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Self-Study Preparation Pack

CS EXECUTIVE

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

Last-Week Plan & Exam-Hall Strategy

Exam: Monday 21 December 2026, 2:00–5:15 pm (includes 15 minutes' reading time) · P1 is the first paper of the December 2026 session · Laws as amended up to 31 May 2026

7-day plan (14–20 Dec) | Exam-day timeline | Time per question | Answer-writing format | Mistakes to avoid

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4 Mock tests + solutions | 5 Chapter practice questions | 6 Last-week plan & strategy

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1. December 2026 timetable – where P1 sits

Date	Day	Paper
21 Dec 2026	Monday	**P1 Jurisprudence, Interpretation and General Laws (Group 1)**
22 Dec 2026	Tuesday	P5 Capital Market and Securities Laws (Group 2)
23 Dec 2026	Wednesday	P2 Company Law and Practice (Group 1)
24 Dec 2026	Thursday	P6 Economic, Commercial and Intellectual Property Laws (Group 2)
26 Dec 2026	Saturday	P3 Setting up of Business, Industrial and Labour Laws (Group 1)
27 Dec 2026	Sunday	P7 Tax Laws and Practice (Group 2)
28 Dec 2026	Monday	P4 Corporate Accounting and Financial Management (Group 1)

All papers are from 2:00 pm to 5:15 pm. No exam on 25 December. Check the admit card and the official timetable (linked in document 03) for any change VERIFY.

NOTE **Because P1 is the first paper, your last week belongs to P1 alone. After the exam you get only one day before P2 (if you are writing both groups, P5 comes in between). Finish P2 revision notes before 14 December.**

2. The 7-day plan (14–20 December)

Day	Morning (3 h)	Afternoon (3 h)	Evening (2 h)
Mon 14	Contract law: offer, consideration, capacity, free consent, void agreements	NI Act: s.138–148, holder in due course, crossing	Write 2 case-study answers (contract, NI)
Tue 15	Constitution: FRs, writs, Arts. 20–22, 123, 141, 299–301	Interpretation: rules, maxims, internal and external aids	Practice set: lessons 2–3
Wed 16	Crime: BNS (theft, extortion, CBT, cheating, dacoity) and BNSS (bail, summons, summary trial)	Evidence (BSA): admission, confession, dying declaration, electronic records	**Mock Test 1 – 3 hours, timed**
Thu 17	Review Mock 1; rewrite weak answers	Arbitration (ss.8, 9, 16, 17, 34, 48), Mediation Act, Commercial Courts s.12A	RTI (ss.6–8, 11, 19, 20, 24)
Fri 18	CPC: res judicata, sub judice, interpleader, Order XXXVII; Limitation (ss.3, 5, 9, 14, 18)	IT Act and DPDP Act; Torts (strict, absolute, vicarious liability; defamation)	Administrative law: natural justice, delegated legislation, bias
Sat 19	**Mock Test 2 – 3 hours, timed**	Review Mock 2	Sources of law + Quick Revision table in the notes
Sun 20	Revise section numbers, periods and leading cases only	Read the Important Topics list; no new topics	Light revision; sleep by 10:30 pm

PLAN **Daily non-negotiables**

1. Write at least **two full answers by hand** every day – speed of writing is the real constraint in a 100-mark descriptive paper.
2. Keep a one-page **"sections and periods" sheet** (30 days, 15 days, 48 hours, 3 months + 30 days, 120 + 60 days, 20%...) and read it each night.
3. Revise the **old-law to new-law mapping** (IPC → BNS, CrPC → BNSS, IEA → BSA) – quote the new section first, the old one in brackets.

3. Exam-day timeline

Time	What to do
12:30 pm	Reach the centre (gates close before 1:45 pm VERIFY); admit card, ID, pens
2:00–2:15 pm	Reading time: read every question; choose between Q4/Q4A and Q6/Q6A; note the sections for each part in the margin of the question paper
2:15–2:55 pm	**Q1 (20 marks)** – the case study; 2–3 marks per part
2:55–3:20 pm	Q2 (15 marks)
3:20–3:45 pm	Q3 (15 marks)
3:45–4:10 pm	Q4 or Q4A (15 marks)
4:10–4:35 pm	Q5 (15 marks)
4:35–5:05 pm	Q6 or Q6A (20 marks)
5:05–5:15 pm	Check that every part is answered and numbered correctly

Rule of thumb: about **1.7 minutes per mark** after reading time. A 5-mark part gets 8 minutes; a 2-mark part gets 3 minutes.

4. How to write each answer

STRATEGY **The four-step format for case-based questions**

1. **Provision:** name the Act and section (e.g. "Section 70 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872").
2. **Rule:** state the legal position in 2–3 lines; quote one leading case if you remember it.
3. **Application:** apply the rule to the facts in the question – use the names given.
4. **Conclusion:** one clear line – "Hence, Mohan is liable to pay the value of the goods."

EXAM TIP **For theory questions (e.g. "Explain the rule of law"), use headings and points, a table for "distinguish" questions, and an example. Underline section numbers and case names.**

5. Mistakes that cost marks

COMMON MISTAKE **Writing a general essay on the topic without a conclusion on the facts. Case-study marks are given for the application and conclusion.**

COMMON MISTAKE **Quoting repealed numbering only (IPC/CrPC/IEA). Offences committed after 1 July 2024 are under the BNS, BNSS and BSA.**

COMMON MISTAKE **Answering both Q4 and Q4A, or mixing parts from both. Only the first attempted alternative is usually evaluated VERIFY.**

COMMON MISTAKE **Studying deleted topics. Transfer of Property, Sale of Goods and Stamp law appeared up to June 2025 but are no longer in the P1 syllabus for December 2026 (see document 02).**

COMMON MISTAKE **Spending 50 minutes on Q1 and leaving Q6 incomplete. Watch the clock at each question boundary.**

6. Final-night checklist

- Admit card printed, photo ID, transparent pouch, two blue/black pens.
- One-page sections and periods sheet read twice.
- Leading cases list: *Mohori Bibee*, *Hadley v. Baxendale*, *Rylands v. Fletcher*, *M.C. Mehta*, *Kesavananda Bharati*, *Maneka Gandhi*, *Minerva Mills*, *Heydon's case*, *Shreya Singhal*, *Patil Automation*, *Arjun Panditrao Khotkar*.
- Know the newest items from the December 2026 supplement (e.g. acknowledgment under s.18 Limitation Act – *Shankar Khandelwal v. Omkara ARC*, 2026).
- Sleep at least 7 hours.