

Kerala High Court Office Attendant Study Notes

Recruitment No. 21/2026 · GK & Current Affairs · Numerical Ability · Mental Ability · General English · Entri

1. Exam at a Glance

Item	Details
Post / Recruitment No.	Office Attendant, Kerala High Court — 21/2026 (notification 16 Sept 2026)
Vacancies	17 (anticipated)
Pay scale	₹23,000 – ₹50,200
Qualification	SSLC or equivalent; must not hold a graduation degree (by the closing date)
Age (general)	Born between 02-01-1986 and 01-01-2008 (relaxations for reserved categories)
Apply online	23 Sept – 26 Oct 2026 at hckrecruitment.keralacourts.in ; offline fee payment 30 Oct – 6 Nov 2026
Selection	Objective written test (100 marks) → interview (10 marks, minimum 35% to be ranked) → certificate verification
Written test	100 questions, 100 marks, 75 minutes, OMR; English & Malayalam; ¼ mark negative per wrong answer
Exam date	To be announced

Sections: **GK & Current Affairs 50 · Numerical Ability 20 · Mental Ability 15 · General English 15.**
Half the paper is GK, so Kerala + India GK and current affairs decide your rank.

Note: Pattern and dates above are as reported by several coaching and job portals from the official notification. The topic lists below are indicative — a detailed official syllabus is not part of the notification, so always confirm on the official site.

2. General Knowledge — Kerala

Topic	Must-know facts
Formation	Kerala state formed 1 November 1956 (States Reorganisation Act). First Chief Minister: E.M.S. Namboodiripad (1957), one of the world's first elected communist governments.
Geography	14 districts. Area about 38,863 sq km. Longest river Periyar (244 km); then Bharathapuzha, Pamba. Highest peak Anamudi (2,695 m, Idukki). Largest lake Vembanad ; largest freshwater lake Sasthamkotta .
Society	High literacy (about 94% in Census 2011); sex ratio 1,084 females per 1,000 males (2011), highest among states. First fully literate state (1991).
Renaissance	Sree Narayana Guru (b. 1856, Chempazhanthy) — Aruvippuram Siva consecration 1888; “One caste, one religion, one God for man”. Ayyankali — Villuvandi Samaram 1893. Chattampi Swamikal, Vaikunda Swamikal, Mannathu Padmanabhan .
Movements	Vaikom Satyagraha 1924; Guruvayur Satyagraha 1931–32; Temple Entry Proclamation 1936 by Chithira Thirunal Balarama Varma of Travancore; Malabar Rebellion 1921; Channar Revolt (upper-cloth protest).
History	Marthanda Varma — modern Travancore; Battle of Colachel 1741 defeated the Dutch. Ancient port Muziris . Vasco da Gama landed at Kappad (Kozhikode) in 1498.

Topic	Must-know facts
Art & culture	Classical arts: Kathakali, Mohiniyattam, Koodiyattam (UNESCO Intangible Heritage), Thullal, Theyyam. Snake boat race: Nehru Trophy (Punnamada Lake). Festival: Onam (state festival).
Courts & govt	Kerala High Court established 1956 , seat at Ernakulam (Kochi) ; jurisdiction over Kerala and Lakshadweep. The Chief Justice is appointed by the President of India.

3. General Knowledge — India & Constitution

Topic	Must-know facts
Constitution	Adopted 26 Nov 1949 ; came into force 26 Jan 1950 . Drafting Committee chair: Dr B.R. Ambedkar . Constituent Assembly president: Dr Rajendra Prasad .
Fundamental Rights	Articles 12–35 (Part III): Equality 14–18, Freedom 19–22, Exploitation 23–24, Religion 25–28, Cultural/Educational 29–30, Remedies 32 . Art 17 abolishes untouchability; Art 21 life & liberty; Art 21A education (6–14 yrs).
DPSP / Duties	DPSP Articles 36–51 (Part IV). Fundamental Duties Art 51A (Part IV-A), added by the 42nd Amendment, 1976 .
Union	President Art 52 ; Vice-President Art 63 ; Prime Minister Art 74 ; Supreme Court Art 124 ; Governor Art 153 .
Judiciary	High Courts Art 214 ; HC writ powers Art 226 ; HC superintendence over subordinate courts Art 227 . Writs: Habeas Corpus, Mandamus, Prohibition, Certiorari, Quo Warranto.
Parliament	Lok Sabha max strength 552 (currently 543 elected); Rajya Sabha max 250. Money Bill introduced only in Lok Sabha.
Geography	India: 28 states, 8 Union Territories. Longest river Ganga (within India); highest peak Kanchenjunga ; Tropic of Cancer passes through 8 states.
History	Revolt of 1857; INC founded 1885 ; Partition of Bengal 1905; Jallianwala Bagh 1919; Dandi March 1930; Quit India 1942 ; Independence 15 Aug 1947.
Economy	Currency issuer: RBI (est. 1935; HQ Mumbai). NITI Aayog replaced Planning Commission in 2015. GST rolled out 1 July 2017.

