

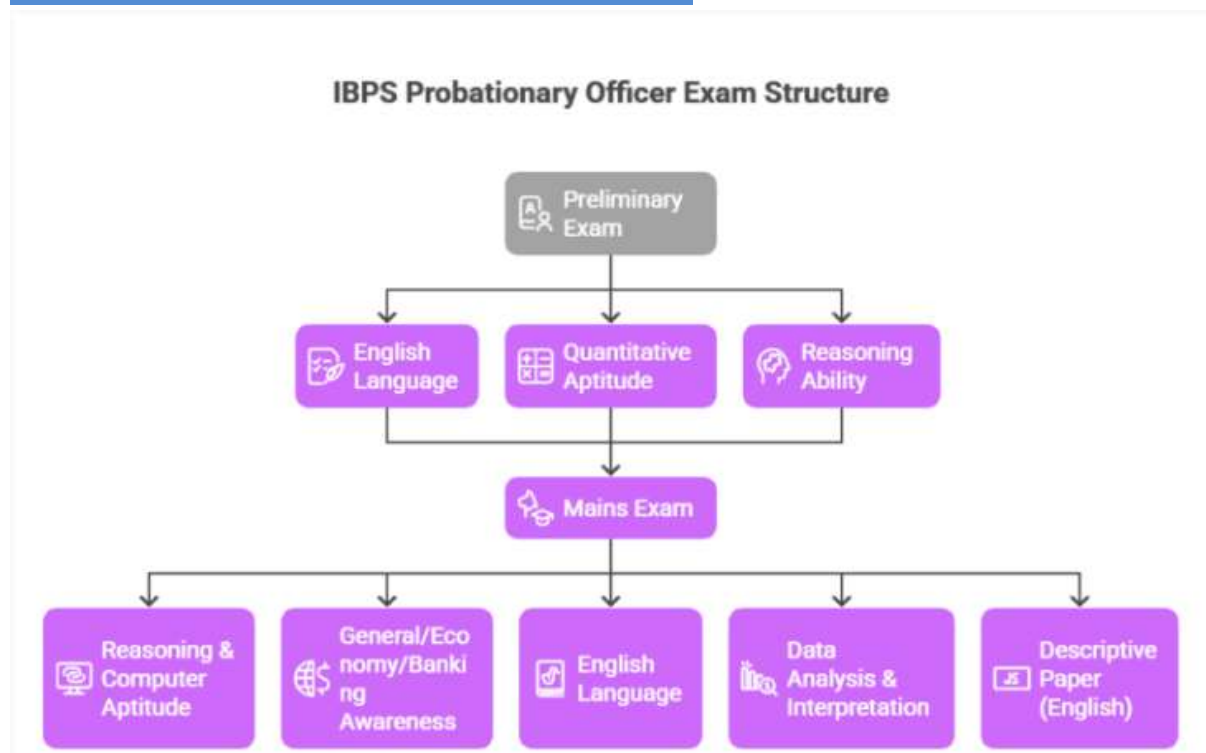
IBPS PO Syllabus and Exam Pattern 2026 for Prelims and Mains Exam

Get the complete details of IBPS PO Syllabus and revised Exam pattern 2026 for both Prelims and Mains Exams. Know the subjects topics marking scheme and structure to prepare with confidence for each stage of the IBPS Probationary Officer recruitment examination.

IBPS PO Overview :-

IBPS PO Syllabus 2026	
Exam Name	IBPS PO Exam 2026
Post	Probationary Officers
Category	Syllabus
Exam Level	Moderate
Selection Process	Prelims Mains Personality Test Interview
IBPS PO Prelims Exam	English Language Reasoning Ability Quantitative Aptitude
IBPS PO Mains	Reasoning Ability General/ Economy/ Banking/ Digital/ Financial Awareness English Language Data Analysis & Interpretation
Language of Exam	English, Hindi
Official Website	www.ibps.in
IBPS PO Exam Pattern 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prelims Exam: Objective Type• Mains Exam: Objective + Descriptive Type• Both sectional and overall cut-offs are applied.• A deduction of 1/4th mark for every incorrect answer.

IBPS PO Exam Structure :-



IBPS PO Exam Pattern 2026 :-

IBPS PO Prelims Exam Pattern 2026

The first phase of the IBPS PO 2026 exam is prelims, which serve as a screening round.

- The Prelims stage of the IBPS PO consists of three sections and has a total duration of 1 hour.
- A total of 100 multiple-choice questions in the Prelims exam for a maximum of 100 marks.
- There will be a negative marking of 0.25 marks for every incorrect answer.
- Candidates must meet the minimum cut-off marks set by IBPS in all the tests to qualify.

IBPS PO Prelims Exam Pattern 2026 (Revised)			
Subjects	Number of Questions	Marks	Duration
English Language	30	30	20 minutes
Quantitative Aptitude	35	30	20 minutes
Reasoning Ability	35	40	20 minutes
Total	100	100	1 Hour

IBPS PO Mains Exam Pattern 2026

Candidates who qualify for the prelims round will become eligible to sit for the mains exam, which is the second phase of the IBPS PO 2026 selection process.

- The IBPS PO Mains Exam consists of four sections and an additional section for the descriptive test, which will be conducted separately on the same exam date.
- In the Mains exam, the question paper will consist of both objective and descriptive types, valuing 200 marks and 25 marks, respectively.
- There will be a negative marking of 0.25 marks for every incorrect answer.
- Each section will have a designated time limit, similar to the IBPS PO Prelims Exam.
- Candidates must pass each test/section individually to succeed in the IBPS PO Mains Exam.

