

DELHI JUDICIAL SERVICE EXAMINATION - 2023

Instructions

PART-I

1. Candidates must fill up the online application form in English language only.
2. Candidates must download the Admit Card from the website of High Court of Delhi (www.delhihighcourt.nic.in) and appear at the respective examination centre with original and valid photo identity document such as Voter Identity Card, Passport, Identity Card issued by the Bar Association or a Government Authority, Aadhaar Card or PAN Card. No candidate without original and valid photo identity shall be allowed to enter the examination centre. Proof of identity in the form of image in mobile phone shall not be permitted.
3. The decision of the High Court of Delhi regarding eligibility of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.
4. A candidate in Government Service or working in a Public Sector Undertaking or in a Bank, whether in a permanent or temporary capacity, must inform his/her parent office that he/she has applied for Delhi Judicial Service Examination 2023. Such candidate, if selected for Viva- Voce, shall be required to produce 'No Objection Certificate' (in original) from his/her employer at the time of Viva-Voce. Such candidates **SHOULD NOT** send/forward a copy of their application form to High Court of Delhi.
5. Candidate will be required to answer all questions in English, except to the extent otherwise indicated in the syllabus. Candidate should bring his/her own pencil/pen and ink but not any other articles such as notes, loose sheets etc. into the examination hall.
6. **Special instructions for Persons with Disabilities candidates**
 - (i) The following categories of disabilities have been identified as suitable for the post of Judicial Officer in Delhi Judicial Service (Refer to Gazette Notification dated 04.01.2021):
 - (a) Blindness, Low Vision;
 - (b) One Arm, One Leg, Both Legs, Leprosy Cured, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims.
 - (c) Specific Learning Disability;
 - (d) Multiple Disabilities involving Blindness, Low Vision; One Arm, One Leg, Both Legs, Leprosy Cured, Dwarfism, Acid Attack

Victims; Specific Learning Disability.

The candidates who belong to any of the aforesaid category are required to apply in the PwD category.

- (ii) All the candidates belonging to any of the aforesaid identified disabilities are eligible for reservation during this examination, provided that the extent of disability is 40% or more.
- (iii) Candidates for whom reservation is available in this examination, the minimum qualifying marks for the Preliminary Examination, Mains Examination (Written) and Viva-voce are as follows:

Preliminary Examination	55 % Marks
Mains Examination (Written)	35% Marks in each Paper and 45% Marks in aggregate
Viva voce	45% Marks

No further relaxation in marks would be considered or admissible in favour of such candidate on account of belonging to any other reserved category.

For all other candidates, the minimum qualifying marks will be the marks applicable to their respective category, i.e. General, SC or ST.

- (iv) Concession in examination fees will be provided to all PwD candidates who have identified disabilities [i.e. categories (a), (b), (c) and (d) above] provided the extent of disability is 40% or more.
- (v) All PwD candidates who have identified disabilities, [i.e. categories (a), (b), (c) and (d) above], irrespective of category and extent of disability and have limitation in writing, may opt for the facility of scribe (either to be provided by Delhi High Court or own scribe) and/or compensatory time subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) The candidate shall be required to furnish a certificate in original in the prescribed format (**Annexure 'A'**) regarding physical limitation of the examinee to write, which shall be given by the Specialist of the relevant stream/disability and duly countersigned by CMO/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a Government Healthcare Institution.

