

# Bank Exam 2026 – Complete Preparation Strategy

## 1. Understand the Exam Pattern

**Bank exams** (SBI, IBPS, RRB) generally have the following stages:

1. **Prelims** – Objective
  - **Reasoning Ability:** 35–40 Qs
  - **Quantitative Aptitude:** 35–40 Qs
  - **English Language:** 30–35 Qs
  - Duration: 60 minutes
2. **Mains** – Objective + Descriptive
  - **Reasoning + Computer Aptitude**
  - **Quantitative Aptitude**
  - **English Language**
  - **General/Banking Awareness**
  - **Data Analysis & Interpretation (DI)**
3. **Interview / Group Discussion** - ( PO level exams are applicable not for Clerk level )

**Tip:** Prelims ka goal = clear cut-off with speed & accuracy.

## 2. Create a Study Schedule

Daily 4–6 hours dedicated study:

- Morning (1–2 hrs)

**Quantitative Aptitude** → Arithmetic topics / DI practice

- Afternoon (1–2 hrs)

**Reasoning** → Seating arrangement, puzzles, inequalities, blood relations

- Evening (1 hr)

**English → Reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary**

- Night (30–60 min)

**General/Banking Awareness → Current affairs, RBI updates, static GK**

Weekly Targets:

**Solve** 100–150 questions Compusory

**Take** 1–2 full mock tests and analyse your mistakes

### **3. Subject-wise Strategy**

#### **A. Quantitative Aptitude**

**Topics:-**

**1. Arithmetic:** HCF/LCM, Time & Work, Profit & Loss, Percentage, Ratio, SI/CI, Speed, Time & Distance, Ages, Pipes & Cistern, Partnership, Mixture & Allegation, Boat & Stream

**2. Data Interpretation:** Bar & line graph, Pie chart, DI (Table, Caselet, Missing, Comparison)

**3. Simplification:** BODMAS, Square & Cube, Surds & Indices

**4. Number System:** Divisibility Rules, Remainders, Units Digit, Number Series (Missing/Wrong)

**Tips:**

Daily practice 30–40 Qs

Shortcut formulas for speed

DI → 10–15 minutes max per set

## B. Reasoning Ability

### Topics:

- 1. Puzzles & Seating Arrangement:** Linear Seating (Single / Double row), Circular Seating (Facing Inside / Outside), Square / Rectangle Seating, Floor-based Puzzle, Box / Month / Day based Puzzle
- 2. Logical Reasoning:** Syllogism, Inequality, Blood Relation, Direction Sense, Coding–Decoding (Old + New Pattern), Order & Ranking, Alphanumeric Series
- 3. Miscellaneous Reasoning:** Input–Output, Data Sufficiency, Statement–Conclusion, Statement–Assumption, Cause & Effect

### Tips:

Draw diagrams for seating arrangement & puzzles

Practice **previous year puzzles**

Focus on **accuracy first, speed later**

## C. English Language

### Topics:

Reading comprehension, Cloze Test, Spotting Errors, Sentence Improvement, Fill in the Blanks, Phrase Replacement, Para Jumbles, Vocabulary (Synonyms, Antonyms, One-word Substitution, Idioms & Phrases)

### Tips:

Read 30 min daily (newspapers, editorials)

Maintain **vocabulary notebook**

Attempt **previous year English questions**

## D. General / Banking Awareness

### Topics:

**1. Current Affairs (last 6–12 months)** - National & International News, Banking & Financial News, Appointments & Resignations, Awards & Honors, Sports, Summits & Reports

**2. Banking & Financial Awareness** - RBI Functions, Monetary Policy, Digital Banking (UPI, NEFT, RTGS, IMPS, Repo, Reverse Repo, CRR, SLR)

**3. Static GK (Limited but Relevant)** - Important Days & Dates, Countries – Capitals – Currencies, Bank Headquarters & Taglines

**4. Government Schemes** – PMJDY, PMFBY, Atal Pension Yojana, Mudra Yojana, Stand-Up India

### Tips:

Weekly 1–2 hrs dedicated

Make short notes for revision

## 4. Mock Tests & Revision

Take **1–2 mock tests weekly** initially

1. Increase to **3–4 per week** closer to exams
2. Analyse:
  - Time spent per question
  - Weak topics
  - Accuracy vs attempt ratio

### Revision Strategy:

- Make **short notes** for all formulas, tricks, current affairs
- Revise weekly & monthly
- Focus more on **Quant & Reasoning**, which carry maximum weightage

## **5. Time Management Tips**

Prelims: 60 mins → 35–40 Qs each in Quant/Reasoning → **<1.5 min per question**

Mains: 2–3 hrs → DI sets first, then Arithmetic, then English

Never get stuck on one question → Move on and come back

## **6. Topper Tips**

Practice **previous year question papers (last 10 yrs)**

Focus on **shortcuts & approximation techniques** in Quant

Focus on **high weightage** topics.

For reasoning, **daily puzzle practice** is key

Read **newspapers daily** for English & Banking Awareness

Stay consistent, avoid last-minute cramming

## **\*Here you get Material :**

1. For Complete Study Material, Short notes & tricks , Previous year papers, Syllabus & Pattern and Hand written notes you can join our Community.

Link - <https://bhagyaachievers.com/community-notes/bank>

2. For Chapter wise Mocks you can practice here for FREE :

Link - <https://bhagyaachievers.com/free-mock-test-series-for-all-exams>

3. For mentorship or Guidance you can fill the form here :

Link -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfL8ae1NfVvVfATmQtQ7OFcOezNm0zreMgJ-FFNxghJHNZKqA/viewform>

4. For Full length mock test series :<https://bhagyaachievers.com/test-series/bank-exam>

**Dear Bank Aspirants,**

First, target **one bank exam** and follow this strategy with full dedication.

If you stay **consistent**, you will definitely crack the exam in **2026**.

**All the Best, Future Bankers!**

- Team Bhagya Achievers

