The SBI PO syllabus is very similar to that of any other bank exam. There are three major sections that a candidate needs to prepare to ace the preliminary exam. These are Reasoning, Quantitative Aptitude and English Language. The sections have a wide range of topics on which questions are based. It is recommended that candidates have a look at the previous year's papers and know about the weightage of each topic.

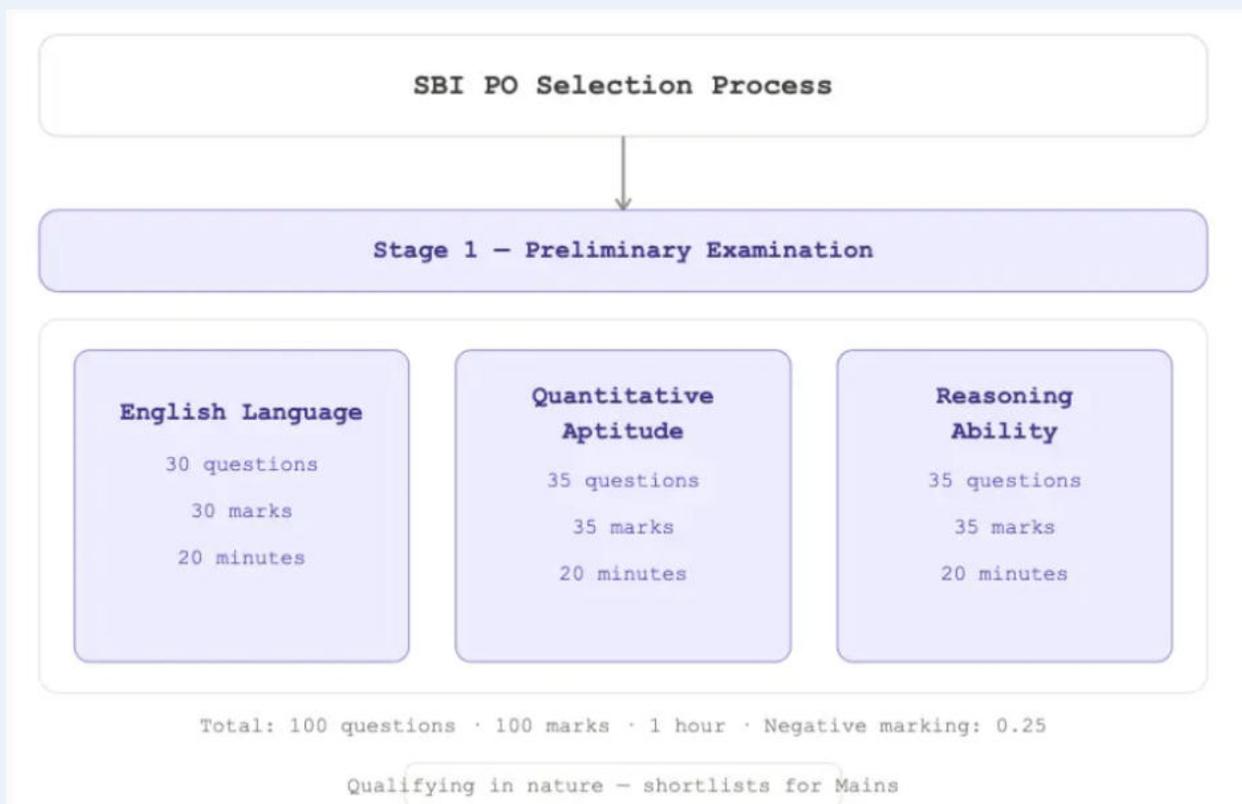SBI PO Syllabus and Exam Pattern 2026

The preliminary examination of the SBI PO 2026 comprises of 100 questions from Reasoning Ability, Quantitative Aptitude and English Language. The main examination of SBI PO 2026 comprises Reasoning and Computer Aptitude, Data Analysis and Interpretation, General/Economy/Banking Awareness, English Language, and a descriptive test. Here is the overview of the syllabus of the SBI PO Prelims & Mains exam:

SBI PO Syllabus and Exam Pattern 2026- Overview	
Recruitment Body	State Bank of India (SBI)
Exam Name	SBI PO 2026
Posts	Probationary Officer
Category	Syllabus
Mode of Exam	Online
No. of Questions	Prelims- 100 Mains- 155 (MCQs) + 2 (descriptive)

Negative Marking	0.25 mark
Selection Process	- Preliminary Exam - Mains Exam - Interview/Group Discussion
Official website	www.sbi.co.in

SBI PO Selection Process 2026

State Bank of India (SBI) will recruit candidates through three stages: Preliminary Examination, Mains Examination, and Interview.

