



EXAM-DAY · 90-MIN REVISION CARD

Judiciary

*Print this · Fold it · Carry to the exam-hall gate · Revise once · Then walk in.***FORMULAS & KEY RESULTS**

SUPREME COURT — Article 124.
Composition: CJI + up to 33 judges.
Retirement 65.

HIGH COURTS — Article 214. 25
HCs in India. Retirement 62.

DISTRICT COURTS — Article 233.
District Judge + Sessions Judge.
Retirement 60.

WRITS — SC Article 32 (FR only).
HC Article 226 (FR + any other
purpose, wider scope).

COLLEGIUM (SC) = CJI + 4 senior-
most SC judges. Collegium (HC) =
CJI + 2 senior SC judges.

APPOINTMENT — Article 124(2).
President + Collegium concurrence.

REMOVAL — Article 124(4). Special
majority both Houses + same
session.

JUDICIAL REVIEW — Articles 13,
32, 226, 137. Examines
constitutionality of laws + executive.

BASIC STRUCTURE DOCTRINE —
Kesavananda Bharati 1973, 13-
judge bench, 7-6 majority.

TRIBUNALS — Articles 323A
(admin) and 323B (other). Quasi-
judicial; appeals to HC.

BINDING DECISIONS — Article 141
(SC decisions bind all courts in
India).

QUALIFICATIONS for SC judge —
Article 124(3): 5 yr HC judge OR 10
yr HC advocate OR distinguished
jurist.

TOP 5 PYQ PATTERNS**1 Hierarchy of courts in India***5 marks · 95% of years*SC → HC → District → Subordinate · Article reference per
level · jurisdiction + composition + retirement age.**2 Appointment + Collegium system***5 marks · 90% of years*Article 124(2) · Three Judges Cases · Collegium
composition (SC=CJI+4, HC=CJI+2) · NJAC + 2015 striking
down.**3 Judicial review + Kesavananda Bharati***5 marks · 85% of years*Define · Indian constitutional source (Articles
13/32/226/137) · Kesavananda 1973 13-judge 7-6 · basic-
structure doctrine + named elements.**4 Removal of judges***3 marks · 80% of years*Article 124(4) · motion + special majority + same session ·
note no judge has been removed in India yet.**5 Tribunals vs Courts***3 marks · 75% of years*Articles 323A/B · quasi-judicial · simpler procedure ·
specialised · appeals to HC · ITAT/CAT/NGT examples.**90-MIN REVISION FLOW****0-15 min**Memorise the four levels (SC/HC/District/
Subordinate) with Article numbers and
retirement ages.**15-30 min**Memorise Collegium composition
(SC=CJI+4, HC=CJI+2) and the Three
Judges Cases timeline (1981, 1993,
1998).**30-50 min**Practise the hierarchy 5-mark answer +
appointment 5-mark answer using topper
templates.**50-70 min**Memorise Kesavananda Bharati (1973,
13-judge, 7-6 majority, basic structure) +
4 other major cases applying the
doctrine.**70-85 min**Practise judicial review + tribunals
questions. Distinguish judicial review
from court 'veto'.**85-90 min**Self-check: from memory, list all key
article numbers (124, 214, 226, 32, 137,
141, 142, 323A/B, 233).**Confidence, not anxiety.** You've practised this all year. Trust your steps. Don't change strategy on exam morning. Helpline: +91 70330
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