

Odisha Judicial Services Syllabus 2024

Preliminary Exam Syllabus

Constitution of India Syllabus

Topics Covered in Constitution of India for Odisha Judicial Services Exam	
Topic	Subtopics
Constitution	Meaning of the term, Indian Constitution: Sources and constitutional history, Features: Citizenship, Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy
Union Government and its Administration	Structure of the Indian Union: Federalism, Centre-State relationship, President: Role, power and position, PM and Council of ministers, Cabinet and Central Secretariat, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha
State Government and its Administration	Governor: Role and Position, CM and Council of ministers, State Secretariat: Organisation, Structure and Functions
Local Administration	District's Administration head: Role and Importance, Municipalities: Introduction, Mayor and role of Elected Representative, CEO of Municipal Corporation, Panchayati Raj: Introduction, PRI: Zila Panchayat, Elected officials and their roles, CEO Zila Panchayat:

	Position and role, Block level: Organizational Hierarchy (Different departments), Village level: Role of Elected and Appointed officials, Importance of grassroots democracy
Election Commission	Election Commission: Role and Functioning, Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners, State Election Commission: Role and Functioning
Institutes and Bodies for Welfare	Institutes and Bodies for the welfare of SC/ST/OBC and women

Code of Civil Procedure Syllabus

Topics Covered in Code of Civil Procedure Syllabus for Odisha Judicial Services Exam		
Main Topic	Subtopics	Details
Suits in General	Definition	Decree, decree holder, judgment, judgment debtor, legal representative, mesne profit, order and pleader, Cause of action
	Jurisdiction of the Courts	Subject matter, territorial and pecuniary
	Res subjudice	Definition and application

	Res judicata	Definition and application
	Foreign Judgment	Recognition and enforcement
Suits	Parties to Suits	Roles and responsibilities
	Framing of Suits	Procedures and requirements
	Pleadings generally	Order VI
	Plaint	Order VII
	Written Statement	Order VIII (Set-off & Counter-claim)
	Appearances	Exparte Decree, dismiss for default
	Costs and Interest	Calculation and application
	Filing a Caveat	Procedures and implications
Trial of suits and Execution of Decrees	Summons	Issue and Service of Summons
	Summoning and Attendance of witnesses	Procedures and regulations
	Withdrawal and adjustment of Suits	Rules and processes

	Examination of parties by the court	Procedures and significance
	Temporary & permanent injunction and Interlocutory Orders	Definitions and applications
	Arrest and Attachment before Judgment	Procedures and implications
	Execution of Decrees	Executing Court, Modes of Execution, etc.
Appeals, Reference, Review and Revision	General provisions relating to appeals	Procedures and significance
	First Appeal	Definition and process
	Second Appeal	Definition and process
	Appeals to the Supreme Court	Process and requirements
	Appealable Orders	Types and procedures
	Reference	Procedures and significance
	Review	Grounds and procedures
	Revision	Grounds and procedures

	Inherent Powers of Court	Scope and application
Special suits	Suits by/against minors and persons of unsound mind	Procedures and protections
	Suits by/ and against indigent people	Rules and support mechanisms
	Suit by/and against the Government	Procedures and implications
The Limitation Act, 1963	General Provisions as to the Bar of Limitation and Extension of the prescribed time	Sections 1-5
	Legal Disability, exclusion of time etc.	Sections 6-24
	Acquisition and Extinguishment of Proprietary rights by the virtue of limitation	Sections 25-27

Code of Criminal Procedure Syllabus

Topics covered in Code of Criminal Procedure Syllabus		
Main Topic	Subtopics	Details

Arrest	Meaning and purpose of arrest	Definition and objectives of arrest
	Arrest with a warrant	Procedure and conditions
	Arrest without a warrant	Circumstances and legal basis
	Arrest by a private Person	Rights and limitations
	Arrest of a woman	Special provisions and protections
	Arrest how made	Procedure and legal requirements
Search and Seizure	Search with a warrant	Legal process and requirements
	Search without a warrant	Conditions and exceptions
	General provisions relating to searches	Legal standards and guidelines
	Illegalities in a search and its consequences	Legal ramifications and remedies
Investigation	Meaning and purpose of Investigation	Definition and objectives

