

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 me 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/1FAIpQLSfL8ae1NfVvVfATmQtQ70FcOezNm0zreMgJ-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

