

KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DETAILED SYLLABUS FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT IN KERALA ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (CATEGORY NO.269/2025)

(TOTAL 100 MARKS)

Distribution of Marks and Detailed Syllabus

I	General Knowledge		
	i	History	2
	ii	Geography	2
	iii	Economics	2
	iv	Life Science and Public Health	2
	v	Physics	2
	vi	Chemistry	2
II	Current Affairs		8
III	Simple Arithmetic, Mental Ability and Reasoning		5
IV	General English		5
V	Regional Language (Malayalam, Kannada,Tamil)		10
VI	Law		60

Detailed Syllabus

I. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

(i) HISTORY (2 Marks)

KERALA - Arrival of Europeans-Contributions of Europeans- History of Travancore from Marthanda Varma to Sree Chithirathirunnaal- Social and Religious Reform movement- National movement in Kerala- Literary Sources of Kerala History- United Kerala Movement- Political and Social History of Kerala after 1956.

INDIA – Political History- Establishment of the British- First War of Independence – Formation of INC- Swadeshi Movement- Social Reform movement- Newspapers - Literature and Arts during the freedom struggle – Independence Movement & Mahatma Gandhi - India's independent –Post independent period - State reorganization – Development in Science, Education, and Technology – Foreign policy.

WORLD – Great Revolution in England- American War of Independence –French Revolution- Russian Revolution – Chinese Revolution- Political History after Second World War- UNO and other International Organizations

ii) GEOGRAPHY (2 Marks)

Basics of Geography – Earth Structure – Atmosphere, Rocks, Landforms, Pressure Belt and Winds, Temperature and Seasons, Global Issues- Global Warming- Various forms of Pollution, Maps- Topographic Maps and Signs, Remote Sensing – Geographic Information System, Oceans and its various movements – Continents, – Nations and their specific features.

INDIA – Physiography- States and its features, Northern Mountain Region, Rivers, Northern Great Plain, Peninsular Plateau, Coastal Plain, Climate – Natural Vegetation - Agriculture – Minerals and Industries- Energy Sources, Transport system – Road- Water- Railways- Air.

Kerala – Physiography- Districts and its features - Rivers- Climate – Natural Vegetation - Wild life - Agriculture and research centers – Minerals and Industries - Energy Sources - Transport system – Road - Water- Railway- Air

(iii) ECONOMICS (2 Marks)

India : Economy, Five Year Plans, New Economic Reforms, Planning Commission and Niti Aayog, Financial Institutions, Agriculture – Major Crops, Green Revolution, Minerals. Direct and indirect taxes in India, GST in India- rationale and structure of GST, benefits of GST.

(iv) Life Science and Public Health (2 Marks)

1. Basic facts of Human Body
2. Vitamins and Minerals and their Deficiency Diseases
3. Communicable Diseases and Causative Organisms, Preventive and Remedial Measures
4. Kerala – Welfare activities in Health Sector
5. Lifestyle Diseases.
6. Basic Health Facts
7. Environment and Environmental Hazards

(v) Physics (2 Marks)

- 1) Branches of Physics – Matter - Units, Measurements - Physical Quantities.
- 2) Motion - Newton's Laws of Motion - Third law – Momentum - Projectile Motion - Uses of Third Law - Achievements in space missions in India-ISRO.
- 3) Light- Lens, Mirrors - Problems based on $r = 2f$ - Different phenomena of Light - Rainbow -

Colours of different materials - Electromagnetic Spectrum – IR rays- UV rays - X rays - Photoelectric Effect.

- 4) Sound - Different types of Waves - Velocity of Sound in different media -Resonance – Reverberation.
- 5) Force - Different types of Forces – Friction - Advantages and disadvantages of Friction - Liquid Pressure - Buoyant Force – Archimedes Principle - Pascal's law – Density - Relative density- Adhesive Cohesive forces- Capillarity - Viscous force - Surface tension.
- 6) Gravitation - Centripetal Force - Centrifugal Force - Escape Velocity,Satellites - Escape Velocity - Weight Mass - value of 'g' - 'g' in different places.
- 7) Heat - Temperature - Different types of thermometers – Humidity -Relative Humidity.
- 8) Work - Energy - Power - Simple problems relating to Work, Energy,Power, Levers - Different types of Levers.

(vi) Chemistry (2 Marks)

1. Atom – Molecule - States of Matter – Allotropy - Gas laws - Aqua regia.
2. Elements - Periodic Table-Metals &Non metals-Chemical Physical changes- Chemical reactions- Solutions, Mixtures, Compounds.
3. Metals-Non metals – Alloys – Acids, Bases - pH value – Alkaloids.