Stage 2 — Mains Examination

Reasoning & Computer Aptitude	General / Economy / Banking	English Language	Data Analysis & Interpretation
45 questions	40 questions	35 questions	35 questions
60 marks	40 marks	40 marks	60 marks
60 minutes	35 minutes	40 minutes	45 minutes

Total: 155 questions · 200 marks · 3 hours · Negative marking: 0.25

+ Descriptive Paper: Letter & Essay writing
50 marks · 30 minutes · Conducted online

Merit-based — determines GD & Interview shortlist

Stage 3 — Group Discussion & Interview

Group Discussion (GD)	Personal Interview
20 marks	30 marks
Assesses communication & teamwork	Conducted by SBI panel

Final merit = Mains (75%) + GD & Interview (25%)

SBI PO Exam Pattern 2026

State Bank of India (SBI) conducts 2 stages of online examination i.e. Preliminary and Mains. Only the candidates qualifying in both stages will be eligible to appear for the interview round. For each incorrect answer in the objective test, there will be a negative marking of 0.25

marks. SBI PO Prelims and Mains Exam Pattern 2026 has been discussed here.

SBI PO Prelims Exam Pattern 2026			
Subjects	English Language	Quantitative Aptitude	Reasoning Ability
No. of Questions	40	30	30
Marks	40	30	30
Duration	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes

- Total Time- 60 minutes (1 hour)
- Negative Marking- 0.25 marks

SBI PO Mains Exam Pattern 2026					
Subjects	Reasoning & Computer Aptitude	Data Analysis & Interpretation	General/ Economy/ Banking Awareness	English Language	Descriptive Test
No. of Questions	40	30	60	40	--
Marks	60	60	60	20	50
Duration	50	45 minutes	45	40	30 minutes

	minutes		minutes	minutes	

- Total Time- 180 minutes (3 hours)

- Negative Marking- 0.25 marks (except description)

SBI PO Syllabus 2026 for Prelims Exam

Below are the section-wise topics on which the SBI will ask questions in the SBI PO Prelims Exam.

SBI PO Prelims Syllabus 2026	
Subjects	**Topics**
Quantitative Aptitude	- Simplification/ Approximation - Profit & Loss - Mixtures & Alligations - Permutation, Combination & Probability - Work & Time - Sequence & Series - Simple Interest & Compound Interest - Surds & Indices - Mensuration – Cylinder, Cone, Sphere - Time & Distance - Data Interpretation - Ratio & Proportion - Number Systems - Percentage

	• Quadratic Equation
Reasoning	• Alphanumeric Series
	• Directions
	• Logical Reasoning
	• Data Sufficiency
	• Ranking & Order
	• Alphabet Test
	• Seating Arrangement
	• Coded Inequalities
	• Puzzle
	• Syllogism
	• Blood Relations
	• Coding-Decoding
	• Input-Output
	• Tabulation
English	• Reading Comprehension
	• Fill in the blanks
	• Cloze Test
	• Para jumbles
	• Vocabulary
	• Puzzles & Sentence Rearrangemnet
	• Paragraph Completion

	• Multiple Meaning /Error Spotting
	• Word Association
	• Sentence Improvement
	• Sentence Completion
	• Tenses Rules
	• Double Fillers
	• Word Usage
	• Inequalities
	• Pair Formation

SBI PO Mains Syllabus 2026

The Mains Examination of the SBI PO exam 2026 will constitute 4 sections: **Reasoning + Computer Aptitude, English Language, Data Analysis & Interpretation and General/Economy/Banking Awareness.** The complete SBI PO Mains syllabus is discussed below:

The subject-wise topics that need to be covered for preparing for the SBI PO 2026 Mains Exam have been listed below.

Subjects	Topics
Data Analysis & Interpretation	• Tabular Graph • Line Graph • Bar Graph

	- Charts & Tables
	- Missing Case DI
	- Radar Graph Caselet
	- Probability
	- Data Sufficiency
	- Double Line Up
	- Caselet DI
	- Permutation and Combination
	- Pie Charts
Reasoning	- Verbal Reasoning
	- Syllogism
	- Seating Arrangement & Puzzles
	- Double Lineup
	- Scheduling
	- Input Output
	- Blood Relations
	- Directions and Distances
	- Ordering and Ranking
	- Data Sufficiency
	- Coding and Decoding
	- Code Inequalities
	- Course of Action

	• Critical Reasoning • Analytical and Decision Making
General/Economy/Banking Awareness	• Current Affairs • Financial Awareness • General Knowledge • Static Awareness • Banking Terminologies Knowledge • Banking Awareness • Principles of Insurance
English Language	• Reading Comprehension • Grammar • Verbal Ability • Vocabulary • Sentence Improvement • Word Association • Para Jumbles • Error Spotting • Cloze Test • Fill in the blanks
Computer	• Internet

	- Memory
	- Keyboard Shortcuts
	- Computer Abbreviation
	- Microsoft Office
	- Computer Hardware
	- Computer Software
	- Computer Fundamentals /Terminologies
	- Networking
	- Number System
	- Operating System
	- Basic of Logic Gates

SBI PO Descriptive Test 2026

The **Descriptive Paper of 30 minutes duration with two questions for 50 marks** will be a Test of English Language (Letter Writing & Essay). Besides the preliminary exam and the main exam, an interview process is also conducted for candidates who qualify for the first two phases of the SBI PO exam.

The final merit list is made based on marks obtained by a candidate in his/ her main exam and interview process.