	Who can investigate?	Authorized personnel
	When police can investigate?	Legal conditions and procedures
	Information to the police	Reporting procedures
	F.I.R. and procedure after the recording of the F.I.R	Steps following the filing of an FIR
	Evidentiary value of statements made to the police	Legal significance and admissibility
	Investigation in the case of unnatural deaths and suicides, in police custody	Procedures and special considerations
Bail	Bail: concept, purpose: constitutional overtones	Definition, purpose, and constitutional context
	When release on bail is mandatory?	Conditions requiring mandatory bail
	When release on bail is Discretion?	Situations allowing judicial discretion
	Anticipatory bail	Conditions and procedure
Charge	Framing of charge	Procedure and legal requirements

	Form and content of charge	Legal standards for framing charges
	Separate charges for distinct offence	Rules for handling multiple offenses
	Discharge – pre-charge evidence	Criteria and process for discharge
Trials	Trial before a court of session	Procedures and regulations
	Trial of warrant cases	Legal procedures for warrant cases
	Procedure for trial in a summons case	Steps and legal requirements
	Summary trials	Simplified trial procedures
Appeal, Reference, Revision and Transfer	Appeal	Process and legal considerations
	Reference to High Court	Procedures and significance
	Revision	Grounds and process
	Transfer of cases	Conditions and procedures

Maintenance of wives, children and Parents	Essential conditions for granting maintenance	Legal criteria and requirements
	Jurisdiction of Magistrates	Authority and legal scope
	Alteration of allowance	Conditions and procedures
	Cancellation of the order of the maintenance	Grounds and legal

Evidence Act Syllabus

Topics Covered in Evidence Act Subject for Odisha Judicial Services Exam	
Doctrine of res gestae	Public and private documents
Conspiracy	Presumption (Section 79, 80, 85, 85A, 85B, 85C, 88A, 90, 90A)
Plea of alibi	Exclusion of oral by documentary evidence
Other relevant fact (Section 7, 8,9,12, 13, 14, 15, 16,34, 42,43, 44)	Ambiguous documents
Admission	Burden of Proof
Confessions (Section 28-31)	Estoppel

Dying Declaration	Witnesses
Relevancy of certain evidence for proving the truth of facts in subsequent proceeding (Section 33)	Privileged Communications
Expert Testimony	Accomplice
Opinion of third person	Examination of witnesses (Section 136-140, 143-153, 155)
Character when relevant	Leading questions (Section 141, 142)
Oral, documentary, primary and secondary evidence (Section 59-65)	Hostile witness (Section 155)
	Refreshing Memory (Section 159)

Indian Penal Code Syllabus

Topics Covered in Indian Penal Code Syllabus for Odisha Judicial Services Exam	
Essential Elements of Crime – Actus Reus & Mens Rea	Receiving Stolen Property & Cheating
Stages of Crime	Mischief & Criminal Trespass
General Explanations	Offences relating to Documents
Punishments	Offences relating to Marriage – Bigamy, Adultery, Cruelty

General Exceptions	Crime against Women
Abetment	Criminal Intimidation
Hurt & Grievous Hurt	Insulting Modesty of Woman
Wrongful Restraint & Confinement	Defamation
Theft, Extortion, Robbery, Dacoity	Attempt to Commit Offences
Criminal Misappropriation of Property & Criminal Breach of Trust	

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Transfer of Property Act Syllabus

Topics Covered in Transfer of Property Act Syllabus for Odisha Judicial Services Exam	
Movable & Immovable Property	Doctrine of election
Instrument	Rule relating to apportionment
Attestation	Doctrine of holding out
Registration	Feeding the grant by estoppel
Attached to earth	Doctrine of priority
Actionable claim	Transfer lis pendens
Notice	Doctrine of part performance
Movable and Immovable property	Meaning, essentials and kinds of mortgage

