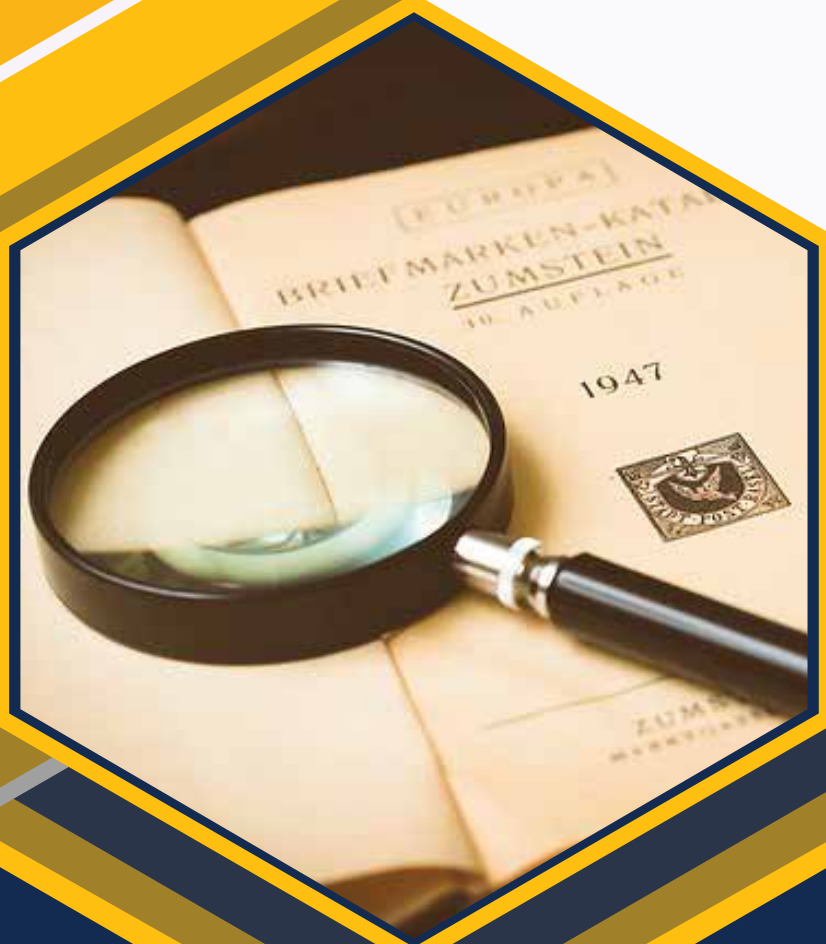




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Questioned Documents & Handwriting Examination



Course Objective

- 01** To develop an understanding and appreciation for the scope of Questioned Documents in the criminal justice system.
- 02** To Brief description on tools and techniques used in examination of Questioned Documents.
- 03** To study the characteristics of handwriting for comparison of handwriting sample.
- 04** To develop an understanding on different types of questioned documents and the types of forgeries countered in courtroom.
- 05** To explain the use of questioned document on courtroom & expert testimony.
- 06** To explain the cross examination of expert.

Course Content

Module - 1

- Scope & Introduction of forensic science, branches of forensic science, laboratory in India of forensic science.
- Introduction of questioned documents.
- Importance, Classification and Preliminary Examination.
- Forgery, types of forgery, offences related to documents.

Module - 2

- Introduction of handwriting, Handwriting Identification Principles, natural variation.
- Different writing conditions like Internal and external factors effecting handwriting, effect of age on handwriting.
- General Characteristics, Size, Spacing, Slant, Alignment, letter formation, line quality, Pressure.
- Individual Characteristics & pecuniary characteristics of handwriting.

Module - 3

- Disputed documents – wills, deeds, cheques, suicidal letter, threatening letters, anonymous letters, fake currency notes.
- Tampered documents (alteration, additions, erasures, obliterations etc).
- Collection of sample, standard sample, disputed document.
- Comparison of disputed documents.

Module - 4

- Comparison with standards: admitted and specimen samples, report writing.
- Moot court-case presentation, expert's testimony, expert as witness.
- Cross-examination, re-examination, and direct examination in court of Law.
- Case analysis, case study.

Duration - 36 Hours

