Phase-1: IBPS Clerk Preliminary Examination

The preliminary exam of IBPS CRP CSA-XIV is an online exam testing a candidate on the basis of their aptitude, intellect and English. There are three sections in total and the candidate must clear the cut-off of each section to proceed to the mains exam round.

Candidates are required to solve the question paper in the **time frame of 20 minutes for each section**. The composite mark of the paper is 100 and the passing marks is decided by IBPS that is likely to change every year depending on the level of difficulty of the exam.

S.No.	Name of Tests	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Duration
1	English Language	30	30	20 minutes
2	Numerical Ability	35	35	20 minutes
3	Reasoning Ability	35	35	20 minutes
Total		100	100	1 Hour

Candidates have to qualify in each of the three tests by securing minimum cut-off marks to be decided by IBPS. An adequate number of candidates in each category as decided by IBPS depending upon requirements will be shortlisted for Online Main Examination.

Phase-2: IBPS Clerk Mains Examination [Revised]

Slights changes have been observed in the Exam Pattern of IBPS Clerk 2026 Mains Exam. **IBPS Clerk Mains Exam will now consist of 155 questions** and the total marks will remain same i.s. 200. The duration of the exam is reduced to 120 minutes which was previously 160 minuutes.

S.No.	Name of Tests	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Duration
1	Reasoning Ability & Computer Aptitude	40	60	35 minutes
2	English Language	40	40	35 minutes
3	Quantitative Aptitude	35	50	30 minutes
4	General/ Financial Awareness	40	50	20 minutes
Total		155	200	120 minutes

IBPS PO Prelims Exam Pattern 2026

The IBPS PO preliminary examination has a duration of **20 minutes for each section**, which will be conducted in online mode. It consists of 3 sections with a total of 100 questions and a maximum score of 100 marks. There is a negative marking in the IBPS PO pre-exam and 0.25 marks are deducted for each wrong answer. Candidates must clear the cut-off in all 3 sections to qualify for the IBPS PO Main exam. The section-wise details are given below:

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

Candidates have to qualify in each of the three tests by securing the minimum cut-off marks to be decided by IBPS. An adequate number of candidates in each category as decided by IBPS depending upon requirements will be shortlisted for the Online Main Examination.

IBPS PO Mains Exam Pattern 2026

The IBPO PO Main exam is also conducted online, it has 5 (4+1) sections with a total score of 200+25 marks and a total duration of 160+30 minutes. **IBPS will be conducting a descriptive paper in its mains exam** for the selection of candidates for the post of Probationary Officer. The sections must be attempted in the same order and the allotted time as mandated at the time of the exam. A candidate has to clear both preliminary and mains examinations to be eligible for the interview process.

S.No.	Name of Tests(Objective	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Duration
	IBPS PO Mains Exam Pattern 2026			
1	Reasoning	40	60	50 minutes
2	English Language	35	40	40 minutes
3	Data Analysis & Interpretation	35	50	45 minutes
4	General/ Economy/ Banking Awareness / Digital/ Financial Awareness including RBI circulars	35	50	25 minutes
Total		145	200	160 minutes
5	English Language (Letter Writing & Essay)	2	25	30 minutes

Penalty for Wrong Answers: There is a penalty for wrong answers marked in the Objective Tests of both Preliminary and Mains exams. A wrong answer to an objective question by the candidate will lead to a penalty of one-fourth of the marks assigned to that question. For example, 0.25 marks will be deducted as a penalty for a wrong answer to a question that carries 1 mark. There will be no penalty for leaving a question blank, i.e. if no answer is marked by the candidate.