II. Current Affairs (8 Marks)

III. Simple Arithmetic, Mental Ability and Reasoning (5 Marks)

(i) Simple Arithmetic

1. Numbers and Basic Operations
2. Fraction and Decimal Numbers
3. Percentage
4. Profit and Loss
5. Simple and Compound Interest
6. Ratio and Proportion
7. Time and Distance
8. Time and Work
9. Average
10. Laws of Exponents
11. Mensuration
12. Progressions

(ii) Mental Ability & Reasoning

1. Series
2. Problems on Mathematical Signs
3. Verifying Positions.
4. Analogy- Word Analogy, Alphabet Analogy, Number Analogy
5. Odd man out
6. Numerical Ability
7. Coding and Decoding
8. Family Relations
9. Sense of Direction
10. Time and Angles
11. Time in a clock and its reflection
12. Date and Calendar
13. Clerical Ability

IV. GENERAL ENGLISH (5 M a r k s)**(i) English Grammar**

1. Types of Sentences and Interchange of Sentences.
2. Different Parts of Speech.
3. Agreement of Subject and Verb.
4. Articles - The Definite and the Indefinite Articles.
5. Uses of Primary and Modal A u x i l i a r y Verbs
6. Tag Questions
7. Infinitive and Gerunds
8. Tenses
9. Tenses in Conditional Sentences
10. Prepositions
11. The Use of Correlatives
12. Direct and Indirect Speech
13. Active and Passive voice
14. Correction of Sentences

(ii) Vocabulary

1. Singular & Plural, Change of Gender, Collective Nouns
2. Word formation from other words and use of prefix or suffix

3. Compound words
4. Synonyms
5. Antonyms
6. Phrasal Verbs
7. Foreign Words and Phrases
8. One Word Substitutes
9. Words often confused
10. Spelling Test
11. Idioms and their Meanings

V. REGIONAL LANGUAGE (10 Marks)

Malayalam

1. പദശുദ്ധി
2. വാക്യശുദ്ധി
3. പരിഭാഷ
4. ഒറ്റപ്പദം
5. പര്യായം
6. വിപരീത പദം
7. ശൈലികൾ പഴഞ്ചൊല്ലുകൾ
8. സമാനപദം
9. ചേർത്തെഴുതുക
10. സ്ത്രീലിംഗം പുല്ലിംഗം
11. വചനം
12. പിരിച്ചെഴുതൽ
13. ഘടക പദം (വാക്യം ചേർത്തെഴുതുക)

Tamil

- 1) Correct Word
- 2) Correct Structure of Sentence
- 3) Translation
- 4) Single Word
- 5) Synonyms
- 6) Antonyms / Opposite
- 7) Phrases and Proverbs
- 8) Equal Word
- 9) Join the Word
- 10) Gender Classification – Feminine, Masculine
- 11) Singular, Plural
- 12) Separate
- 13) Adding Phrases

Kannada

1. Word Purity / Correct Word
2. Correct Sentence
3. Translation
4. One Word / Single Word / One Word Substitution
5. Synonyms
6. Antonyms
7. Idioms and Proverbs
8. Equivalent Word
9. Join the Word
10. Feminine Gender, Masculine Gender
11. Number
12. Sort and Write

LAW : 60 MARKS

MODULE- I: JURISPRUDENCE, LEGAL THEORY, PRINCIPLES OF LEGISLATION, LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING AND INTERPRETATION(6 Marks)

Different schools of thought-nature of law - theories of law - theories of justice - relationship between law and morality - sources of law including legislation, custom, precedent, personal laws, international conventions and treaties - doctrine of stare decisis and its exceptions - ratio decidendi - obiter dicta - overruling prospective overruling - elements of law including legal right, duty, liability, property, ownership, possession and title; and their classifications - jural postulates-utilitarian theory of legislation and its criticisms - general principles of interpretation - construction of statutes - grammatical rule - logical rule- golden rule - mischief rule - ejusdem generis rule - specific principles of interpretation - contextual interpretation - historical interpretation - contemporaneous exposition- in pari materia - in bonam partem- strict interpretation - beneficial interpretation - interpretation of penal statutes and fiscal statutes - interpretation of Constitution - different kinds of statutes - contents of a statute - non-obstante clause - proviso - General Clauses Act, 1897 - judicial process and creativity - judicial self-restraint - judicial legislation

MODULE- II: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (6 Marks)

Constituent Assembly - Preamble - citizenship - concept of State and law - fundamental rights - directive principles - fundamental duties - structure, power and functions of Governments - Union Executive, Parliament and Judiciary - State Executive, Legislature and Judiciary - privileges of President, Governors, Parliament and State legislatures-independence of judiciary - Local Self Government Institutions (LSGIs) - co-operative societies - important Constitutional amendments - Constitutional authorities and their functions - Comptroller and Auditor General, Attorney General, Advocate General, Election Commission of India, State Election Commission, Union Public Service Commission, State

Public Service Commission - Finance Commission - State Finance Commission - GST Council- distribution of legislative and administrative powers - Union List- State List- Concurrent List - National Commission for Scheduled Castes - National Commission for Scheduled Tribes - National Commission for Backward Classes - official language- special directives relating to languages - writ jurisdiction- Public Interest Litigation - judicial review- basic structure theory- constitutional morality- transformative constitutionalism- legislative process - law and public opinion.

