NOTE-1:

(a) From out of the vacancies reserved for each of the categories and for the un-reserved categories, to the extent of four percentum of the vacancies shall be reserved horizontally for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities having not less than 40% Permanent physical disability as specified in the Schedule to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) excluding cerebral palsy.

Provided that in case of non-availability of suitable Persons with Benchmark Disability or for any other sufficient reasons, such vacancy shall be carried forward to the subsequent recruitment year and if in the subsequent recruitment year also suitable Persons with Benchmark Disability is not available, it may first be filled by interchange among the five categories and only when there is no Person with Disability available for the post of that year, such vacancy shall be filled other than a Person with Disability.

(b) In the event of non-availability or availability of insufficient number of eligible women candidate(s) belonging to any particular category, the vacancies or, as the case may be, the remaining vacancies shall be filled up by eligible male candidate(s) of that category.

(c) In case of non-availability or availability of insufficient number of candidates of any reserved category of S.C., S.T. and S.E.B.C., the vacancies shall be filled up by the candidates of the un-reserved category as per Rule-17(3) of the O. S. J.S & O.J.S. Rules, 2007.

NOTE-2:

(a) The candidates applying against SEBC Category (Non-Creamy Layer) must submit Caste Certificate issued by the Competent Authority not more than 03 years before the date of submission of Online Application Form. Candidates furnishing SEBC certificate which is issued more than 03 years prior to the date of submission of Online Application, shall not be considered under SEBC category.

(b) PwD Candidates must upload their Permanent Disability Certificate. Certificate showing Temporary Disability will not be accepted and the application shall be liable for rejection.

(c) According to the Odisha Ex-Servicemen (Recruitment to State Civil Services and Posts) Amendment Rules, 2021 issued vide General Administration and Public Grievance Department Notification No. 15318/Gen., dt. 09.06.2021, those Ex-Servicemen who have already secured regular employment under the State Government in civil posts and services shall not be eligible for benefit of reservation if any, for Ex-Servicemen in the State Government, but they would be permitted the benefit of age relaxation as admissible for Ex-Servicemen for securing another employment in any higher post or service under the State Government.

(d) Experience has shown that, some candidates obtain SC/ST/SEBC certificate etc. immediately ahead of the date of Application and upload the same along with Online Application, only to secure admission to the examination, which sometimes get cancelled subsequently on the grounds of inadmissibility etc. If any such cancellation of any uploaded certificate is detected at any stage of the recruitment examination or even subsequently, the candidature of such candidates will be cancelled or recommendation be withdrawn as the case may be if the candidate has availed the benefits of Reservation.

(e) The number of vacancies to be filled up on the basis of this recruitment is subject to change by the Government without notice, depending upon the exigencies of public service at the discretion of the State Government.

3. AGE:

A candidate must be not below **23 (Twenty three)** years of age and not above **42 (Forty two)** years of age as on the **1st day of the month of April, 2025** and he/she must not have been born earlier than the **2nd April 1983** and not later than the **1st April 2002**.

Provided that, the upper age limit shall be relaxed by five years for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC), Women, Ex-servicemen and Commissioned / Short Service Commission Officers of the Defense Services and by ten years for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs) as referred to in sub-rule (5) of Rule- 17, in addition to the normal age relaxation admissible to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and SEBC category candidates.

The upper age limit shall be relaxed by seven years for candidates having Service experience as a Law Clerk/Research Assistant to any Judge or Judicial Officer in the Country, or to any Constitutional Authority.

Provided that a candidate who comes under more than one category mentioned above, he/she shall be eligible for only one benefit of upper age relaxation, which shall be considered most beneficial to him/her.

(SAVE AS PROVIDED ABOVE THE AGE LIMITS PRESCRIBED CAN IN NO CASE BE RELAXED).

Date of birth entered in the High School Certificate or equivalent certificate issued by the concerned Board/Council will only be accepted by the Commission.

4. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:

A candidate must be a graduate in Law of a recognized University or Institutions recognized by the Government and having at least 03 years of practice as an advocate on 1st April 2025.

