

IBPS PO Recruitment is conducted in three stages- Prelims, Mains, and Interview. The candidate has to qualify in each stage to get shortlisted for the vacancies. To ace the IBPS PO Exam, it is necessary to know the Exam pattern and detailed syllabus. This will help you to prepare judiciously for the IBPS PO Exam. Last year, **the patterns for both prelims and mains were revised in terms of marks and time duration.** Let's understand the **IBPS PO Syllabus and Exam Pattern 2026** one by one.

### **IBPS PO Syllabus & Exam Pattern 2026**

The officials had released the IBPS PO Syllabus & Exam Pattern for the IBPS PO exam. There is separate sectional timing for each section in the preliminary exam. IBPS PO 2026 Exam will be conducted in three phases: Preliminary Exam, Mains Exam and Interview Process. A candidate must clear each level of examination to get selected for the post of Probationary Officer in multiple Public Sector Banks.

<b>IBPS PO Syllabus &amp; Exam Pattern 2026- Overview</b>	
Organization	Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS)
Posts	Probationary Officer
Exam Name	IBPS PO 2026
Category	Syllabus & Exam Pattern
<b>IBPS PO Exam Date</b>	<b>Prelims- 22nd and 23rd August 2026</b>

<b>2026</b>	<b>Mains- 4th October 2026</b>
Mode of Exam	Online
Duration of Exam	Prelims- 60 minutes Mains- 190 minutes
Negative Marking	0.25 marks
Recruitment Stages	Prelims, Mains, and Interview
Official website	<a href="http://www.ibps.in">www.ibps.in</a>

### **IBPS PO Exam Pattern 2026 Changed**

This year, IBPS has made some revision in IBPS PO Prelims and Mains Exam Pattern. Candidates appearing for IBPS PO 2026 must know the exam pattern to prepare in the right direction. We have discussed below the revised IBPS PO Exam Pattern 2026.

### **IBPS PO Preliminary Exam Pattern 2026**

The IBPS PO preliminary examination will be conducted online and candidates are allocated a total duration of 1 hour to complete the preliminary exam. It consists of 3 sections with a total of 100 questions and a maximum score of 100 marks. There is negative marking in IBPS PO preliminary exam, and **0.25 marks are deducted for each wrong answer** attempted by a candidate. It is necessary to clear the cut-off in all 3 sections to qualify for the IBPS PO Main exam. There is a change in the total marks for the Quantitative Aptitude and Reasoning Ability section.

<b>IBPS PO Prelims Exam Pattern 2026</b>				
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of Tests(Objective</b>	<b>No. of Questions</b>	<b>Maximum Marks</b>	<b>Duration</b>
1	English Language	30	30	20 minutes
2	Quantitative Aptitude	35	30	20 minutes
3	Reasoning Ability	35	40	20 minutes
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60 minutes</b>

### **IBPS PO Mains Exam Pattern 2026**

- **Introduction of Descriptive Paper:** Just like the SBI PO Exam, IBPS introduced a Descriptive Paper in its Mains Examination, where candidates will be judged on their written skills. An essay and a letter will be given to candidates to write, which will constitute 25 marks and have to be completed in a time span of 30 minutes.
- The marking scheme for each section has also been changed.
- There will be a **penalty of 0.25 marks** for wrong answers marked in the Objective Tests.

- The overall time allotted for **IBPS PO 2026 Mains Objective Exam** has also been changed. Now, the main exam is of **160 minutes (objective test) plus 30 minutes (descriptive test)**.
- In total, the time for **IBPS PO Mains is 190 minutes (3 hours 10 minutes)**

<b>IBPS PO Mains Exam Pattern 2026</b>					
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of test</b>	<b>No. of Questions</b>	<b>Max. Marks</b>	<b>Medium of Examination</b>	<b>Time Allotted</b>
1	Reasoning	40	60	English & Hindi	50 minutes
2	English Language	35	40	English only	40 minutes
3	Data Analysis and Interpretation	35	50	English & Hindi	45 minutes
4	General/ Economy/ Banking Awareness / Digital/ Financial Awareness including RBI circulars	35	50	English & Hindi	25 minutes
<b>Total</b>		<b>145</b>	<b>200</b>		<b>160 minutes</b>
<b>English Language</b>		02	25	English	30

(Letter Writing & Essay)				minutes
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**Online Main Examination:**

Online Main Examination for the posts of Probationary Officers/Management Trainees will consist of objective tests for 200 marks and Descriptive test for 25 marks.

Sr. No.	Name of Tests (NOT BY SEQUENCE)	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Medium of Exam	Time allotted for each test (Separately timed)
1	Reasoning Section A - 2 Marks Section B - 1 Mark	20 20	60	English & Hindi	50 minutes
2	General/Economy/ Banking/ Digital/Financial Awareness including RBI circulars Section A - 2 Marks Section B - 1 Mark	15 20	50	English & Hindi	25 minutes
3	English Language Section A - 2 Marks Section B - 1 Mark	5 30	40	English	40 minutes
4	Data Analysis & Interpretation Section A - 2 Marks Section B - 1 Mark	15 20	50	English & Hindi	45 minutes
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>200</b>		<b>160 minutes</b>
5	Descriptive Paper* (Essay and Comprehension)	2	25	English	30 minutes

The tests of Reasoning, General/Economy/ Banking/ Digital/Financial Awareness including RBI circulars, English Language and Data Analysis & Interpretation are divided into two parts: Section A and Section B. All questions in both the sections (A & B) are compulsory. Some questions will be of 2 marks and some questions will be of 1 mark.

