

IBPS Clerk Syllabus & Exam Pattern

Prelims Exam Pattern

Section	No. of Questions	Marks	Time Duration
English Language	30	30	20 minutes
Numerical Ability	35	35	20 minutes
Reasoning Ability	35	35	20 minutes
Total	100	100	60 minutes

- Each question carries **1 mark**, and there is a **negative marking of 0.25 marks** for wrong answers.

Mains Exam Pattern

Section	No. of Questions	Marks	Time Duration
General/Financial Awareness	50	50	35 minutes
General English	40	40	35 minutes
Reasoning Ability & Computer Aptitude	50	60	45 minutes
Quantitative Aptitude	50	50	45 minutes
Total	190	200	160 minutes

- The mains exam is the **final deciding stage** for selection.
- Composite timing is allowed section-wise as per IBPS guidelines.

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English Language

- Reading Comprehension
- Cloze Test
- Error Detection
- Fill in the Blanks
- Para Jumbles
- Sentence Improvement
- Vocabulary (Synonyms, Antonyms, Idioms, and Phrases)

Quantitative Aptitude

- Simplification & Approximation

- Number Series
- Data Interpretation (Bar Graph, Pie Chart, Tabular, Line Graph)
- Quadratic Equations
- Ratio and Proportion
- Percentage, Profit & Loss, and Simple & Compound Interest
- Average, Time & Work, and Pipes & Cistern
- Speed, Distance & Time, Boats & Streams, and Trains
- Permutation, Combination & Probability
- Mensuration and Geometry

Reasoning Ability

- Puzzles & Seating Arrangement (Circular, Linear, and Mixed)
- Syllogism
- Inequality
- Coding-Decoding
- Blood Relations
- Direction Sense
- Order & Ranking
- Alphanumeric Series
- Input-Output
- Data Sufficiency

Computer Aptitude (Part of Mains)

- Basics of Computers
- Hardware & Software
- Operating Systems
- Internet & Networking
- MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Keyboard Shortcuts
- Memory & Storage Concepts
- Computer Security, Virus, and Hacking Basics

General/Financial Awareness

- Current Affairs (National & International)
- Banking Awareness (History, Functions of RBI, Monetary Policies, Banking Terms)
- Static General Knowledge (Capitals, Currency, National Parks, Important Days)
- Recent Government Schemes & Policies
- Economy & Budget Related Updates
- International Organizations (IMF, World Bank, WTO)
- Awards, Sports, and Books & Authors