

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
ADVOCATE-ON-RECORD EXAMINATION, JUNE 2024  
QUESTION PAPER-III  
ADVOCACY AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

Total Marks-100

Time 3 hours\*

- A) Question No. 1 to 6 carry 15 marks each. You can attempt any five
- B) Question No. 7 to 14 carry 5 marks each. Answer any five questions out of question No. 7 to 14.

1. Discuss the dos and don'ts regarding creation of website by advocate/law firms in the light of the provisions of the Advocates Act and Rules framed thereunder and examine whether existing rules are sufficient to implement the same and punish the guilty. If not, suggest changes, if any, for improvement? (15 marks)
2. Since the strike by Advocates is held to be beyond the scope of Article 19 of the Constitution of India, discuss the exceptions, if any, and penalties for default with reference to decided cases by the Supreme Court of India. In that view of the matter, make suggestions as to how the interest of the aggrieved Bar can be safeguarded. (15 marks)
3. Explain the difference between 'Professional Misconduct' and 'Contempt of Court' keeping in mind the statutory provisions and in the light of decided cases by courts. (15 marks)

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\* Duration of the exam was increased by one hour and exam was conducted between 11 am and 3 pm (Ref: Notices dated 10 and 11 June, 2024)

4. Critically examine the participation of an advocate in media debate in a sub judice matter, in which such advocate is representing any party. Is it in breach of professional ethics? In what circumstances, such advocate can be held liable for contempt of court. (15 marks)
5. Explain scope of legal privilege in advocate-client communications and the exceptions to such privilege. Also explain whether lawyer's duty of confidentiality comes to an end on termination of such relationship by the client? (15 marks)
6. Discuss different types of duties of an advocate and critically examine the 'duty to the client and court in the adversary system' in the light of the decided cases? (15 marks)
7. Define 'tout' and discuss the relevant provisions related to touting in India and the role of registry under the Supreme Court Rules, 2013. (5 marks)
8. Discuss special duties owed by an advocate-on-record of Supreme Court of India with reference to relevant rules and decided cases. (5 marks)
9. Explain ethical duties cast on the advocate, who is appointed as 'amicus curiae' to assist the court for a party, who has no representation. (5 marks)
10. Whether keeping in view the duties as an advocate, you should accept the brief from the adversary of your client against parties other than your client during the pendency of the matter? Will it make

any difference, if you are approached after disposal of the case of your client? (5 marks)

11. Do you think that an advocate can charge his fees depending on the success of the case on the percentage basis especially when the client cannot afford the fees in the beginning? Give reasons for your opinion. (5 marks)
12. Explain special circumstances under which an advocate can refuse to accept the brief of the client and whether resolution passed by the Bar not to defend the accused can be said to be special circumstance? (5 marks)
13. Explain professional ethics required to be maintained by an advocate in mediation and conciliation. (5 marks)
14. What are 'seven lamps of advocacy' propounded by Justice Abbot Parry? Which one you consider the important in modern day legal practice in India? (5 marks)



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**Paper III : Advocacy & Professional Ethics**  
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