Provided that, the period of experience as a Law Clerk/Research Assistant to any Judge or Judicial Officer in the Country, or to any Constitutional Authority shall be counted towards the period of legal practice.

N.B. : A candidate of the above category should furnish with his/her application necessary evidence to the effect that his/her case has been recommended by the competent authority and that he or she satisfies the aforesaid conditions of eligibility.

5. EXAMINATION FEE:

As per Odisha payment of recruitment examination fees and Refund Rules, 2025 published vide Government in G.A. & P.G. Department Notification No. 34124-GAD-SC-rules-0020/2025/Gen. dated 10.10.2025, the candidates other than SC, ST and PwD category shall have to pay the Examination fees.

The candidates other than SC, ST and PwD category shall have to pay the examination fee amounting to **Rupees Seven Hundred (₹700/-) only** through online mode while filling the Online Application Form. The examination fees paid shall **be refunded only to those candidates who actually appear in the Preliminary Written Examination. Applications without payment of examination fees (except SC/ ST/ PwD candidates) will be taken as incomplete and outrightly be rejected.**

Refund shall be issued in due course after completion of the Written Examination. Refunds will be processed to the original mode of payment used at the time of the transaction by the candidate. (Credit Card, Debit Card, UPI, Net Banking, Wallet etc.)However, the candidates shall have to furnish their bank account details i.e. Account Number, IFSC Code, Name of the Account Holder and Name of the Bank branch in the required field in the Online Application Form which will be required in case of failure of refund of money through the original mode of payment owing to technical glitches or other issues, if any. The Bank Account must remain valid/active. The onus of furnishing the correct bank account details lies with the candidates and the Commission (OPSC) shall not entertain any correspondence from any candidate in this regard.

6. PLAN OF EXAMINATION:

The selection of candidates for recruitment to the cadre of Civil Judges (Junior Division) shall be made through competitive examination, which shall consist of three parts; viz- Preliminary Written Examination, Main Written Examination and Interview as per the provisions of the Odisha Superior Judicial Service & Odisha Judicial Service Rules, 2007 (as amended from time to time) and the syllabus as specified below:-

A. Preliminary Written Examination :

(I) The Preliminary written examination shall be of one paper carrying 100 marks with duration of one and half hours of examination with objective type questions of multiple choice **100 questions of one mark each with negative marks of twenty-five percent for every wrong answer allotted to that particular question** on the following subjects and the OMR answer sheets will be scrutinized by Computer.

(a) The Constitution of India

(b) The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908

(c) The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023

(d) The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023

(e) The Indian Penal Code, 1860 and The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023

(f) The Limitation Act

(g) The Transfer of Property Act

(h) The Law of Contract

(i) The Law of Succession (Indian Succession Act and Hindu Succession Act)

(j) The Specific Relief Act

(k) The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, and any other relevant topics in law(s), as the High Court of Orissa may specify from time to time.

N.B.: - The Commission shall call the eligible candidates for Main Written Examination, who have secured not less than **35 (thirty-five) per centum of marks** in case of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities and **40 (forty) per centum of marks** in case of others in the Preliminary Written Examination.

B. Main Written Examination:

(II) The main written examination shall be on the following two compulsory papers and three optional papers. Each of the compulsory subjects shall carry 150 marks with a duration of **2 ½ (two and half) hours** of examination and each of the optional subjects shall carry 150 marks with a duration of **three hours.**

(1) ***Compulsory Papers.***

PAPER - 1

General English-

(a) Translation and retranslation of ten lines each
(b) A short Essay of about 150 words
(c) Precis writing consisting of 300 words
(d) 1 (one) passage of about 500 words with 5 questions

} 150 Marks

N.B.: - For "Translation and retranslation of ten lines each", there will be two passages, i.e. one in English to be translated into Odia and another in Odia to be retranslated into English.

PAPER – 2

Procedural Laws-

(a) The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and
The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023
(b) The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
(c) The Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and
The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023

} 150 Marks

(2) Optional Papers.

A candidate may choose any of the **three subjects** among the following:

(i) Law of Crime & Law of Torts: -- -- 150 Marks

(ii) Personal Laws:
(a) Hindu Law
(b) Mohammedan Law

} 150 Marks