

General Awareness

High Court - Important Articles

Article No.	Title / Subject	Key Provisions / Description
214	High Courts for States	Each state shall have a High Court; common HC can be formed for two or more states/UTs
215	High Court to be a Court of Record	High Court has power to punish for its contempt; judgments have evidentiary value
216	Constitution of High Courts	High Court shall consist of Chief Justice + other judges appointed by the President
217	Appointment and Conditions of Office of HC Judges	Appointed by President (in consultation with CJI, Governor, and Chief Justice of that HC) Retirement age: 62 years
218	Application of certain provisions regarding SC to HC	Conditions like removal and tenure applicable to HC Judges
219	Oath or Affirmation	Judges of HC take oath before Governor or person appointed by him
220	Restriction on practice after retirement	A retired HC judge cannot plead or act in any court or before any authority in India except the Supreme Court
221	Salaries and Allowances	Determined by Parliament; charged on Consolidated Fund of the State
222	Transfer of Judges	President can transfer a HC judge from one court to another after consultation with CJI
224	Appointment of Additional and Acting Judges	Appointed by President to clear arrears or for temporary vacancies
225	Jurisdiction of Existing High Courts	Jurisdiction continues unless changed by law made by Parliament
226	Power of High Courts to issue writs	Can issue writs (habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, certiorari, quo warranto) for enforcement of fundamental rights and for any other purpose
227	Power of Superintendence	High Court has power of superintendence over all subordinate courts within its jurisdiction
228	Transfer of certain cases to High Court	High Court can withdraw cases from subordinate courts if they involve substantial question of constitutional law
229	Officers and servants of HC	Appointed by Chief Justice of HC
230	Extension of jurisdiction of High Courts to Union Territories	Parliament can extend jurisdiction of HC to UTs
231	Establishment of common High Court	Parliament can establish a common HC for two or more States/UTs (e.g., Punjab & Haryana)

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