

SBI Clerk Syllabus & Exam Pattern

Preliminary Exam Pattern

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

Key Points:

- Each question carries 1 mark.
- There is a **negative marking of 0.25 marks** for every wrong answer.
- Sectional timing is applied.

Main Exam Pattern

Section	No. of Questions	Marks	Duration
General/Financial Awareness	50	50	35 minutes
General English	40	40	35 minutes
Quantitative Aptitude	50	50	45 minutes
Reasoning Ability & Computer Aptitude	50	60	45 minutes
Total	190	200	2 hours 40 minutes

Key Points:

- The Main exam is objective type and conducted online.
- There is a penalty of **0.25 marks for wrong answers**.
- The scores of the Main exam are considered for the final merit list.

SBI Clerk Syllabus for Prelims Exam

The SBI Clerk Preliminary exam consists of three sections – **English Language, Numerical Ability, and Reasoning Ability**.

English Language

- Reading Comprehension
- Cloze Test
- Error Spotting
- Para Jumbles
- Fill in the Blanks
- Sentence Rearrangement
- Vocabulary – Synonyms & Antonyms
- Spelling Corrections

Numerical Ability

- Simplification & Approximation
- Data Interpretation (Bar Graph, Line Graph, Pie Chart, Table)
- Number Series
- Quadratic Equations
- Simple Interest & Compound Interest
- Profit & Loss
- Time, Speed & Distance
- Time & Work
- Ratio & Proportion
- Percentage
- Average
- Mensuration
- Probability & Permutations
- Problems on Ages

Reasoning Ability

- Puzzles (Seating Arrangement – Linear, Circular, Floor Based, etc.)
- Syllogism
- Inequalities
- Blood Relations
- Coding-Decoding
- Input-Output
- Alphanumeric Series
- Direction Sense Test
- Order and Ranking
- Logical Reasoning

SBI Clerk Syllabus for Mains

The Mains examination has four sections: **General/Financial Awareness, General English, Quantitative Aptitude, and Reasoning Ability & Computer Aptitude.**

General/Financial Awareness

- Current Affairs (last 6 months – Banking, Economy, National & International)
- Static General Knowledge (Capitals, Currencies, Important Days)
- Banking Awareness (RBI, SEBI, Monetary Policy, Financial Terms)
- Budget and Economic Survey
- Government Schemes and Policies
- Awards and Honors
- Books & Authors
- Sports and Events

General English

- Reading Comprehension (Economy/Finance based passages included)
- Cloze Test
- Error Detection
- Para Completion
- Fill in the Blanks
- Idioms and Phrases
- Sentence Improvement
- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Word Usage

Quantitative Aptitude

- Data Interpretation (Caselet, Graphs, Charts)
- Data Sufficiency
- Quadratic Equations
- Number Series (Missing, Wrong Number)
- Arithmetic Word Problems
- Simple Interest & Compound Interest
- Profit & Loss
- Ratio & Proportion
- Partnership
- Probability
- Time, Speed, Distance
- Time & Work
- Pipes and Cisterns
- Mixtures and Alligations
- Mensuration
- Permutation and Combination

Reasoning Ability & Computer Aptitude

- Puzzles and Seating Arrangement (High-level)
- Logical Reasoning (Cause and Effect, Course of Action, Assumptions)
- Input-Output
- Syllogism

- Coding-Decoding
- Blood Relations
- Inequalities
- Alphanumeric Series
- Data Sufficiency
- Computer Basics (History, Generations, Input-Output Devices)
- MS Office and Internet Basics
- Operating Systems
- Networking Fundamentals
- Database Management
- Cyber Security and Important Shortcuts

Language Proficiency Test (LPT)

After the Main examination, candidates must qualify for the **Language Proficiency Test**. This test checks the candidate's proficiency in the **local language** of the state they have applied for. Candidates unable to clear the LPT will be disqualified even if they have cleared both Prelims and Mains.

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