

IBPS PO Syllabus 2025 and Exam Pattern For Prelims and Mains Exam

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Particular	Details
Exam Conducting Body	Institute of Banking Personnel Selection, IBPS
Name of Exam	IBPS PO 2025
Post	Probationary Officer (PO)
Total Marks	1. Prelims: 100 Marks 2. Mains: 200 Marks + Descriptive Test: 25 Marks 3. Interview: 100 Marks
Duration of Exam	1. Prelims: 1 Hour 2. Mains: 3 Hours + 10 Min
Marking scheme	1 mark each for every correct answer in the Online Test
Negative marking	1/4th of the marks assigned to the question in the MCQ
Mode of Examination	Online For Prelims & Mains
Language of examination	English OR Hindi The English Language paper has to be attempted in English.

IBPS PO Prelims Exam Pattern 2025

Sr. No.	Name of Tests	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Medium of Exam	Time Allotted
1	English Language	30	30	English	20 minutes
2	Quantitative Aptitude	35	30	English and Hindi	20 minutes
3	Reasoning Ability	35	40	English and Hindi	20 minutes
Total		100	100		60 Minutes (1 Hour)

IBPS PO Mains Exam Pattern 2025

Sr. No.	Name of Tests	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Medium of Exam	Time Allotted
1	Reasoning	40	60	English & Hindi	50 minutes
2	General/ Economy/ Banking Awareness / Digital/ Financial Awareness (incl. RBI)	35	50	English & Hindi	25 minutes
3	English Language	35	40	English	40 minutes
4	Data Analysis & Interpretation	35	50	English & Hindi	45 minutes
Total		145	200		160 minutes
	Descriptive Paper	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Medium of Exam	Time Allotted
5	Essay & Comprehension Writing (Economic and Social issues, emerging trends in Banking and Technology, Current events, Ethics etc.)	2	25	English	30 minutes

IBPS PO Prelims Syllabus 2025

Reasoning Syllabus	English Language Syllabus	Quantitative Ability Syllabus
Logical Reasoning	Reading Comprehension	Simplification
Alphanumeric Series	Cloze Test	Profit & Loss
Ranking/Direction/Alphabet Test	Para jumbles	Mixtures & Allegations
Data Sufficiency	Word Usage, Word-Swap	Simple Interest & Compound Interest & Surds & Indices
Inequalities	Fill in the blanks	Work & Time
Seating Arrangement	Error Detection, Error Spotting	Time & Distance
Puzzle	Paragraph Completion	Mensuration – Cylinder, Cone, Sphere
Tabulation	One word Substitution	Data Interpretation
Syllogism	Miscellaneous	Ratio & Proportion, Percentage
Blood Relations	–	Number Systems
Input-Output	–	Sequence & Series
Coding-Decoding	–	Permutation, Combination & Probability

IBPS PO Mains Syllabus 2025

Data Analysis and Interpretation For Mains

Topic	Description
Simplification	Solve expressions using BODMAS and basic arithmetic rules.
Average	Find the mean value of the given numbers or data sets.
Percentage	Calculate parts per hundred and compare values.
Mixture and Allegations	Solve problems involving mixing two or more entities with different ratios.
Ratio and Proportion	Compare quantities and solve scaling problems.
Data Interpretation	Analyse and solve questions based on charts, tables, or graphs.
Mensuration and Geometry	Calculate area, volume, perimeter, etc., of 2D and 3D shapes.
Quadratic Equation	Solve equations of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$.
Interest	Calculate simple and compound interest.
Problems of Ages	Solve age-related word problems using algebra.
Profit and Loss	Compute selling price, cost price, and profit/loss percentage.
Number Series	Identify the missing number or the next number in a sequence.
Speed, Distance, and Time	Solve motion-related problems using formulas and unit conversion.
Time and Work	Calculate work efficiency, combined work, and time taken.
Number System	Solve problems based on divisibility, HCF, LCM, and basic number properties.
Data Sufficiency	Determine whether the given data is enough to answer a question.
Linear Equation	Solve a single or a pair of linear equations in one or two variables.
Permutation and Combination	Count possible arrangements or selections in different scenarios.
Probability	Calculate the chance or likelihood of a particular outcome.