## IBPS PO 2026 Interview Process

Candidates who qualify for the Mains Exam are finally called for the Interview Process by IBPS. The Interview Process will constitute of **100 marks** and the minimum marks for qualifying this round will be **40%** which is reduced to **35%** for candidates belonging to **SC/ST/OBC/PWD categories**.

**Penalty for Wrong Answers:**

0.25 marks will be deducted for every question attempted wrong by a candidate in both IBPS PO 2026 Preliminary Exam and IBPS PO Mains Exam. There will be no deduction of marks for a question left blank/unattempted by a candidate.

### **Final Selection**

The final selection of the candidate for the post of Probationary Officer will be made by taking into consideration the cumulative score of **Mains Exam and the interview process**. The weightage of both these phases of examination will be in the **ratio 80:20 respectively**. A merit list will be generated after the Interview Process of the IBPS PO 2026 Exam has been conducted. Candidates who make it to the list will be thus offered the joining letter by the Bank of their choice.

### **IBPS PO Syllabus 2026**

To ace IBPS PO 2026 exam, it is really necessary to know the detailed **IBPS PO Syllabus**. The syllabus is a bit different for IBPS PO Preliminary Exam and IBPS PO 2026 Mains Exam. Let's have a look at the syllabus of both these phases of the IBPS PO Exam:

### **IBPS PO Prelims Syllabus 2026**

**IBPS PO Prelims Exam Syllabus:** IBPS PO Preliminary Exam is the primary selection round of the IBPS PO Exam. Candidates who clear the preliminary exam are eligible to appear for the mains exam. The Preliminary Exam of IBPS PO comprises **three major sections: Reasoning, Quantitative Aptitude and English Language**.

## IBPS PO Prelims Syllabus 2026

<b>IBPS PO Prelims Syllabus 2026</b>		
<b>Quantitative Ability Syllabus</b>	<b>Reasoning Syllabus</b>	<b>English Language Syllabus</b>
Simplification	Logical Reasoning	Reading Comprehension
Profit & Loss	Alphanumeric Series	Cloze Test
Mixtures & Allegations	Ranking/Direction/Alphabet Test	Para jumbles
Simple & Compound Interest & Surds & Indices	Data Sufficiency	Word Usage, Word-Swap
Work & Time	Inequalities	Fill in the blanks
Time & Distance	Seating Arrangement	Error Detection, Error Spotting
Mensuration – Cylinder, Cone, Sphere	Puzzle	Paragraph Completion
Data Interpretation	Tabulation	One word Substitution
Ratio & Proportion,	Syllogism	Miscellaneous

Percentage		
Number Systems	Blood Relations	
Sequence & Series	Input-Output	
Permutation, Combination &Probability	Coding-Decoding	

## **IBPS PO Mains Syllabus 2026**

**IBPS PO Mains Exam Syllabus: The main exam is an important phase of the IBPS PO 2026 Mains Exam. Maximum weightage is given to score obtained by the candidate in IBPS PO Mains Exam in the final selection to the post of Probationary Officer. The Mains Examination of IBPS PO consists of 4 + 1 sections: Reasoning & Computer Aptitude, English Language, Quantitative, Aptitude & General Awareness. IBPS has introduced a descriptive paper in its mains exam for the selection of candidates for the post of Probationary Officer.**

## **IBPS PO Mains Exam Syllabus**

<b>IBPS PO Mains Exam Syllabus 2026</b>				
<b>Quantitative Aptitude Syllabus</b>	<b>General Awareness Syllabus</b>	<b>Reasoning &amp; Computer Aptitude Syllabus</b>		<b>English Language Syllabus</b>
• Simplification	• Financials	• Verbal	• Internet	• Reading

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average</li> <li>• Percentage</li> <li>• Mixture and Allegations</li> <li>• Ratio and Percentage</li> <li>• Data Interpretation</li> <li>• Mensuration and Geometry</li> <li>• Quadratic Equation</li> <li>• Interest</li> <li>• Problems of Ages</li> <li>• Profit and Loss</li> <li>• Number Series</li> <li>• Speed, Distance and Time</li> <li>• Time and Work</li> <li>• Number System</li> <li>• Data Sufficiency</li> <li>• Linear Equation</li> <li>• Permutation and Combination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>al</li> <li>Awareness</li> <li>• Current Affairs</li> <li>• General Knowledge</li> <li>• Static Awareness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasoning</li> <li>• Syllogism</li> <li>• Circular Seating Arrangement</li> <li>• Code Inequalities</li> <li>• Linear Seating Arrangement</li> <li>• Double Lineup</li> <li>• Scheduling</li> <li>• Input-Output</li> <li>• Blood Relations</li> <li>• Directions and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memory</li> <li>• Keyboard Shortcuts</li> <li>• Computer Abbreviation</li> <li>• Microsoft Office</li> <li>• Computer Hardware</li> <li>• Computer Software</li> <li>• Operating System</li> <li>• Networking</li> <li>• Computer Fundamentals /Terminologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehension</li> <li>• Vocabulary</li> <li>• Grammar</li> <li>• One word Substitution</li> <li>• Verbal Ability</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Probability</li></ul>		Distance s <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ordering and Ranking</li><li>• Data Sufficien cy</li><li>• Coding and Decodin g</li></ul>		
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