

There are two major channel of recruitment for the Probationary Officers (POs) and clerical cadres in various Banks. While IBPS (Institute of Banking Personnel Selection) provides a common platform for Recruitment of Bank POs and Clerical Staff for almost all public sector Banks in India, State Bank of India has its own Recruiting Department called CRPD (*Central Recruitment & Promotion Department*) and it is not associated with IPBS. Details of Examination process of both the channels are mentioned below.

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Detailed Analysis of SBI PO Examination

1. First Phase –Written Exam
2. Second Phase – Group Discussion & Personal Interview

Written Exam Consists of Two Papers

- A) Objective Paper-----consists of:**
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| -1.) English Language. | Maximum Marks =50 |
| 2.) General Awareness,
Marketing & computer. | Max Marks=50 |
| 3.) Data analysis and interpretation. | Max Marks=50 |
| 4.) Reasoning. | Max Marks=50 |

B) Descriptive Paper: This Paper consists of comprehension, short précis, Letter Writing and Essay writing. It contains **maximum 50 marks**.

Note: Negative Marking: 1/4th of Marks

Trends of Question Pattern of SBI PO exam in Recent past

A). ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS OF SBI PO:

AREA	NUMBER OF QUESTION	DIFFICULTY LEVEL
Reading Comprehension	10+10	Moderate to Difficult
Faulty Construction	15	Easy to Moderate
Jumbled Sentences	5	Easy to Moderate
Close Passages	10	Easy

B). REASONING (High Level)

NAME	NUMBER OF QUESTION	DIFFICULTY LEVEL
Input - output	5	Difficult
Sentence coding	5	Easy
Logical Reasoning	15	Easy to Moderate
Syllogism	5	Moderate
Puzzle / Seating Arrangement	10	Moderate
Data Sufficiency	5	Moderate

Direction & other problem	5	Easy to Moderate
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C) GENERAL AWARENESS SYLLABUS OF SBI PO

Area	NUMBER OF QUESTION	DIFFICULTY LEVEL
Banking Awareness	14	Moderate to Difficult
Current Affairs	16	Easy to Moderate
Computer Awareness	10	Easy to Moderate
Marketing	10	Easy

D) DATA ANALYSIS & INTERPRETATION

AREA	NUMBER OF QUESTION	DIFFICULTY LEVEL
Probability	5	Easy to Moderate
Line Graph	5	Moderate
Pie Charts	10	Moderate to Difficult
Bar Charts	15	Easy
Tables	15	Moderate to Difficult

B) DESCRIPTIVE SECTION SYLLABUS OF SBI PO – 50 Marks

1. Letter Writing
2. Paragraph Writing
3. Essay Writing
4. Precise Writing
5. Reading Comprehension

AREA	NUMBER OF QUESTION	TOPICS
Letter Writing	10	To a branch to close the saving account, To friend to attend a seminar on net banking, To a bank for higher education loan
Paragraph Writing	8	If I were an author, Rural Banking, Impact of autonomy provided to bank
Essay Writing	12	Right to education act, Financial Inclusion, How Technology can help banking sector
Precise Writing	10	Chief Vigilance Officer
Reading Comprehension	10	ATM and its uses

2. Group Discussion & Personal Interview is completely based on personality and outlook vision of the students. Its approximate weightage is 50 Marks

Interview Procedure for SBI PO

The process consists of 2 phases.

- 1) Group discussion
- 2) Personal Interview

Group Discussion Procedure

The group discussion will be evaluated for 20 marks in which 3 marks will be for Communication Skills, 3 marks for team co ordination, 4 marks for Leader qualities, 3 Marks for Problem Solving, 4 Marks for Decision making and another 3 marks for English fluency.

Personal Interview Procedure

Total marks for personal interview is 30. In which the marks are equally distributed for Personality, Banking Knowledge, Current affairs, Psychological behavior, Goals etc.

2013 SBI PO cut off marks subject Wise In General Category

Sr. No	Subject	Total Marks	Minimum Qualifying marks
1,	Reasoning	50	13
2,	Data Analysis and interpretation	50	13
3,	General awareness/ Marketing/ Computer Knowledge	50	14
4,	English Language	50	13
5,	Descriptive Type Test	50	20

Minimum qualifying scores to be called for Interview in General category is 151 marks. For Other Backward classes the minimum marks to be obtained are 137

SBI PO 2014 Cut Off marks Expected

Sr. No	Subject	Total Marks	Minimum Qualifying marks
1,	Reasoning	50	14-16
2,	Data Analysis and interpretation	50	8-11
3,	General awareness/ Marketing/ Computer Knowledge	50	16-18
4,	English Language	50	16-18
5,	Descriptive Type Test	50	21

IBPS written Examination pattern

A Common Written Examination (CWE) will be conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) as a pre-requisite for selection of personnel for Probationary Officer/ Management Trainee posts in the Public Sector Banks mentioned below. This system of Common Examination for recruitment of Probationary Officers/ Management Trainees has been approved by each of the 19 participating Public Sector Banks and the Managing Committee of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) with the consent of the Government of India.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Written Examination Structure:-

Sl No.	Name of Tests (Objective)	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Duration
1	Reasoning	50	50	Composite Time of 150 minutes
2	English Language	50	25	
3	Quantitative Aptitude	50	50	
4	General Awareness (with special reference to Banking Industry)	50	50	
5	Computer Knowledge	50	50	
Descriptive Paper on English Composition (Essay, Précis, Letter Writing etc)			25	60 minutes
	Total	250	250	

The above tests except the Test of English Language and Descriptive Paper on English Composition will be printed bilingually, i.e. English and Hindi.

The Descriptive Papers of only those candidates who secure minimum qualifying marks in each of the objective tests will be evaluated.

Note: There will be Negative Marking: 1/4th of Marks

STANDARDIZED SCORES

The corrected scores obtained by each of the candidates will further be converted into standardized scores following Linear Conversion Method.

CUTOFF SCORE

Each candidate will have to secure a minimum standardized score in each of the tests to qualify in the written examination and to be considered for vacancies in the participating banks. The cut-off points will be decided based on the average (Average – $\frac{1}{4}$ Standard Deviation for General category candidates and Average – $\frac{3}{4}$ Standard Deviation for Reserved Category candidates).

IBPS Clerical Examination Syllabus

Sl no .	Test Paper consists of	No. of Question	Max.Marks	Time Allotted
1	Reasoning	40	40	
2	English Language	40	40	
3	Numerical Ability	40	40	
4	General Awareness with spl reference to the banking industry	40	40	
5	Computer Knowledge	40	40	
Total		200	200	120 minutes

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