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Self-Study Preparation Pack

CS EXECUTIVE

Paper 1: Jurisprudence, Interpretation and General Laws (JIGL)

Important Topics, Weightage & Question Frequency

For the December 2026 examination · Based on the four latest ICSI papers (Dec 2024, June 2025, Dec 2025, June 2026) · ICSI does not publish lesson-wise weightage for this paper

Lesson frequency in 4 papers | Question map | Priority list | Case-study favourites

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1. Paper structure and where the marks go

Question	Marks	What it usually tests
Q1 (a) and (b)	20	Case study / passage with 2–3 mark parts – **contract** (consideration, offer and acceptance) and **NI Act** (s.138) or **Constitution** (Arts. 20–22, writs)
Q2	15	Three 5-mark problems – torts, Constitution, administrative law, CPC
Q3	15	Three 5-mark problems – CPC, crime, Constitution, RTI
Q4 / Q4A	15	Mixed – arbitration, mediation, DPDP / IT, NI Act, sources of law
Q5	15	IT Act, crime (BNS), limitation, administrative law
Q6 / Q6A	20	Four 5-mark parts – contract, banking / NI, Constitution (ordinances, elections), limitation, arbitration

ICSI gives no lesson-wise weightage for Paper 1. The table below counts **question parts** by lesson across the four latest papers, from the official papers and their question lists.

2. Lesson frequency (Dec 2024 – June 2026)

Lesson	Dec 2024	June 2025	Dec 2025	June 2026	Weight in practice
1 Sources of law, jurisprudence	Precedents	Roscoe Pound's interests	English law as source	Precedents; custom	★★ 1 part every paper
2 Constitution	Municipal water duty (Art. 21 / writ)	Art. 19 and trade; Arts. 249 and 252; habeas corpus	**Q1 case – Arts. 20, 21, 22**, writs; ordinance; elections; State law validity	Executive order and FRs; DPSP; land reform; **government contracts (Art. 299)**	★★★ 3–6 parts
3 Interpretation, General Clauses Act	–	Harmonious construction; **effect of repeal (s.6 GCA)**	Rules for a municipal statute	–	★★
4 Administrative law	Sources; rule of law	Natural justice	Removal of a student – natural justice	**Bias of inquiry officer**	★★ 1–2 parts
5 Torts	**Rylands v. Fletcher**	Vicarious liability of a firm	**Strict liability** – solar plant	Passing off / injury to business	★★ 1 part every paper
6 Civil procedure	Res judicata / possession suit	Ex-parte decree against a minor	Recovery of movable property; specified value (Commercial Courts)	Decree-holder and judgment-debtor	★★
7 Crime and procedure (BNS / BNSS)	Bail; cheating; extortion; summary trial	Cheating; summons on a company; petty theft	**Dacoity**; CBT by an executor; extortion	Summons to a company; **CBT** by an employee	★★★ 2–4 parts
8 Evidence (BSA)	Opinion of experts	Handwriting expert	Thumb impression and Art. 20(3)	–	★
9 Limitation	Suit after eviction	**Sufficient cause (s.5)**	Periods for suits; s.9 continuous running	**s.14 exclusion** (wrong court)	★★ 1–2 parts
10 Arbitration, mediation, conciliation	**Mediation Act 2023**	**s.9 interim measures**; s.48 foreign award	Arbitration clause; Arbitration Council	**s.16 competence**; international commercial arbitration	★★★ 2 parts
11 RTI	Sensitive information	Information Commissioner's term	**Exemptions (s.8)**	**Excluded organisations (s.24)**	★★ 1 part every paper
12 IT Act, DPDP	**DPDP Act purpose**	E-contracts; SPDI rules	Certifying authority / e-sign; s.43A terms	**Health-data breach**	★★★ 2 parts

Lesson	Dec 2024	June 2025	Dec 2025	June 2026	Weight in practice
13 Contract	**Q1 – consideration (10 marks)**; conditional gift	Mistake; restraint of trade; misrepresentation; frustration	**Q1 – offer and acceptance (10 marks)**; time as essence	E-contract; wager and collateral loan; privity; **promissory estoppel**; surety	★★★ 5–7 parts
14 Negotiable instruments	**Q1 – s.138, s.143A (10 marks)**; NEFT	Cheque beyond funds	Banker's duty; promissory note	**Q1 – s.138 case**; banker must / may refuse; conditional promise	★★★ 2–5 parts

Dec 2024 and June 2025 also had parts on the Transfer of Property Act, Sale of Goods and the Stamp Act. These lessons have since been **removed** from the study material and did not appear after June 2025.

TREND **What this tells you**

- **Contract + NI Act + Constitution = about 45 marks** in every paper. Q1 is almost always a 10-mark contract block plus a 10-mark NI Act or Constitution block.
- **Crime under BNS/BNSS** – CBT, cheating, extortion, dacoity and summons on companies – gives 10–15 marks.
- **Arbitration, RTI and IT/DPDP** give one or two parts each, every time.
- Write the **new section with the old one in brackets** – recent papers phrase questions using BNS/BNSS/BSA.

3. Priority list

Priority	Topics	Why
★★★ Must do	Consideration and its exceptions (s.25); offer, acceptance and revocation; void agreements (wager, restraint); s.138 and s.143A NI Act; banker's duties; writs and Arts. 14, 19, 20, 21, 22; ordinances; Art. 299; CBT, cheating, extortion; arbitration ss.8, 9, 16, 34; mediation; RTI ss.8 and 24; DPDP Act and s.43A IT Act	Every or nearly every paper
★★ Important	Precedent and custom; rules of interpretation and s.6 GCA; natural justice and bias; strict and vicarious liability; res judicata, decrees, summary suits; limitation ss.5, 9, 14, 18; expert evidence; frustration and quasi-contracts	One or two papers
★ Do once	Schools of jurisprudence; legislative process; tribunals; trial types; confessions; e-records; NEFT / RTGS; commercial clauses	Short notes and future questions

4. Case-study favourites (Q1)

Paper	Q1 (a)	Q1 (b)
Dec 2024	Passage on **consideration** – gift with annuity, s.25 exceptions, promise to a charity, privity, kinds of consideration	**NI Act penalties** – cheque beyond arrangement, director's liability, summons, interim compensation s.143A
June 2025	Constitution – trade and commerce, Arts. 249/252 VERIFY	Contract / IT – e-contracts VERIFY
Dec 2025	**Constitution** – retrospective penalty (Art. 20), self-incrimination, 24-hour rule (Art. 22), medical care in custody, habeas corpus	**Offer and acceptance** – counter-offer, acceptance, revocation, general offer
June 2026	**NI Act s.138** – credit supply, dishonour, notice, complaint and venue VERIFY	Constitution – executive order and fundamental rights VERIFY

Rows marked VERIFY are reconstructed from the question list; check the official paper for the split of marks.