Introduction of Descriptive Test: 25 Marks

In the IBPS PO Mains Exam, IBPS has introduced a descriptive test worth 25 marks. This test requires candidates to write an essay and a comprehension, carrying 25 marks. The English Language Paper is designed to evaluate candidates' writing skills, and it is necessary to pass this paper by getting a minimum cut-off mark.

IBPS PO Mains Revised Exam Pattern (Revised)			
Sections	Questions	Marks	Duration
Reasoning Ability	40	60	50 Minutes
General/ Economy/ Banking Awareness/ Digital/ Financial Awareness	35	50	25 Minutes
English Language	35	40	40 Minutes
Data Analysis & Interpretation	35	50	45 Minutes
Total	145	200	160 Minutes
Descriptive Paper (Essay & Comprehension)	02	25	30 Minutes

IBPS PO Syllabus 2026 :-

In the IBPS PO 2026 Preliminary Exam, candidates are tested on core areas like English Language, Quantitative Aptitude, and Reasoning Ability to assess their speed and accuracy. The Mains Exam goes beyond the basics, with a comprehensive evaluation that includes Data Interpretation & Analysis,

Descriptive English writing, and topics covering General, Banking, Economic, and Financial Awareness, along with questions focused on current digital developments in the banking industry.

Prelims :-

Reasoning Ability	Quantitative Aptitude	English Language
Seating Arrangements	<u>Simplification</u> and Approximation	Cloze Test
Puzzles	Number Series	Sentence Correction
Inequalities	Inequality	Para Jumbles
Syllogism	Data Interpretation (DI)	Fill in the Blanks
Input-Output	Data Sufficiency (DS)	Reading Comprehension
Data Sufficiency	Profit & Loss	Spotting Errors
Blood Relations	SI and CI	Sentence Improvement
Coding Decoding	Probability	Para/Sentence Completion
Order and Ranking	Permutation & Combination	Sentence Rearrangement
Alpha/numeric/symbol Series	Age-Based	Column-Based Spelling Errors
Distance and Direction	Speed, Time, and Distance	Word Swap
Miscellaneous	Train Based	Word Rearrangement
	Time and Work	Sentence-Based Errors
	Mixture and Alligation	
	Ratio & Proportion	

Mains :-

Quantitative Aptitude	General Awareness	Reasoning & Computer Aptitude	English Language
Simplification	Financial Awareness	Verbal Reasoning	Reading Comprehension
Average	Current Affairs	Coding and Decoding	One word Substitution
Percentage	General Knowledge	Internet	Verbal Ability
Mixture and Allegations	Static Awareness	Memory	Grammar
Ratio and Percentage		Keyboard Shortcuts	Vocabulary
Data Interpretation		Computer Abbreviation	
Mensuration and Geometry		Microsoft Office	
Quadratic Equation		Computer Hardware	
Interest		Computer Software	
Problems of Ages		Operating System	
Profit and Loss		Networking	
Number Series		Computer Fundamentals /Terminologies	
Speed, Distance, and Time		Syllogism	
Time and Work		Circular Seating Arrangement	
Number System		Code Inequalities	
Data Sufficiency		Linear Seating Arrangement	
Linear Equation		Double Lineup	
Permutation and Combination		Scheduling	

Probability		Input-Output	
		Blood Relations	
		Directions and Distances	
		Ordering and Ranking	
		Data Sufficiency	

IBPS PO Interview Process :-

The IBPS PO Interview 2026 is the final stage of the recruitment process for selecting Probationary Officers in public sector banks. Candidates who qualify the Mains exam are shortlisted for the interview round. The interview is conducted by participating banks at selected centres across different states.

- The interview carries 100 marks.
- Minimum qualifying marks: 40% for General and 35% for SC/ST/OBC/PwBD candidates.
- Final merit is prepared using 80:20 weightage, where 80% is from the Mains exam and 20% from the Interview.
- Candidates must qualify both Mains and Interview to get provisionally allotted to a bank.

IBPS PO Selection Process :-

The recruitment process for IBPS Probationary Officers (PO) is done in three main stages. Candidates must qualify each stage to move to the next one.

Preliminary Exam (Prelims)

- Type: Objective Test
- Total Marks: 100
- Purpose: This is a screening test.
- Only those who qualify can appear for the Mains exam.
- Marks are not added to the final selection.

Main Exam (Mains)

- Type: Objective + Descriptive Test
- Total Marks: 225
- Objective: 200 Marks
- Descriptive (Letter & Essay): 25 Marks
- Purpose: Marks are added to the final merit list.
- Focus on deep understanding and writing skills.

Interview

- Conducted for candidates who clear the Mains exam.
- Purpose: To test your personality, communication and banking awareness.
- Minimum qualifying marks are set by IBPS.
- Final merit is calculated based on Mains + Interview scores.

Final Selection

- Based on performance in Mains (80%) + Interview (20%).
- Candidates are provisionally allotted to banks as per merit and preference.

IBPS PO Prelims 2026 Preparation Strategy :-

- **Know the Sections:** Focus on English, Quantitative Aptitude, and Reasoning. Identify strong & weak areas early.
- **Daily Timed Practice:** Solve sectional and full-length mock tests to improve speed & accuracy.
- **Prioritize High-Scoring Topics:**
 - **Reasoning:** Puzzles, seating arrangements
 - **Quant:** Simplification, number series, data interpretation
 - **English:** Reading comprehension, error spotting
- **Revise Shortcuts & Tricks:** Quick calculations, formula-based problems, Venn diagrams, and reasoning shortcuts.
- **Analyze Mocks:** Review mistakes, reattempt weak areas, and refine exam-day strategy.