- (b) The candidates shall be required to furnish duly notarized affidavit on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.10/- in the prescribed format (**Annexure 'B'**).
- (vi) The candidates who are eligible for compensatory time and avail of the same will be granted compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of the duration of the examination in addition to the prescribed time for the Preliminary Examination and the Mains Examination (Written) of DJSE-2023.
- (vii) The PwD candidates who have limitation in writing must submit the Certificate of Limitation in Writing (in original) and the Affidavit in the prescribed format in the office of Joint Registrar (Examinations – DHJS & DJS), High Court of Delhi, in advance at least three days prior to the date of examinations (Preliminary as well as Mains) otherwise they will not be allowed to avail the facility of scribe and/or Compensatory Time.
- (viii) Candidates, who avail the facility of scribe in the Preliminary Examination and/or Mains Examination (Written), should note that they shall not be allowed to read the Question Paper or mark answers and only the scribe shall be allowed to read out the questions and mark/write the answers in the answer sheet as per the instructions given by the candidate.
7. Before declaring the result of the Preliminary Examination, Model Answer Keys would be uploaded and objections will be invited from the candidates.
8. A candidate, if declared successful in the Mains Examination (Written), must send **one set of self attested copies** of the following documents to the Joint Registrar (Examinations – DHJS & DJS), High Court of Delhi, within five days of the declaration of the result accompanied by a covering letter indicating his/her Roll Number and Application Number:
- (i) Proof of age (Certificate of Matriculation or other equivalent examination).
 - (ii) Marksheets & Pass Certificates in respect of Xth and XIIth Class.
 - (iii) LL.B. degree or other equivalent law degree.
 - (iv) Semesterwise/Consolidated Marksheet(s), Certificates and degrees of all courses passed or attended.

- (v) Advocate's licence if practicing/Proof of enrolment/Enrolment Certificate, if enrolled with Bar.
 - (vi) Pass Certificate in respect of All India Bar Examination, if qualified.
 - (vii) In case of a candidate who claims to belong to one of the Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe categories, a Certificate issued by a Sub-Divisional Officer/Additional District Magistrate/Revenue Assistant or any other Officer who has been designated by the State Government concerned as competent to issue such a certificate.
 - (viii) In case of a candidate belonging to Persons with Disabilities category (identified disabilities), Disability Certificate issued by a Government Hospital/Medical Board in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in support of his/her claim.
 - (ix) In case of a candidate claiming relaxation in age on account of his/her being Ex-Serviceman, Emergency Commissioned Officer or Short Service Commissioned Officer, documentary evidence in this regard.
9. A candidate, who claims to belong to Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe or Persons with Disability categories (identified disabilities), if declared successful in the Mains Examination (Written), must submit the original Caste and/or Disability Certificate (as the case may be) to the Joint Registrar (Examinations – DHJS & DJS), Delhi High Court within five days of the declaration of the result.
10. The High Court reserves its right to seek for any other document(s) that it may deem fit and appropriate for determining the eligibility of any candidate at any stage, i.e., before or after the Preliminary Examination/Mains Examination (Written)/Viva Voce.
11. Canvassing or use of unfair means in any form shall be considered a disqualification.

Important Instructions for filling up the OMR Answer Sheet in the Preliminary Examination

- i. Please darken the complete oval. USE ONLY BLUE/BLACK BALL POINT PEN to darken the appropriate oval.
- ii. Darken ONLY ONE OVAL for each Question as shown below:



- iii. Use of any other mark or darkening of multiple ovals shall render the answer incorrect resulting in negative marking of 0.25 Marks.
- iv. Answer once marked cannot be changed. Any change by any method including use of eraser/ white fluid in the oval is not permitted and will lead to negative marking of 0.25 Marks.
- v. Please do not make any stray marks on the OMR Answer Sheet. Rough work must not be done on the OMR Answer Sheet.
- vi. There will be 25% negative marking for every wrong answer, i.e. 0.25 Marks.
- vii. The candidate is NOT allowed to carry the OMR Answer Sheet with him/her on conclusion of the examination.

The candidates are required to follow the aforesaid instructions for answering the questions in the OMR Answer Sheet. It is hereby clarified that incorrect filling/darkening of ovals shall result in deduction of 0.25 marks for each such attempt.

Few examples of incorrect marking/darkening of oval are shown below, which will be treated as wrong answers and 0.25 marks will be deducted while preparing the final result:

Images	Q. No.	Remarks
	3	Darkening of one oval completely and a dot in the other oval.
	13	Darkening of one oval completely and a line in the other oval.
	97	Use of fluid/whitener/eraser is not permitted.
	141	Darkening of two ovals is multiple marking.
	146	Darkening of one oval completely and outlining the other oval.
	3	Darkening of one oval completely and outlining the other oval.
	131	Outlining the oval

PART-II

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; The Indian Penal Code; The Indian Contract Act, 1872; The Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008; The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872; 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.