4. Current Affairs & Science Pointers (Sept-Oct 2026)

- **EOS-05** launched 4 Sept 2026 on GSLV-F17 — India's first dedicated imaging satellite in geosynchronous orbit.
- ISRO tested its **semi-cryogenic engine PHTA** at 200-tonne thrust on 7 Sept 2026 (Mahendragiri).
- **Nobel Prize in Medicine 2026**: Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann, Georg Nagel — optogenetics.
- India's first **free-space QKD** link over 5.56 km (IIT Gandhinagar-BISAG-N), 27–28 Sept 2026.
- See the separate *Science & Technology Current Affairs* sheet for full notes.

General science basics often asked: vitamins and deficiency diseases (Vit C – scurvy, Vit D – rickets, Vit A – night blindness); SI units (force – newton, pressure – pascal, energy – joule); blood group universal donor O–; human body's largest organ – skin; gas used in photosynthesis – CO₂.

5. Numerical Ability — Formulas

Topic	Formula / shortcut
Percentage	$x\%$ of $y = xy/100$. Increase then decrease by same % $r \rightarrow$ net loss = $r^2/100$ %.
Profit & Loss	Profit% = $(SP - CP)/CP \times 100$. $SP = CP \times (100 + P\%)/100$. Discount = $MP - SP$; discount% on MP.
Ratio	Dividing N in $a:b \rightarrow a/(a+b) \times N$ and $b/(a+b) \times N$.
Simple interest	$SI = P \times R \times T / 100$. Amount = $P + SI$.
Compound interest	$A = P(1 + R/100)^n$; $CI = A - P$.
Average	Average = sum / count. Sum of first n natural numbers = $n(n+1)/2$.

Topic	Formula / shortcut
Time & Work	A in a days, B in b days together → $ab/(a+b)$ days.
Speed	km/h → m/s: multiply by 5/18. Distance = speed × time. Train crossing a pole: time = length/speed.
Ages	Form equations from the “sum” and “times” statements; check the answer against both.

6. Mental Ability — Patterns & Shortcuts

- **Series:** check difference, second difference, multiply-by, squares/cubes. Example 2, 6, 12, 20, 30 → differences 4, 6, 8, 10 → next 42.
- **Coding-decoding:** write alphabet positions (A=1 ... Z=26); test +1/−1 shifts, reverse order (A↔Z), and word reversal.
- **Blood relations:** draw a family tree; “mother’s only son” = brother; “father’s sister” = paternal aunt.
- **Direction sense:** draw a quick coordinate sketch; final distance via Pythagoras when legs are perpendicular.
- **Ranking:** total = (rank from top) + (rank from bottom) − 1.
- **Analogy / odd-one-out:** state the relation in a sentence first, then test each option.

7. General English — Rules

- **Subject-verb agreement:** “Each of the boys *has* a book”; “Neither... nor” — verb agrees with the nearer subject.
- **Articles:** a before consonant *sounds* (a university), an before vowel sounds (an hour); “the” for unique things (the sun).
- **Prepositions:** good *at*, afraid *of*, different *from*, interested *in*, married *to*.
- **Tenses:** “since” with a point in time, “for” with a duration; present perfect for unfinished past.
- **Active → Passive:** object becomes subject + be-verb + past participle (“She wrote a letter” → “A letter was written by her”).
- **Idioms:** a blessing in disguise (a good thing seeming bad at first); a piece of cake (very easy); once in a blue moon (rarely).
- **One-word substitutes:** Bibliophile – lover of books; Omnipotent – all-powerful; Orphan – child without parents.