SBI Clerk Preliminary Exam Pattern

S No.	Section	No. of Question	Total Marks	Duration
	SBI Clerk Prelims Exam Pattern 2026			
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 Mains Exam Pattern

S No.	Section	No. of Question	Total Marks	Duration
	SBI Clerk Mains Exam Pattern 2026			
1	General/Financial Awareness	50	50	35 minutes
2	General English	40	40	35 minutes
3	Quantitative Aptitude	50	50	45 minutes
4	Reasoning Ability & Computer Aptitude	50	60	45 minutes
Total		190	200	2 hour 40 minutes

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 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	40 minutes	30 minutes

- **Total Time- 180 minutes (3 hours)**
- **Negative Marking- 0.25 marks (except description)**

IBPS RRB Clerk Prelims Exam Pattern 2026

25 minutes are provided to candidates to complete Reasoning Section and 20 minutes to complete Numerical Ability section. Candidates must clear the cut-off of each section. The cut-off for each section is decided by the team of IBPS depending on the level of difficulty of the paper

IBPS RRB Clerk Prelims Exam Pattern 2026					
S No.	Sections	Medium of Exam	No. of Questions	Minimum Marks	Duration
1.	Reasoning	English/Hindi	40	40	25 minutes
2.	Numerical Ability	English/Hindi	40	40	20 minutes
Total			80	80	45 minutes

IBPS RRB Clerk Mains Exam Pattern 2026

IBPS RRB Office Assistant Mains Exam Pattern:

IBPS RRB Clerk Mains Exam Pattern 2026				
S. No.	Sections	No. of Questions	Marks	Duration
1	Reasoning Paper	40	50	30 minutes
2	Computer Knowledge Paper	40	20	15 minutes
3	General Awareness Paper	40	40	15 minutes
4	English Language / Hindi Language	40	40	30 minutes
5	Numerical Ability Paper	40	50	30 minutes
Total		200	200	120 minutes

SSC CGL Tier 1 Exam Pattern 2026

SSC CGL Tier-1 Exam will be conducted online, comprising 4 sections with **100 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) in total and with a maximum of 200 marks.** The entire exam needs to be completed in a time span of 60 minutes. **SSC CGL Tier 1 Exam will be of a qualifying nature and marks will not be counted in the final selection.**

The questions asked in the SSC CGL Tier 1 Exam 2026 are from the following sections:

1. General Intelligence & Reasoning
2. General Awareness
3. Quantitative Aptitude
4. English Comprehension

SSC CGL Tier 1 Exam Pattern 2026				
S.No.	Sections	No. of Questions	Total Marks	Time Allotted
1	General Intelligence and Reasoning	25	50	A cumulative time of 60 minutes
2	General Awareness	25	50	
3	Quantitative Aptitude	25	50	
4	English Comprehension	25	50	
Total		100	200	

SSC CGL Tier 2 Exam Pattern 2026

The SSC CGL Tier 2 Exam 2026 will be conducted in 2 phases- Paper 1 and Paper 2. Paper I (Compulsory for all posts), Paper II for candidates who apply for the posts of Junior Statistical Officer (JSO) in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

SSC CGL Tier 2 Exam Pattern 2026		
S.No.	Papers	Time Allotted
1	**Paper I:** (Compulsory for all posts)	2 hours 30 minutes
2	**Paper II:** Junior Statistical Officer (JSO) and Statistical Investigator Gr. II	2 hours

The detailed SSC CGL Exam Pattern 2026 for Tier 2 Exam has been discussed below, along with the changes made by SSC this year.

SSC CGL Tier 2 Exam Pattern 2026 [Paper 1]							
Sessions	Sections	Modules	Subject	No. of Questions	Marks	Weightage	Duration
Session I	Section I	Module-I	Mathematical Abilities	30	90	23%	1 hour
		Module-II	Reasoning and General Intelligence	30	90	23%	
	Section II	Module-I	English Language and Comprehension	45	135	35%	1 hour
		Module-II	General Awareness	25	75	19%	
Session II	Section III	Module-I	Computer Knowledge Test	20	60	Qualifying	15 minutes
		Module-II	Data Entry Speed Test	One Data Entry Task		Qualifying	15 minutes

SSC CGL Tier 2 Exam Pattern 2026 [Paper 2]				
Papers	Sections	No. of question	Maximum Marks	Duration
Paper II	Statistics	100	200	2 hours