Delegated legislation and its controls - Constitutional law remedies against administrative arbitrariness - doctrine of ultra vires - administrative discretion and its controls - administrative adjudication - principles of natural justice - post decisional hearing - exception to the principles of natural justice - statutory remedies - contractual and tortious liability of the administration - privileges and immunities of administration in suits and to withhold documents - rule of law- legitimate expectation - proportionality - maladministration and remedies - statutory provisions relating to Lokpal, Lokayuktha, CVC and prevention of corruption - right to information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 - exemptions- powers and functions of Information Commission -Constitutional protection of civil servants - services under the Union and the States - Administrative Tribunals under Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985 - right to public services - The Kerala State Right to Service Act, 2012.

MODULE- III: MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL LAWS (CIVIL) (6 MARKS)

CPC-Suits of civil nature - stay of suits - res judicata- place of suing - general rules regarding pleadings - plaint - written statement - set off counter claim - parties to suits: joinder of parties, misjoinder of parties, non-joinder of parties - framing of issues - summons - modes of service of summons - appearance and non-appearance of parties and its consequences - examination of parties by the court - discovery and inspection - adjournment - amendment of pleadings - judgment, order and decree - execution - modes of execution - precept - garnishee order - caveat - appeal - second appeal - reference - review - revision - inherent powers - arrest and attachment before judgment - injunction - receiver - commission - special proceedings such as suits in particular cases - suit against government - inter pleader suit - suing in forma pauperis - suit by or against minors - representative suits - the Limitation Act, 1963 - Specific Relief Act, 1963 - commercial disputes and the provisions of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 - relating to the constitution of Commercial Courts, Commercial Appellate Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division in High Courts - jurisdiction, powers, authority and procedure of Gram Nyayalayas under the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008.

Tort - definition and development of the law of torts through case law - tortious liability - strict liability - absolute liability - vicarious liability -

liability relating to animals - negligence - remoteness of damage - contributory negligence - general defences - foreign tort - Indian Contract Act, 1872 - interpretation clause - Formation of Contract - Consideration - Necessity - Classification - Privity - Discharge of Contracts, Doctrine of accord and satisfaction - Essentials of Contract - Free consent- capacity of parties - voidable contracts and void agreements - contingent contracts - quasi contracts - quantum meruit - performance of contracts - modes of discharge - consequences of breach of contract - elements vitiating consent - Contracts of Indemnity and Guarantee - Contract of Bailment and Pledge-Agency-Sale of Goods Act, 1930 -partnership under the Partnership Act, 1932 - limited liability partnership under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 - standard form contracts - online contracts - click wrap agreements - browse wrap agreements - shrink wrap agreements - statutory provisions relating to online contracts under the Information Technology Act, 2000.

MODULE- IV: LAW OF EVIDENCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(6 MARKS)

Relevancy of facts as provided under the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 - types of evidence - facts which need not be proved - admissions and confessions - dying declaration - opinion evidence - character evidence - hearsay evidence - similar facts - oral and documentary evidence - doctrine of estoppel - burden of proof - competency of witnesses - privileged communications - examination of witnesses - presumptions - accomplice - approver - admissibility of electronic evidence. The Information Technology Act, 2000 - fundamentals of cyberspace - definitions - digital signature and electronic signature - e-governance-attribution, acknowledgement and despatch of electronic records - certifying authorities - controller - subscribers - intermediaries- penalties, compensation and adjudication - appellate tribunal- offences.

MODULE- V: MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL LAWS (CRIMINAL) (6 MARKS)

Concept of crime - Actus Reus & Mens Rea - General principles of criminal liability - absolute liability, vicarious liability and constructive liability - extent and operation- punishments under BNS, 2023 - general exceptions - abetment - criminal conspiracy -attempt - joint liability- common intention - common object - vicarious liability -Offences against human body - Offences against women and children - Offences against the State and public order - obstruction of public servants, false evidence, public nuisance, rash driving, obscenity - offences against religion- Offences against property.

