

## **SBI PO Exam Syllabus**

### **For Preliminary Exam:**

#### **(A) Quantitative Aptitude:**

1. Simplification: Problems based on BODMAS Rule, Fractions, Percentages, Approximation, Decimals, Surds & Indices
2. Number System: Problems based on Divisibility & Remainder, Multiples & Factors, Integers, LCM & HCF.
3. Average: Questions on Average Weight/Height/Age/Marks, Average Money expenditure, Average Temperature etc. You just need to use a single formula i.e.  $\text{Average} = \frac{\text{Sum of Quantities}}{\text{Number of Quantities}}$
4. Percentage: Calculation oriented basic percentage problems.
5. Ratio and Proportion: Problems based on Simple Ratios, Compound Ratios, Componendo & Dividendo, 4 | P a g e Proportions etc.
6. Interest: Problems based on Simple Interest, Compound Interest as well as mixture of both SI & CI.
7. Number Series: Problems based on completing the Series, Finding the Missing Term, Finding the Wrong Term. The concepts behind this can be based on simple AP, GP, AGP or more complex patterns.
8. Profit and Loss: Successive Selling, Partnerships, Discount & MP and Dishonest Dealings.
9. Speed, Time and Distance: Relative Speed, Average Speed, Problems based on Trains, Boat & Stream.
10. Algebra: Maybe 5 Problems based on Quadratic Equations in which two quadratic equations are 5 | P a g e given will be asked. You have to determine the relation between x and y. Apart from that Linear Equations questions based on ages may be asked, Sometimes Inequalities are also asked.
11. Mensuration: Problems based on areas of Square, Rectangle, Circle, Semicircle and Parallelogram. Cone and Cylinder also asked.

12. Data Interpretation: Problems come under this chapter are Line Graphs, Bar Graphs, Pie Charts, Tables and other miscellaneous infographics. Triangular Graph & Radar Graph problems appear rarely. Missing data types questions are also asked in the exam.
13. Time and Work: Problems based on Work Efficiency, Pipe & Cistern, Work and Wages.
14. Permutation and Combination: Problems based on Basic Selection and Arrangement Problems.
15. Mixture Problems: Problems based on making a mixture of two or more entities/mixtures.
16. Probability: Very basic problems on probability.
17. Data Sufficiency: Data sufficiency problems on almost all topics mentioned above.

**(B) Reasoning Ability:**

1. Inequalities: Mostly Direct Mathematical Inequalities. There may be 2-3 complex expressions like  $A > B \geq C = D$ ;  $E < B \leq F$ . There may be 2-4 conclusions which are to be deduced from these statements. Coded inequalities problems may also be asked where relation between 7 | P a g e alphabets are coded such as  $A \# B$  where # is actually code for  $>$  sign.
2. Ordering and Ranking: Mostly Puzzle on ordering by age, floor, rank, boxes of different colors one above another, order in row etc.
3. Directions & Distances: A bit difficult problems but can be solved by just plotting all the given information on paper
4. Coding & Decoding: Less Likely to Appear. Mostly questions on Coding and Decoding in Fictitious Language are asked where a few statements are given which are coded in some meaningless language and questions are based on this code. Possible questions could also include Coding and Decoding by Letter Shifting, Coding by Analogy and Coding Letters of a Word
5. Blood Relations: Family Tree and Coded Blood Relation Problems.
6. Syllogisms: Problems with 2-3 statements and 2-3 conclusions. Questions are asked whether the conclusions follow or not. Mostly Possibility based questions are asked. Negative statements and conclusion are also possible (i.e. which of the conclusions DO NOT follow from the given statements).

7. Circular Seating Arrangement: Includes Uni-Directional and Bi-Directional problems (i.e. facing inside, outside or in both directions). Sometimes, tough Square/Rectangular/Hexagonal Table problems also asked. These questions may be paired with Blood Relations or some other Double LineUp information along with Circular Arrangement information.
8. Linear Seating Arrangement: Problems involving single row (usually, facing north/south) or 2 rows facing each other and floor-based questions. Can include Double Line-Up type problems with information sorting.
9. Double Line Up: May have negative information. Requires clean charting, proper technique and step-by-step solving.
10. Scheduling: Very similar to Double Line-Up problems.
11. Grouping and Selection: Less likely to appear. Problems on teams and committees asked.

