

RBI Assistant Syllabus and Exam Pattern 2026 for Prelims and Mains Exam

The RBI Assistant Syllabus and Exam Pattern 2026 outline the important topics for the Prelims and Mains exams. Prelims assess English, Reasoning and Numerical Ability, while Mains include General Awareness and Computer Knowledge. Stay prepared as the notification is expected soon.

RBI Assistant Overview :

To clear the RBI Assistant 2026 Exam, candidates must be familiar with the RBI Assistant Syllabus & Exam Pattern. Understanding the structure of the exam, marking scheme, and selection process is the first step. So, Below we have given the table which shows highlights the important details related to the RBI Assistant Syllabus and Exam Pattern

Organization	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Posts	Grade B (DR) – General, DEPR, DSIM
Exam Type	Objective (Phase 1), Objective + Descriptive (Phase 2), Interview
Selection Process	General: Phase 1, Phase 2, Interview; DEPR/DSIM: Written Exams, Interview
Negative Marking	0.25 marks per incorrect answer (Phase 1 and objective sections of Phase 2)
Language	English (English Language/Descriptive); English & Hindi (other sections)
Official Website	www.rbi.org.in
Negative Marking:	Applies to objective sections (0.25 marks deducted per wrong answer).
Cut-Offs:	Both sectional and overall cut-offs apply in Phase 1 and 2.
Merit List	For General, based on Phase 2 marks + Interview (75 marks); for DEPR/DSIM, based on written exams + Interview.

Exam Pattern 2026 :

Prelims :

The RBI Assistant Prelims Exam is an online test, objective-type test just to check the candidates' basic aptitude in English, numerical ability and reasoning.

- Total Time Allotted- 1 hour
- Total Number of Questions- 100 Questions
- Sectional Time- Yes
- Sectional Cut-Off- Yes
- Negative marking- 0.25 marks

RBI Assistant Prelims Exam Pattern				
S. No.	Name of Test	No. of Question	Maximum Marks	Duration
1.	English Language	30	30	20 Minutes
2.	Reasoning Ability	35	35	20 Minutes
3.	Numerical Ability	35	35	20 Minutes
Total		100	100	60 Minutes

Mains :

Candidates who qualify the RBI Assistant prelims exam can appear for the Mains exam. It has five sections including General Awareness and Computer Knowledge.

- Total time allotted: 135 minutes
- Total Question: 200 questions
- Sectional Timing- Yes
- Sectional Cut-Off- Yes
- Negative marking- 0.25 marks

RBI Assistant Mains Exam Pattern				
Serial Number	Name of Test	No. of Question	Maximum Marks	Duration
1.	Test Of English Language	40	40	30 minutes
2.	Test of Reasoning Ability	40	40	30 minutes
3.	Test Of Computer Knowledge	40	40	20 minutes
4.	Test Of General Awareness	40	40	25 minutes
5.	Test of Numerical Ability	40	40	30 minutes
Total		200	200	135 minutes

RBI Assistant Syllabus 2026 :

Reasoning Ability

RBI Assistant Syllabus for Reasoning Ability		
Seating Arrangement	Syllogism	Input-output
Puzzles	Alphanumeric Series	Coding decoding
Direction and Blood relation	Order and Ranking	Logical Reasoning
Inequality	Data Sufficiency	Miscellaneous

English Language

RBI Assistant Syllabus for English Language		
Reading Comprehension	Vocabulary based Questions	Paragraph/ Sentences Restatement
Cloze Test	Sentence Improvement	Word Rearrangement
Fillers	Jumbled Paragraph	Column Based
Sentence Errors	Paragraph Based Questions	Spelling Error
Paragraph Conclusion	Error Detection	