Classification of offences under the BNSS, 2023 - functionaries under BNSS and their powers and functions - arrest - detention - investigation - inquiry- inquest - search and seizure - classification and powers of criminal courts - executive magistrates and their powers - public prosecutors - cognizance of offence and commencement of judicial

proceedings - processes to compel the attendance of persons and production of documents - bail - anticipatory bail - fair trial - Conditions requisite for initiation of proceedings - Cognizance of offence by Magistrate - Cognizance of offences by Court of Sessions - Prosecution of Judges and Public Servants - Prosecution of cases against marriage - Prosecution for defamation - Complaints to Magistrates - charge - contents of charge - separate charge for distinct offences - trial for more than one offence - discharge - acquittal - trial of summons case, warrant case and sessions case, summary trial - compoundable offence - plea bargaining - judgment - appeal - reference - revision - inherent powers - execution of sentence - remission - commutation and other connected matters - maintenance of wives, children and parents - victim compensation - special provisions for unsound accused - limitation for taking cognizance - irregular proceedings.

MODULE VI: LAW OF PROPERTY INCLUDING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (6 MARKS)

Concept of property - general principles of transfer under the Transfer of Property Act, 1882 - property that cannot be transferred - effect of transfer - rule against inalienability - rule against perpetuity - doctrine of election - transfer to unborn - covenants running with land - doctrine of apportionment - transfer by non-owners - direction for accumulation - conditional transfer - part performance - doctrine of lis pendence - fraudulent transfer - doctrine of acceleration - sale of immovable property - mortgage - lease - exchange - gift - charges - actionable claims - provisions relating to easements and licenses under the Indian Easements Act, 1882 - concept of incorporeal property - Intellectual Property - law relating to patent, copyright, design, trade mark, service mark, geographical indications, trade secrets, confidential information, plant varieties, farmers' rights, semiconductor integrated circuits layout-design - non-conventional trademarks.

MODULE VII: PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS (6 MARKS)

Nature, origin and sources - subjects of international law - relationship between international law and municipal law - the Indian practice and Constitutional provisions - States, non-state entities, international organizations and private individuals - State recognition - theory and practice - modes of recognition - State succession - State intervention - territorial sovereignty of State - rights and duties of States - State responsibility - formation of treaties - binding nature of treaties - extradition and asylum - air space - outer space - water territory - open sea - deep sea bed - common heritage of mankind - diplomatic privileges and immunities jurisdiction of International Court of Justice - International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea - Extradition Act, 1962 - Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and Other Maritime Zones

Act, 1976.

Philosophical foundation of the concept of human rights – evolution of the concept of human rights- International Bill of Human Rights - UDHR, 1948 - International Covenants of 1966 - ILO Conventions - international instruments relating to women, children, third gender, indigenous persons, environment and refugees - international humanitarian law - law of warfare and armed conflicts- International Criminal Court - piracy- genocide- aircraft hijacking - Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

MODULE VIII: LAW RELATING TO LAND AND ENVIRONMENT (6 MARKS)

Environmental protection- control of air pollution, noise and water pollution- wild life protection- protection of rights of forest dwellers - public liability insurance- Green Tribunal- biological diversity- protection of forests- statutory authorities for the protection of environment, their composition, powers and functions- Constitutional and international law provisions for environmental protection - contributions of judiciary to environmental jurisprudence - polluter pay - precautionary principle - absolute liability- sustainable development - public trust doctrine - public interest litigations - functions and powers of the LSGIs relating to land, buildings and environment- emerging concepts of green criminology and ecocide. Land Law - Acts and Rules relating to land acquisition for public purpose - land reforms - land ceiling - land assignment - revenue recovery- paddy fields - wetland - land conservancy - land development - building lease and rent controls and mining.

MODULE IX: INDUSTRIAL AND LABOUR LAW (6 MARKS)

Law relating to trade union- registration of trade unions – rights, privileges, immunities, duties and liabilities of registered trade union- collective bargaining – industry- industrial dispute - individual dispute- illegal strike and illegal lock-out- lay-off and retrenchment- transfer and closure of undertakings - reference and settlement of industrial dispute – unfair labour practices - machinery for the amicable settlement of industrial disputes - standing orders – employees’ compensation- concept of wages – deduction of wages – minimum wages – payment of bonus and gratuity- Employees State Insurance - Employees Provident Fund- health, safety and welfare measures for workers in factories, plantations, shops and commercial establishments- maternity benefit- prohibition of sexual harassment - The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

MODULE X: SPEEDY JUSTICE, LEGAL AID AND PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE SECTIONS (6 MARKS)

Right to information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 – exemptions - powers and functions of Information Commission - Concept of ADR- arbitration - conciliation – mediation - Arbitration and Conciliation

Act, 1996 - legal services, legal aid and Lok Adalaths - Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987- Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 - SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 - The Kerala State Commission for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes Act, 2007- Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 - National Human Rights Commission and State Human Rights Commission - Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007- The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016- The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 - Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 - Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 - National Commission for Women Act, 1990 - Kerala Women's Commission Act, 1990- National and State Commission for Women- Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005- Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO).

NOTE: - It may be noted that apart from the topics detailed above, questions from other topics prescribed for the educational qualification of the post may also appear in the question paper.

There is no undertaking that all the topics above may be covered in the question paper.