General Awareness and Economy/Banking Awareness Syllabus for Mains

Topic	Description
Financial Awareness	Covers basic concepts of economy, banking, budget, and financial systems.
Banking Reforms	Includes key changes and improvements in the banking sector over the years.
Monetary Policy	Refers to RBI's policy decisions on interest rates, liquidity, and inflation.
RBI Reports and Indices	Covers RBI's annual, monthly reports and key indices it publishes.
International Organisation Reports	Important reports released by IMF, World Bank, UN, etc., and their relevance.
Current Affairs of National and International Importance	Includes recent events, govt schemes, summits, appointments, and global news.
General Knowledge	Covers static GK like capitals, currencies, books, awards, and historical facts.

Reasoning Syllabus for Mains

Topic	Description
Verbal Reasoning	Questions that assess logical thinking and language-based reasoning.
Syllogism	Deduce conclusions based on given statements using logic rules.
Circular Seating Arrangement	Arrangement of people/items in a circular order based on given conditions.
Code Inequalities	Solve inequalities coded in symbols to find valid conclusions.
Linear Seating Arrangement	Arrange individuals in a straight line using direction and position clues.
Double Lineup	Match two sets of data, like names and professions, based on complex conditions.
Scheduling	Determine the sequence or timing of events/activities from given data.
Input-Output	Decode the machine-based pattern of input strings to track changes step-by-step.
Blood Relations	Solve puzzles involving family relationships based on statements.
Directions and Distances	Determine direction or distance based on movement-related clues.
Ordering and Ranking	Rank people/things based on height, marks, position, etc.
Data Sufficiency	Judge whether given data is enough to answer a question.
Coding and Decoding	Break patterns where words or numbers are replaced with codes.

English Language Syllabus for Mains

Topic	Description
Reading Comprehension	Passage-based questions to test reading speed, understanding, and inference skills.
Vocabulary	Questions based on word meanings, synonyms, antonyms, and word usage.
Grammar	Tests your understanding of rules related to sentence structure and correctness.
One Word Substitution	Replace a full phrase or sentence with a single, precise word.
Verbal Ability	Covers sentence rearrangement, para jumbles, and identifying sentence errors.

IBPS PO Descriptive Test

IBPS has included the descriptive test of 25 Marks in the PO Mains Exam. The candidates will have to write an essay and a letter of 25 marks. The English Language Paper is to assess the candidates' writing skills, and it is compulsory to pass this paper by securing a minimum cut-off. Some topics asked in the previous year's essays and letters are listed below for the reference of the candidates.

1. Economic and Social Issues
2. Emerging Trends in Banking
3. Technology,
4. Current events, Ethics etc

IBPS PO Interview 2025

Candidates who have been shortlisted in the Online Main examination for CRP- PO/MT-XIV will subsequently be

called for an Interview to be conducted by the Participating Organisation and coordinated by the Nodal Bank in each State/ UT with the help of IBPS. Interviews will be conducted at select centres.

1. The total marks allotted for the IBPS PO Interview are 100.
2. The minimum qualifying marks in the interview will not be less than 40% (35% for SC/ST/OBC/PWBD candidates).
3. The weightage (ratio) of the IBPS PO Online Main Exam and interview will be 80:20, respectively.
4. The combined final score of candidates shall be arrived at based on scores obtained by the candidates in the Online Main Examination of CRP-PO/MT-XIV and the Interview.
5. A candidate should qualify both in the Online Main Exam and interview and be sufficiently high in merit to be shortlisted for the subsequent provisional allotment process.

IBPS PO Selection Process 2025

The Probationary Officer Exam is conducted in three different stages as listed below:

Stage	Exam Pattern	Purpose
Prelims Exam	Objective Test Total Marks: 100	Mostly a screening test. Marks are not counted in the final merit. Candidates qualifying in this move to the Mains exam.
Mains Exam	Objective + Descriptive Test Total Marks: 225 (200 Objective + 25 Descriptive)	Marks are counted in the final merit. Requires deep conceptual clarity and practice.
Interview	Candidates shortlisted based on the Mains score Minimum qualifying marks set by IBPS	Final stage to assess the candidate's communication, personality, and banking awareness. Final selection based on Mains + Interview scores.