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### **NOTIFICATION- JABMI SELECTION EXAMINATION**

Pursuant to the notification of the **Third** Jabmi Selection Examination first published/announced on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021, the *Jabmi Tshogdey* (Bar Council) is pleased to issue this detailed notification of Guidance for the candidates.

The Jabmi Selection Examination will consist of a written component and a viva voce component.

The written component of the 2021 Jabmi Examination will be held on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021, at the Office of the Attorney General in Thimphu. Candidates for Bar admission should report no later than 9:00am.

The *viva* portion of the Jabmi Selection Examination will be held on the days ensuing the written examination. Candidates will be informed of the schedule for their viva.

The *Jabmi Tshogdey* is pleased to give the following information concerning the test:

#### **A : REGISTRATION**

The candidates are required to register with the *Jabmi Tshogdey* Secretariat on or before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. For the purpose of the registration, along with a written application, the candidates are requested to furnish the following documents:

- (1) a copy of a valid Bhutanese Citizenship Identity Card;
- (2) Certificate of Bachelor of Law Degree;
- (3) a Medical Certificate;
- (4) a security clearance from the Royal Bhutan Police;
- (5) submit two recent passport size photographs;
- (6) postal address of the applicant;
- (7) certificate of completion of the National Legal Course; and
- (8) an examination fee of Ngultrum three thousand.

#### **B : COMPOSITION OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

The written Jabmi Selection Examination is comprised of the following two Papers:

##### **Paper 1: Language -ENGLISH**

- (1) Section One: Multiple-choice Questions. This will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions designed to test knowledge of Bhutanese law and general principles.
- (2) Section Two: Essay Questions.
  - i. Compulsory one long essay question (two to five pages) and



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- ii. Choose one short essay question (one page or less) of two possible essay question.  
Two essays in English, setting forth a complicated fact pattern that the test-taker is required to give an answer and reasoning.

### **Paper 2: Language -DZONGKHA**

- (3) Section Three: Multiple-choice questions. This will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions designed to test knowledge of Bhutanese law.
- (4) Section Four - One compulsory long essay question: This will consist of one long essay (two to five pages) setting forth a complicated fact pattern that the test-taker is required to give an answer and reasoning.
- (5) Section Five: One drafting question. Candidates will be given a description of a transaction or a dispute. They are expected to draft a complaint, a pleading, a contract, or a conveyance.

### **C: DURATION OF EXAMINATION**

The examination will begin at 10:00am and end at 4:30pm. The schedule is as follows:

#### **Paper 1: Language -ENGLISH (10 AM to 12:30 PM)**

- I. SECTION ONE: MULTIPLE-CHOICE – ENGLISH
- II. SECTION TWO: ESSAY – ENGLISH

#### **Lunch (12:30pm to 2pm)**

#### **Paper 2: Language -DZONGKHA (2 PM - 4:30 PM)**

- I. SECTION THREE: MULTIPLE-CHOICE – DZONGKHA
- II. SECTION FOUR: ESSAY – DZONGKHA
- III. SECTION FIVE: DRAFTING

### **D: SUBJECTS TO BE TESTED**

The subjects to be tested on the examination are as follows:

1. Constitution of Bhutan
2. Contract Act
3. Penal Code
4. Civil & Criminal Procedure Code
5. Moveable & Immovable Property Act
6. Marriage Act
7. Legal Principles (e.g. equity, statutory interpretation, etc.)
8. Inheritance Act



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9. Companies Act
10. Evidence Act
11. Income Tax Act
12. Sales Tax, Customs and Excise (Amendment) Act of Bhutan
13. Land Act
14. Royal Bhutan Police Act
15. Alternative Dispute Resolution Act
16. Jabmi Act

### E : SCORING

The written examination will consist of 500 points. Points will be awarded as follows:

Paper	Section	Description	Number of items	Criterion	Points per item	Total points	% of test
Paper 1 - ENGLISH	Section One	Multiple Choice question	50	Correct Answer	2	100	20.00%
	Section Two	Long Essay	1	Substance (model answer)	65	150	30.00%
				Grammar and vocabulary	35		
		Short essay (choose 1 of 2)	1 (of 2)	Substance (model answer)	35		
Grammar and vocabulary	15						
Paper 2 - Dzongkha	Section Three	Multiple Choice question	50	Correct Answer	2	100	20.00%
	Section Four	Long Essay	1	Substance (model answer)	65	100	20.00%



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				Grammar and vocabulary	35		
	Section Five	Drafting Exercise (Dzonkgha)	1	Structural correctness	50	50	10.00%
					GRAND TOTAL	500	points

### F : PASSING MARKS

In order to pass and be eligible for admission to the Bar, the candidate must achieve the following minimum cut off marks:

Written Examination:

- (1) At least 55% in Paper 1.
- (2) At least 55% in Paper 2.
- (3) At least 60% total in Paper 1 and Paper 2.

Viva Examination: In addition, the candidate must earn 55% or more on the *viva* examination, which will be held on the days after the written examination.

### G :DETAILS OF VIVA EXAMINATION

More information concerning the *viva* examination will be delivered in the coming weeks.