8. Practice Questions

Q1. Kerala was formed on:

(a) 1 Nov 1956 (b) 15 Aug 1947 (c) 26 Jan 1950 (d) 1 Jan 1957

Q2. Highest peak in Kerala:

(a) Meesapulimala (b) Anamudi (c) Agasthyamala (d) Chembra

Q3. Largest freshwater lake in Kerala:

(a) Vembanad (b) Ashtamudi (c) Sasthamkotta (d) Vellayani

Q4. Aruvippuram Siva consecration was performed by:

(a) Ayyankali (b) Sree Narayana Guru (c) Chattampi Swamikal (d) Vagbhatananda

Q5. Vaikom Satyagraha took place in:

(a) 1921 (b) 1924 (c) 1931 (d) 1936

Q6. Battle of Colachel (1741): Marthanda Varma defeated the:

(a) British (b) French (c) Dutch (d) Portuguese

Q7. Writ powers of High Courts are under Article:

(a) 32 (b) 124 (c) 226 (d) 312

Q8. Fundamental Duties were added by the:

(a) 24th Amendment **(b)** 42nd Amendment **(c)** 44th Amendment **(d)** 73rd Amendment

Q9. Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution:

(a) Nehru **(b)** Patel **(c)** Ambedkar **(d)** Rajendra Prasad

Q10. What is 20% of 450?

(a) 80 **(b)** 90 **(c)** 100 **(d)** 110

Q11. Divide ₹840 in the ratio 3 : 4. The larger share is:

(a) ₹360 **(b)** ₹420 **(c)** ₹480 **(d)** ₹500

Q12. CP ₹800, SP ₹920. Profit % =

(a) 12% **(b)** 15% **(c)** 18% **(d)** 20%

Q13. Simple interest on ₹5,000 at 8% p.a. for 3 years:

(a) ₹1,000 **(b)** ₹1,200 **(c)** ₹1,400 **(d)** ₹1,500

Q14. A does a job in 10 days and B in 15 days. Together they take:

(a) 5 days **(b)** 6 days **(c)** 8 days **(d)** 12 days

Q15. 54 km/h in m/s is:

(a) 10 **(b)** 12 **(c)** 15 **(d)** 18

Q16. Next term: 3, 6, 12, 24, ?

(a) 36 **(b)** 42 **(c)** 48 **(d)** 60

Q17. If CAT = DBU, then DOG = ?

(a) EPH **(b)** EPI **(c)** CNF **(d)** FQJ

Q18. Ravi is 7th from the top and 12th from the bottom. Total students:

(a) 18 **(b)** 19 **(c)** 20 **(d)** 17

Q19. A woman says, pointing to a man: "He is the son of my mother's only son." He is her:

(a) Brother **(b)** Nephew **(c)** Son **(d)** Cousin

Q20. Choose the correct sentence:

(a) Each of the boys have a pen **(b)** Each of the boys has a pen **(c)** Each of the boy have a pen **(d)** Each boys has a pen

Q21. One word for "lover of books":

(a) Bibliophile **(b)** Philanthropist **(c)** Misogynist **(d)** Linguist

Answer Key

No.	Answer	Note
1	(a) 1 Nov 1956	States Reorganisation Act, 1956.
2	(b) Anamudi	Anamudi, 2,695 m, Idukki.
3	(c) Sasthamkotta	Sasthamkotta (Kollam).
4	(b) Sree Narayana Guru	In 1888.
5	(b) 1924	1924, against untouchability.
6	(c) Dutch	Dutch East India Company.
7	(c) 226	Art 226 (Supreme Court: Art 32).
8	(b) 42nd Amendment	1976, Art 51A.
9	(c) Ambedkar	Dr B.R. Ambedkar.
10	(b) 90	$450 \times 20/100 = 90$.

No.	Answer	Note
11	(c) ₹480	$840 \times \frac{4}{7} = 480$.
12	(b) 15%	$120/800 \times 100 = 15\%$.
13	(b) ₹1,200	$5000 \times 8 \times \frac{3}{100} = 1200$.
14	(b) 6 days	$10 \times 15 / 25 = 6$.
15	(c) 15	$54 \times \frac{5}{18} = 15$.
16	(c) 48	Doubling $\rightarrow 48$.
17	(a) EPH	Each letter +1 $\rightarrow$ E P H.
18	(a) 18	$7 + 12 - 1 = 18$.
19	(b) Nephew	Mother's only son = her brother; his son = nephew.
20	(b) Each of the boys has a pen	"Each" takes a singular verb.
21	(a) Bibliophile	Bibliophile.

Sources: exam pattern, vacancy, pay scale, dates and eligibility as reported by TheSuperNotes, Karmasandhan, ToppersExam and Entri's own Office Attendant pages from Notification 21/2026; official portal hckrecruitment.keralacourts.in. General knowledge compiled from standard textbook facts. Please verify against the official notification before publishing.