General Awareness

RBI Assistant Syllabus for General Awareness		
National Current Affairs	Science & Technology News	Union Budget 2026
International Current Affairs	Banking & Insurance News	Current Static
State Current Affairs	Static GK	Apps & Portals
Sports News	Ranks/Reports/Indexes	Static Banking
Central Government Schemes	Business & Economy Related News	Committees/ Councils
Agreements/MoU	Important Days- Direct, Theme, Related Facts/News	RBI In News
Books & Authors	Obituaries	International Loans
Summits & Conferences	Important Appointments- National, International, Brand Ambassador	Abbreviations
Defense News	Important Awards & Honours	

Computer Knowledge

RBI Assistant Syllabus for Computer Knowledge		
Fundamentals of Computer	Basic Knowledge of the Internet	Input and Output Devices
Future of Computers	Computer Languages	MS Office
Networking Software & Hardware	Computer Shortcut Keys	
History of Computers	Database	

Numerical Ability

RBI Assistant Syllabus for Numerical Ability		
Quadratic Equation and Quantity Comparison	Speed, Time & Distance, Boat and Stream, Train	Average
Simplification and Approximation	Simple Interest & Compound Interest	Age
Time & Work, Time and Wage & Pipes & Cistern	Data Interpretation (Table, Pie chart, Line chart, Bar chart, Mixed chart, Radar and Caselet) etc.	Problems on L.C.M and H.C.F
Mixture and Alligation	Number Series (Missing, wrong and double & new pattern number series)	Partnership
Ratio and Proportion	Percentage	Probability
Profit and Loss, Discount	Permutation & Combination	Data sufficiency (Two and three statements)

RBI Assistant LPT 2026 :

Candidates who are provisionally shortlisted after the Mains examination must appear for the Language Proficiency Test (LPT). This test is conducted in the respective Official/Local Language of the candidate's chosen state. The purpose of the LPT is to assess the candidate's ability to read, write, and speak the designated local language. Based on the previous RBI Assistant notification, the list of state-wise local languages required for verification is provided below.

List of Languages for LPT	
Area	Language for LPT
Ahmedabad	Gujarati
Bengaluru	Kannada
Bhopal	Hindi
Bhubaneswar	Oriya
Chandigarh	Punjabi / Hindi
Chennai	Tamil
Guwahati	Assamese / Bengali / Khasi / Manipuri / Bodo / Mizo
Hyderabad	Telugu
Jaipur	Hindi
Jammu	Urdu / Hindi / Kashmiri
Kanpur & Lucknow	Hindi
Kolkata	Bengali / Nepali
Mumbai	Marathi / Konkani
Nagpur	Marathi / Hindi
New Delhi	Hindi
Patna	Hindi / Maithili
Thiruvananthapuram	Malayalam

RBI Assistant Selection Process :

The RBI Assistant Selection Process consists of three stages: Preliminary Exam, Main Exam, and Language Proficiency Test (LPT).

- Preliminary Exam (Prelims): This is a qualifying stage. It covers English, Reasoning, and Quantitative sections. Marks here are not counted in the final merit list; you just need to clear the cut-offs.
- Main Exam (Mains): This exam has more sections — English, Reasoning, Quantitative, plus General Awareness and Computer Knowledge. The marks you get here are used to decide your final score
- Language Proficiency Test (LPT): If you clear the Mains, you must pass this test in the local or official language of the state you applied to. It's qualifying in nature (i.e. you must pass it).

You have to clear each stage (both section-wise and overall cut-offs where applicable) to move to the next phase

RBI Assistant Prep Tips :

1. Understand Syllabus & Pattern 2026

2. Make a Smart Study Plan

(Daily study: 4–6 hours / Prelims focus first, then Mains)

3. Section-wise Strategy

4. Mock Tests Are Mandatory

(Prelims: 2–3 mocks per week , Mains: 1–2 mocks per week , Analyze mistakes seriously)

Full Length Mocks : <https://bhagyaachievers.com/test-series/bank-exam/rbi-assistant-test-series>

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

5. Solve Previous Year Papers : <https://bhagyaachievers.com/community-notes/bank/rbi-assistant/reasoning-ability967/past-year-paper>

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