

Centre for Research and Development Office of Doctoral Studies

Syllabus for the Part B of

Kristu Jayanti University Entrance Test (KJUET)

Ph. D. Programme in Forensic Sciences

Unit I: Introduction to Forensic Science

Forensic Science: Definition, History & Development, Scope, Ethics in Forensic Science; Physical Evidence: Nature, Types, Search methods, Collection, Preservation, Packing & Forwarding of Physical & Trace evidence for forensic analyses, Chain of Custody; Crime Scene: Nature, Types, Preservation of Scene of Crime; Criminal Investigations: Unnatural deaths, Criminal assaults, Sexual offences, Poisoning, Vehicular accidents; Courts: Types, powers and jurisdiction, Admissibility of evidence in Courts, Definition of Experts, Court Procedures pertaining to Expert Testimony & Witness Forensic aspects of new laws: Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS); Organization of Forensic Science Laboratories: Centre and State, NCRB, NICFS; Fundamental Rights: Right of Equality (Articles 14 to 18), Right of Freedom (Articles 19 to 22) as per Constitution of India; Criminal Profiling: Profile of victim and culprit, Role in crime investigation, Lie detection (Polygraphy), Narco analysis, Brain mapping, Scope and limitations; Quality Control Management: Concept of quality control management in Forensic institutions, Importance of Accreditation of Forensic Science Laboratories.

Unit II: Instrumentation

Microscopy: Polarizing, Comparison, Stereoscopic, Fluorescent, Electron Microscopes; Spectrophotometry: UV, Visible, IR, Raman, Atomic absorption, Emission; Neutron Activation Analysis: Principle, Application; X-rays and X-ray Techniques: XRD, XRF; Mass Spectroscopy: Principle, Applications; Chromatographic Techniques: TLC, GLC, HPLC, HPTLC; Hyphenated Techniques: GC-MS, LC-MS, IR-MS, ICP-MS; Electrophoresis: High voltage electrophoresis, Low voltage electrophoresis, Immunoelectrophoresis; Immunoassays: Principle, Types, Techniques, Applications.

Unit III: Forensic Biology and Serology

Blood Stains: Detection, Identification; Species of Origin: Determination methods; Blood Group Systems: Types, Applications; Blood Grouping: Techniques of determination of blood groups of blood stains; Body Fluids: Detection of seminal and other body fluids, Blood grouping of body fluids, Red cell enzymes, Serum proteins of forensic significance; Disputed Parentage: Paternity testing, Maternity testing; DNA: Structure, DNA as genetic marker, DNA extraction techniques, DNA profiling techniques; DNA and RNA Profiling: DNA phenotyping, RNA profiling, Applications; Hair and Fibers: Nature, Types, Structure, Examination methods; Pollens and Diatoms: Applications in forensic investigation; Wildlife Forensics: Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, Scope, Evidences, Identification.

Unit IV: Forensic Chemistry and Toxicology

Alcohol Analysis: Ethyl alcohol in beverages, liquors, biological fluids, breath; Methanol and Denaturants: Analysis methods; Illicit Liquors: Detection, Analysis; Trap Cases: Analysis of chemicals; Toxic Substances: Metabolism and chemical examination of insecticides, pesticides, tranquillizers, sedatives, hypnotics, stimulants, narcotics, opiates, drugs of abuse, Toxicity evaluation; Poisons: Plant poisons, Metallic poisons; Poison Examination: Extraction, Isolation, Clean-up procedures, Identification from viscera, tissues, body fluids; Fire and Arson: Analysis of petroleum products, Other incendiary materials; Explosives: Definition, Types, Analysis methods; Bombs: Country-made bombs, Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), Examination; Explosion and Arson Cases: Investigation methods; Photography: Types, Applications in criminal investigation, Forensic evidence examination.

Unit V: Forensic Physics and Ballistics

Dust and Soil: Nature, Types, Forensic examination; Paint, Lacquer and Varnishes: Nature, Composition, Forensic examination; Glass: Composition, Types, Fractures, Examination; Cement, Mortar and Concrete: General composition, Forensic analysis; Firearms: Types, Classification, Ammunition and their compositions; Firearms Examination: Firearms, Ammunition, Firearm projectiles (bullets, shots, slug), Shell case; Gunshot Residues: Analysis methods; Ballistics: Concept of velocity, Penetration, Dispersion, Ricochet, Accidental discharge, Determination of range in firearm cases; Country-made Firearms: Examination methods; Ballistics Types: Internal, External, Terminal ballistics basics; Tool Marks: Meaning, Types, Examination; Erased Markings: Restoration on metal surfaces.

Unit VI: Impressions and Digital Forensics

Fingerprints: History, Characteristics, Types, Classification, Preservation, Development, Lifting, Comparison, Chance prints examination, Computerization of fingerprints, AFIS; Track Marks: Foot prints, Shoe prints, Tire marks, Preservation, Casting, Comparison, Skid marks, Gait pattern; Biometric Systems: Identification systems, Relevance; Voice Analysis: Introduction, Significance, Human voice apparatus structure, Voice spectrography, Voice analysis methods, Legal aspects, Limitations; Computer Forensics: Introduction, Types of computer crimes, Digital evidence seizure, Acquisition, Forensic examination; Mobile Forensics: Mobile phone evidence collection, Examination.

Unit VII: Questioned Documents

Documents: Definition, Types, Preliminary examination; Document Reproduction: Photographic methods, Mechanical methods, Examination; Alterations: Erasures, Obliterations, Additions; Hidden/Altered Documents: Indentations, Secret writings, Charred documents; Inks and Papers: Scientific examinations, Modern methods; Document Dating: Age of documents; Printed and Typed Documents: Typescripts, Printed matter, Currency notes, Lottery tickets, Mechanical impressions; Handwriting: Class characteristics, Individual characteristics, Factors affecting handwriting, Standard samples for comparison, Comparison of texts; Handwriting Issues: Anonymous writings, Disguised writings; Forgery Detection: Handwriting identification, Signature verification, Forged signatures, Forgeries; Special Documents: Examination of credit cards, Similar materials.

Unit VIII: Forensic Medicine and Anthropology

Death: Modes, Manner of deaths, Sexual offences, Medicolegal importance, Legal amendments related to sexual offences; Post-mortem: Examination procedures, Post-mortem changes, Estimation of time since death; Injuries and Wounds: Types, Medicolegal importance, Gunshot wounds; Skeletal Remains: Determination of species of origin, Sex, Age, Stature, Individual identification; Identification Methods: Skull superimposition, Facial reconstruction; Dentition: Human dentition, Types of teeth, Age determination, Bite mark analysis; Forensic Entomology: Introduction, Insects of forensic importance, Insects on carrion, Forensic applications.