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.
4. The duration of the Examination shall be (2½) two and a half hours.

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; 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; The Indian Penal Code; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872; 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)

The duration of Papers I, II, III and IV shall be 3 hours each.

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.

Sd/-
(KANWAL JEET ARORA)
REGISTRAR GENERAL

FORMAT FOR CERTIFICATE TO BE FURNISHED BY THE PWD CANDIDATES WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM IDENTIFIED DISABILITY AND HAVE PHYSICAL LIMITATION IN WRITING

This is to certify that, I have examined Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____
(Name of the candidate), S/o/D/o _____,
a resident of _____
(Village/District/State), who is a persons with
_____ (Nature and Percentage of Disability as
Mentioned in the Certificate of Disability), belonging to
_____[Category of Disability : (i) Blindness and Low
Vision; (ii) One arm, one leg, both legs, leprosy cured, dwarfism and acid attack
victims, (iii) Specific Learning Disability, (iv) Multiple Disabilities involving
disabilities mentioned in (i) to (iii)] and to state that he/she has physical limitation
which hampers his/her writing capabilities owing to his/her disability.

Signature

Specialist of the Relevant
Stream/Disability of a Government
health institution
Name & Designation.
Name of Government Hospital/Health
Care Centre with Seal

Signature

Chief Medical Officer/Civil
Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a
Government health institution
Name & Designation.
Name of Government Hospital/Health
Care Centre with Seal

Place:

Date:

Note:

Certificate should be given by a **Specialist of the relevant stream/disability** (e.g.:
Visual impairment – Ophthalmologist, Locomotor disability – Orthopaedic
specialist/PMR, etc.) duly countersigned by CMO/Civil Surgeon/Medical
Superintendent of a Government health care Institution.

ANNEXURE – B

SPECIMEN OF AFFIDAVIT TO BE FURNISHED BY THE CANDIDATES BELONGING TO PWD CATEGORY (TO BE SUBMITTED ON A NON-JUDICIAL STAMP PAPER OF RS.10/- DULY ATTESTED BY NOTARY)

I, _____, Son/Daughter of _____, resident of _____, a candidate with _____ (name and extent of the disability) appearing for Delhi Judicial Service Examination – 2023 vide Application No. _____ hereby declare as under:

1. That my qualification is _____

CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM 2 OR 3 OR 4:-

2. That I do not wish to avail the facility of scribe but require Compensatory Time.

OR

3. That I wish to avail the facility of scribe to be provided by Delhi High Court.

OR

4. That I wish to bring my own scribe, the particulars of whom are given as below:

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| (i) | Name of the Scribe | : |
| (ii) | Father's Name | : |
| (iii) | Residential Address | : |
| (iv) | Educational Qualifications | : |
| (v) | Mobile No. of the scribe | : |

SPACE FOR FIXING OF PHOTOGRAPH OF SCRIBE

I do hereby undertake that his/her qualification is _____. In case, subsequently, at any stage, it is found that his/her qualification is not as declared by the undersigned and is beyond my qualification or is otherwise as disclosed, I shall forfeit my candidature and claims relating thereto.

That I further state that the scribe whose assistance I would be taking during Delhi Judicial Service Preliminary Examination – 2023 is neither a Graduate in Law nor pursuing any course in Law.

5. That I further understand that my scribe would read out the questions and the answer options to me and the option chosen by me shall be marked by him in the answer sheet.
6. That I undertake that after the distribution of question paper, I will not be allowed to forego the facility of scribe (own/provided by Delhi High Court).
7. That I understand that in case of any malpractice adopted by me or my scribe, I shall be fully responsible for that and such act would render my candidature cancelled for the aforesaid examination besides attracting appropriate legal action against me.

DEPONENT

Verification:

Verified on _____ day of _____, 2023 that the contents of above affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DEPONENT