Transfer of property- meaning and elements	Right to redeem
What kinds of property can be transferred	Right to foreclosure or sale
Restrictions on alienation of property	Doctrine of priority
Restrictions on enjoyment of property	Doctrine of marshalling and contribution
Transfer to unborn person	Doctrine of subrogation
Rule against perpetuity	Charges
Vested and contingent interests	Conditional transfers
Ulterior transfer	

Contract Act Syllabus

Topics Covered in Contract Act Syllabus for Odisha Judicial Services Exam	
Contract: Meaning, Nature and Types	Agreements against Public Policy
Historical Background of Indian Contract Laws	Agreements with Unlawful Consideration
Indian Contract Act, 1872	Agreements without Consideration
Major Definitions under Indian Contract Act, 1872	Agreements in Restraint of Marriage

Formation of an Agreement	Agreements in Restraint of Trade
Intention to Create Legal Relationship	Agreements in Restraint of Legal Proceedings
Proposal and Acceptance - Their various forms, Essential Elements	Ambiguous and Uncertain Agreements
Communication	Wagering Agreements – Its exceptions
Revocation - Mode of Revocation of Offer	Contingent Contracts
What agreements are Contracts	By Performance
Legal Disability to Enter into Contract	Performance by Joint Promisors
Minors, Persons of Unsound Mind	Discharge by Novation – Remission
Effects of Minors Agreement	Accord and Satisfaction
Persons disqualified by Law	Appropriation of Payments
Liability for Necessaries Supplied to the Minor	Discharge by Impossibility of Performance – Doctrine of Frustration
Indian Contract Act, 1872, (Ss. 10 – 12, 64, 65, 68); Specific Relief Act, 1963, (S.33); Indian Majority Act, 1875	Discharge by Breach – Anticipatory Breach – Actual breach

Consent – Definition	Recovering possession of property (Sec.- 5 to 8)
Free Consent and Vitiating Elements	Specific Performance: Ss. 9 – 24 of Specific Relief Act, 1965
Coercion	Injunctions: Ss. 36 – 41 of Specific Relief Act, 1965
Undue Influence	Declaratory Decrees (Sec.- 34 to 35)
Misrepresentation	Preventive Relief (Sec.- 36 to 43)
Mistake	Effect on Contracts influenced by any factor Vitiating Free Consent
Meaning and Nature of Consideration – NudumPactum	Void and Voidable Agreements
Doctrine of Privity of Contract and of Consideration - Its Exceptions	Legality of Object
Exceptions of consideration	Indian Contract Act, 1872: Sections 2(d), 2(f), 23 and 25
Adequacy of Consideration: Present, Past and Adequate Consideration	Unlawful Consideration and its Effect

Topics Covered Separately apart from other syllabus

Law of Succession (Indian Succession Act and Hindu Succession Act)
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Specific Relief Act

Main Exam Syllabus

Compulsory Paper

The paper will consist of two papers. Read thoroughly to understand the syllabus pattern and specific subjects in each paper.

Paper	Syllabus
Paper-1 General English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Translation and Retranslation of ten lines each○ A short essay of about 150 words○ Precis Writing consisting of 300 words○ One passage of about 500 words with 5 questions
Paper-2 Procedural Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973○ The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908○ The Indian Evidence Act, 1872

Optional Paper

Check the subjects thoroughly with the topics to comprehend the syllabus structure better for the optional paper.

Name of the Paper	Syllabus

Paper-1 (Law of Crime and Law of Torts)	Law of Crime and Law of Torts
Paper-2 (Personal Law)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hindu Law ○ Mohammedan Law
Paper-3 (Law of Property)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transfer of Property Act, 1882 ○ Specific Relief Act, 1963 ○ Indian Limitation Act, 1963
Paper-4 (Law of Contract)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indian Contract Act, 1972 ○ Sales of Goods Act, 1930 ○ Partnership Act, 1932 ○ Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881
Paper-5 (Jurisprudence and Constitution of India)	Jurisprudence and Constitution of India

Contract Act
Law of Succession (Indian Succession Act and Hindu Succession Act)