

**C. Competitive Examination:-**

- (1) The Competitive Examination for recruitment of Civil Judges shall consist of three stages i.e.,
- Preliminary Examination
  - Main Examination and
  - Viva-voce.

**(a) Preliminary Examination:-**

The Preliminary Examination will be conducted by way of Objective Type Question and Paper consisting of 100 marks and the syllabi for the said examination is as under:-

Part-A : Code of Civil Procedure, 1908;  
Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881;  
Transfer of Property Act, 1882;  
Indian Contract Act, 1872;  
Specific Relief Act, 1963;  
Indian Constitution; and  
Karnataka Rent Act, 1999.

Part-B : Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and  
Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023;  
Indian Penal Code, 1860 and  
Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; and  
Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and  
Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023;

Part-C : General knowledge – Test of reasoning  
and mental ability.

**(b) Main Examination:-**

- (i) **Translation Paper** (Maximum Marks 100)

There will be one translation paper and the candidates will be required to translate passages in English into Kannada and Kannada into English. The Passages will be from (1) Depositions (2) Judgments and (3) Documents.

- (ii) **Law Paper - I** (Maximum Marks 100)

The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908;

The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and  
Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023;

The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and  
Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023;

Principles of Pleading and  
The Constitution of India.

- (iii) **Law Paper - II** (Maximum Marks 100)

Framing of Issues and Writing of Judgments in Civil Cases.

- (iv) **Law Paper - III** (Maximum Marks 100)  
Framing of Charges and Writing of Judgments in Criminal Cases.

(c) **Viva-voce** (Maximum Marks 100)

The candidate's General Knowledge, grasp of Principles of Law and suitability for appointment as Civil Judge will be tested.

(d) **Computer Test** (Maximum Marks 25)

The test of knowledge of computers shall carry maximum 25 marks and such marks secured by the candidate shall be considered for ascertaining the suitability and computer knowledge of the candidates and will not be aggregated to the total marks obtained in the Written Examination and Viva-voce.

Note: The candidates are permitted to write the Main Examination either in English or in Kannada.

(e) **Eligibility for Preliminary Examination, Main Examination and Viva-voce.**

- (i) Minimum marks for pass in the Preliminary Examination is 50 for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Persons with Benchmark Disability category and 60 for others.
- (ii) From among the candidates who are eligible for written examination as per the clause (i) above, as far as may be, such number of candidates as is equal to 10 (ten) times the number of vacancies notified, having regard to the number of vacancies in each reserved category, selected in the order of merit, will be called for Written Examination.
- (iii) Minimum marks for pass in each paper of the Written Examination is 40 for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Persons with Benchmark Disability category and 50 for others.
- (iv) From among the candidates who are eligible for Viva-voce as per the clause (iii) above, as far as may be, such number of candidates as is equal to 3 (three) times the number of vacancies notified, having regard to the number of vacancies in each reserved category, selected in the order of merit, will be called for Viva-voce.
- (v) Minimum marks for pass in the Viva-voce shall be 20% marks for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Persons with Benchmark Disability category and 25% marks for others.

Provided that no candidate who has secured less than the minimum marks specified above:

- (i) in any paper of the Written Examination shall be eligible for Viva - voce.
- (ii) in any paper of the Written Examination or in Viva-voce shall be eligible for appointment as Civil Judge.

A candidate belonging to the Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes / Persons with Benchmark Disability category has to secure the

following minimum marks in the Preliminary Examination, Main Written Examination and Viva-voce in order to be considered for selection under General Category:

Preliminary Examination	60 Marks
Main Written Examination	50 Marks in each paper
Viva-voce	25 Marks

**5. Probation and Training:-**

The candidate selected and appointed will be initially on probation for two years or for extended period, if necessary. Further, the candidates who are appointed to the post of Civil Judge pursuant to their selection through direct recruitment must compulsorily undergo training for a period of not less than one year before presiding the Court.

The candidate shall pass the Kannada Language Examination conducted by the Karnataka Public Service Commission in accordance with the Karnataka Civil Services (Services and Kannada Language Examinations) Rules, 1974.

**6. Mode of applying online application and Payment of Fee:-**

- (a) The candidate shall ensure that he/she fulfills the eligibility criteria and other norms and while submitting online application and all the particulars furnished by the candidate are correct in all respects. The candidate shall read all the instructions carefully before submitting online application. The candidate shall apply by visiting the High Court of Karnataka website <https://judiciary.karnataka.gov.in//> Applications submitted by any other mode other than online will not be considered.
- (b) Before final submission of the application by the candidate, it shall be ensured that the information furnished is correct in all respects and necessary fee is paid. After submission, application number will be generated which shall be preserved for future reference. A printout of the application shall also be taken for reference.
- (c) The candidate shall upload all documents relating to Education Qualification and Reservation Claimed.
- (d) While submitting application through online, the candidate shall make online payment of prescribed fee through State Bank of India (SBI) e-pay payment gateway. The fee can be paid through online mode only through Net Banking /Debit Card/Credit Card/UPI ID. It may be noted that fee once paid will not be returned under any circumstances.
- (e) The applications which are not submitted within the last date and the applications to which the prescribed fee is not paid within the last date, such incomplete applications will be rejected.

**The last date for submission of online application and payment of fee is 15.05.2026.**