

SBI Clerk Exam Pattern 2026 for Prelims & Mains Exams

The SBI Clerk 2026 Prelims & Mains exam will be conducted to select eligible candidates for the posts of Junior Associates (Customer Support and Sales) in one of the many branches of the State Bank of India across the country.

The banking aspirants who want to prepare for SBI Clerk examination must be well aware with the latest SBI Clerk Exam Pattern which has been set by the State Bank of India for shortlisting eligible candidates for the posts. Let's understand the latest SBI Clerk exam pattern and SBI Clerk Syllabus, which will give you an idea about the exam format & selection process.

SBI Clerk Exam Pattern 2026

The SBI Clerk selection process will consist of two online tests (preliminary & main examination) and a test of a specified local language. Let's have a look at the detailed SBI Clerk Exam Pattern and Structure.

SBI Clerk Prelims Exam Pattern 2026

Preliminary Examination (online) consisting of Objective Tests for 100 marks will be conducted online. This test would be of 1 hour duration, consisting of 3 Sections as follows:

SNo.	Section	No. of Question	Total Marks	Duration
1	English Language	30	30	20 minutes
2	Numerical Ability	35	35	20 minutes
3	Reasoning	35	35	20 minutes
Total		100	100	60 minutes

SBI Clerk Prelims Exam Pattern 2026: Important Points

1. Each test will have a separate timing as mentioned above.
2. There will be negative marks for wrong answers in the Objective tests. 1/4th of the mark assigned for the question will be deducted for each wrong answer.
3. No minimum qualifying marks for the individual subjects as well as for aggregate (overall) are prescribed.
4. The adequate number of candidates in each category as decided by the Bank (approximately 10 times the number of vacancies, subject

to availability) will be shortlisted for the Main Examination from the list of all candidates arranged in descending order of aggregate marks scored.

SBI Clerk Selection Process 2026

The State Bank of India conducts a two-stage selection process for SBI Clerk recruitment. To get selected for the SBI Clerk (Junior Associate) post, the candidates need to qualify in both the online test of the recruitment process i.e. Prelims and Mains, followed by LLPT. Local language will be conducted, which is qualifying in nature. The marks scored in the mains exam will be counted for the final selection process.

SBI Clerk Selection Process

Stage 1 — Preliminary Examination

English Language

30 questions
30 marks
20 minutes

Numerical Ability

35 questions
35 marks
20 minutes

Reasoning Ability

35 questions
35 marks
20 minutes

Total: 100 questions · 100 marks · 1 hour · Negative marking: 0.25

Qualifying in nature — shortlists for Mains

General / Financial Awareness

50 questions
50 marks
35 minutes

General English

40 questions
40 marks
35 minutes

Quantitative Aptitude

50 questions
50 marks
45 minutes

Reasoning & Computer Aptitude

50 questions
60 marks
45 minutes

Total: 190 questions · 200 marks · 2 hrs 40 min · Negative marking: 0.25

Merit-based — determines final selection rank

Stage 3 — Language Proficiency Test (LPT)

Qualifying · Tests proficiency in state/UT official language
Conducted before final joining

SBI Clerk Prelims Syllabus 2026

The preliminary examination syllabus of the **SBI Clerk** exam will comprise questions from Reasoning Ability, Numerical Ability and English Language. Candidates must focus on each subject to score good marks in the prelims exam and increase their chances of qualification for the mains exam. Check the detailed subject-wise syllabus below:

SBI Clerk Numerical Ability Syllabus

1. Data Interpretation (Bar, Line, Pie, Tabular)
2. Data Sufficiency
3. Quadratic Equation
4. Mensuration – Cylinder, Cone, Sphere
5. Approximation
6. Missing Number Series
7. Simplification
8. Time & Work, Pipes & Cisterns
9. Problems on Ages
10. Average, Ratio, Percentage, Profit & Loss
11. Simple Interest & Compound Interest
12. Speed, Distance & Time
13. Permutation & Combination
14. Boat & Stream
15. Probability

16. Partnership
17. Mixture & Allegation

SBI Clerk Reasoning Syllabus

1. Blood Relations
2. Input Output
3. Data Sufficiency
4. Coded Inequalities
5. Seating Arrangement (Circular/Triangular/Square/Rectangular)
6. Logical Reasoning
7. Alphanumeric Series
8. Ranking/Direction/Alphabet Test
9. Puzzle
10. Tabulation
11. Syllogism
12. Meaningful Word
13. Odd One Out
14. Coding Decoding
15. Direction & Distance
16. Letter/Digit/Mix Series
17. Pair Formation
18. Inequality
19. Order & Ranking

SBI Clerk English Language Syllabus

1. Reading Comprehension
2. Cloze Test
3. Para jumbles
4. Miscellaneous
5. Fill in the blanks/Fillers
6. Multiple Meaning
7. Paragraph Completion
8. Error Detection
9. Misspelt
10. Word/Sentence Rearrangement
11. Single Fillers
12. Match the Column
13. Para Jumble
14. Word Usage
15. Word Swap
16. Column-Based Sentence
17. Phrase Replacements