**(D): English Language:**

1. Double Blank type questions. Vocabulary based questions. Answers can be easily picked by eliminating options and understanding context of the sentence.
2. Reading Comprehension: Likely the RC will consist of one passage of 7-10 questions. The topics you should look out for are Banking & Economy, Business, Geo-politics, Governance, Education, Technology, Transport and Social Issues. If 10 questions are asked then there can be 3-4 questions on vocabulary too. Synonyms, Antonyms and meanings of Idioms/Phrases are asked in vocabulary based questions. Theme and main idea based questions are also asked. The fact based and inference based questions require a thorough reading of the passage and sometimes could be a bit tricky.
3. Para Jumbles: A set of 6 sentences are to be rearranged to form a meaningful paragraph. All questions will be based on this single test. Sometimes, the correct order is asked and the options will show whether you are on the right track. The passage can be on any general topic. Use of conjunctions/connectors will be helpful for attempting these questions.
4. Cloze Test: A single passage with 5 or 10 blanks. Passage could be on any topic ranging from Banking & Economy to Social Issues. Words are usually easy to moderate and vocabulary based, but there is always one or two tough words. Understanding the context of the passage will help you solve it easily. Knowledge of Phrasal verbs will help you.

5. Error Spotting: Could most probably be grammar based. Long Sentences with error in one part are asked. Important topics covered are: Tenses, Subject-Verb Agreement, Article-Noun Agreement, Correct Part of Speech, Correct use of Prepositions, Parallelism, Phrasal Verbs, Easily Confusable Words, Contextual Usage, Sentence Construction, Degree of Comparison, Conjunctions, Finite and Non-finite verbs. Avoid guessing too much in these questions.
6. Word Association Pair: Four words will be given and you need to determine which two words have either synonymous or antonyms relation between them. Your knowledge of vocabulary is tested.
7. Phrase Idiom Meaning: The phrases will be given and you need to select the correct meaning of the given phrase.
8. Spellings: You need to choose the word that is correctly spelt or wrongly spelt from the given options.
9. Sentence/ Paragraph Completion: A long sentence or a short paragraph will be given with one part of it missing. The missing parts will be mentioned in the options. You need to choose the correct option to complete the sentence or paragraph meaningfully.
10. Phrase Replacement/ Sentence Correction: Grammar/Vocabulary based. Avoid guessing too much in these questions. The questions sometimes test you on Standard Construction of Sentences, Order of Words, Phrasal Verbs, Homonyms, etc

**For Main Exam:**

**(A) Data Analysis:**

1. Tabular Graph
2. Line Graph
3. Pie Chart
4. Bar Graph
5. Radar Graph Caselet
6. Missing Case DI
7. Let it Case DI
8. Data Sufficiency
9. Probability
10. Permutation and Combination

**(B) Reasoning:**

1. Verbal Reasoning
2. Syllogism

3. Circular Seating Arrangement
4. Linear Seating Arrangement
5. Double Lineup
6. Scheduling
7. Input Output
8. Blood Relations
9. Directions and Distances
10. Ordering and Ranking
11. Data Sufficiency
12. Coding and Decoding
13. Code Inequalities
14. Course of Action
15. Critical Reasoning
16. Analytical and Decision Making

**(C) English Language:**

1. Reading Comprehension
2. Grammar
3. Vocabulary
4. Verbal Ability
5. Word Association
6. Sentence Improvement
7. Para Jumbles
8. Cloze Test
9. Error Spotting
10. Fill in the blanks

**(D) General/Economy/ Banking Awareness:**

1. Financial Awareness
2. Current Affairs
3. General Knowledge
4. Static Awareness
5. Banking and Financial Awareness

**(E) Computer Awareness:**

1. Internet
2. Memory
3. Keyboard Shortcuts
4. Computer Abbreviation
5. Microsoft Office
6. Computer Hardware
7. Computer Software
8. Operating System
9. Networking
10. Computer Fundamentals /Terminologies



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