papers will inter-alia test drafting, conveyancing, pleading and order/judgment writing ability and skills.
8. The candidates will have choice to answer either in Hindi or in English, except where instructed otherwise.
9. The candidates shall be required to obtain 40% marks in each paper and 45% marks in aggregate of four papers of Main Written Examination, to qualify for the Interview test.
10. Candidates, three times the number of vacancies category-wise, will be called to appear in the Interview test who are able to obtain such qualifying marks in the Main Written Examination.
11. Final merit list shall be prepared category-wise, on the basis of aggregate of marks obtained at the Mains Written Examination and Interview test.

SYLLABUS

Paper No. 1 - General Awareness & Legal Language

This paper shall be of 100 marks having two sections, and of 3 hours duration.

Section A - General Awareness

This Section shall be of 50 Marks. It will include the following: -

History of India and Indian Culture; Geography of India; Indian Polity; Current National Issues and Topics of Social Relevance; India and the World; Indian Economy; and Development in the field of Science & Technology, Communication and Space.

Section B - Legal Language

This section shall be of 50 Marks. It will test language skills and will include critical analysis of a given judgment, expression in legal language (Hindi & English) etc.

Paper No. 2 - Law-I

This paper shall be of 200 marks and of 3 hours duration. It will be focused to assess the practical legal acumen.

Syllabus - Constitution of India; Code of Civil Procedure; Indian Contract Act, 1872; The Partnership Act, 1932; Law of Torts; The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988; Limitation Act, 1963; The Transfer of Property Act, 1882; Sales of Goods Act, 1930; General Clauses Act, 1897; The Indian Easements Act, 1882; Law of Equity; The Indian Trusts Act, 1882; Specific Relief Act, 1963; The Registration Act, 1908; Court Fees Act, 1870; The Contempt of Courts Act, 1971; Information Technology Act, 2000 and The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 & Bhartiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023 as applicable to the aforesaid laws.

Paper No. 3 - Law-II

This paper shall be of 200 marks and of 3 hours duration. It will be focused to assess the practical legal acumen.

Syllabus - Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023; Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881; Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988; Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012; Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015; Prevention of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005; The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961; The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013; Indecent Representation of Women Act, 1986; The Arms Act, 1959; Prevention of Money-Laundering Act, 2002; The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985; Uttar Pradesh Dacoity Affected Areas Act, 1983; Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 & Bhartiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023 as applicable to the aforesaid laws.

Paper No. 4 - Law-III

Syllabus - The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955; The Hindu Succession Act, 1956; The Hindu Minority & Guardianship Act, 1956; The Hindu Adoptions & Maintenance Act, 1956; Mohammedan Law; The Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021; Indian Succession Act, 1925; Special Marriage Act, 1954; Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019; Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986; Guardian and Wards Act, 1890; Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizen Act, 2007; The Family Courts Act, 1984; Uttar Pradesh Revenue Code, 2006 and Rules of 2016; The Uttar Pradesh Regulation of Urban Premises Tenancy Act, 2021; Uttar Pradesh Urban Planning & Development Act, 1973; The Uttar Pradesh Consolidation of Holdings Act, 1953; The Uttar Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1916; The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996; The Commercial Courts Act, 2015; Essential Commodities Act, 1955; The Land Acquisition Act, 1894; Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013; Electricity Act, 2003 together with Rules, framed under the aforesaid Acts and The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 & Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam as applicable to the aforesaid laws.

Paper No. 5 : Interview (100 Marks)

1. The Interview test would focus on assessment of the candidates based on their knowledge of substantive and procedural laws, understanding of practical aspects of law with assessment of their personality, professional ability and communication skills.
2. Only those candidates will be called to appear in the Interview test who obtain 40% in each paper and 45% in aggregate of four papers of Main Written Examination, subject to thrice the number of vacancies category-wise.
3. Candidates shall be required to obtain 45% marks to qualify the Interview test.
4. Final merit list shall be prepared category-wise, on the basis of aggregate of marks obtained at the Mains Written Examination and Interview test.