

2026 OFFICIAL GUIDE

IBPS CLERK

SYLLABUS & EXAM PATTERN

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IBPS Clerk Syllabus 2026

The IBPS Clerk 2026 syllabus for Prelims covers English Language, Numerical Ability, and Reasoning Ability, focusing on topics like reading comprehension, simplification, and puzzles to test speed and accuracy.

In Mains, it expands to General/Financial Awareness, General English, Reasoning Ability & Computer Aptitude, and Quantitative Aptitude, emphasising current affairs, data interpretation, and banking awareness for deeper evaluation. Understanding this structure helps aspirants prioritise high-weightage areas and align preparation with the bilingual computer-based exam format.

Strategic Insight: Understanding the syllabus well will help you get a clear idea of what the exam covers and assist you in making an effective study plan. Knowing the topics allows you to focus your preparation on the important areas.

Syllabus Overview Details

Conducting Body	Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS)
Post Name	Clerk
Selection Process	Prelims & Mains
Marks Segregation	Prelims: 100 Mains: 200
No. of Questions	Prelims: 100 Mains: 155
Exam Duration	Prelims: 1 Hr Mains: 2 Hrs
Negative Marking	1/4th of the assigned marks
Language	English, Hindi, and 13 regional languages

Detailed Prelims Syllabus 2026

The Preliminary exam comprises three sections. The question paper contains 100 questions with a maximum score of 100. DI is a primary focus in Quant, while Puzzles dominate the Reasoning section.

English Language	Reasoning Ability	Numerical Ability
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Reading Comprehension■ Tenses Rules■ Cloze Test■ Jumbled Paragraphs■ Idioms and Phrases■ Multiple Meaning■ Error Spotting■ Preposition Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Syllogism■ Coding-Decoding■ Blood Relations■ Alphabet Test■ Direction Sense■ Sitting Arrangement■ Input/Output■ Statement & Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Ratio & Proportion■ Averages■ Time and Work■ Speed, Distance & Time■ Simple/Compound Interest■ Data Interpretation■ Profit, Loss & Discount■ Permutations

* Note: Reading comprehension usually accounts for 7-8 questions in the English section.

Mains: Reasoning & English

The Mains stage is an in-depth coverage of the prelims topics with additional complex reasoning and advanced linguistic patterns.

REASONING & COMPUTER APTITUDE

- Complex Puzzles & Seating
- Coded Inequalities
- Machine Input-Output
- Data Sufficiency
- Order and Ranking
- Alphanumeric Series
- Assertion and Reasoning
- Verbal Reasoning

GENERAL ENGLISH

- Reading Comprehension (Advance)
- Sentence Improvement
- Para Jumbles
- Para/Sentence Completion
- Vocabulary & Word Usage
- Active/Passive Voice
- Misspelt Words
- Fill in the blanks (Double)

Key Focus: In Reasoning, Puzzles are considered the most important topic. The concepts must be crystal clear to manage time within the 120-minute total duration.

Mains: Quant & General Awareness

QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

This section focuses on data calculation and analytical speed.

- Simplification/Approximation
- Quadratic Equations
- Mensuration (2D/3D)
- Work, Time, and Energy
- Probability & Relations
- Number Series Patterns
- Data Interpretation (Caselet)
- Permutation & Combination

GENERAL / FINANCIAL AWARENESS

The General Awareness section primarily focuses on awareness related to the banking sector.

- Current Affairs (Last 6 Months)
- Banking & Economy Awareness
- Prime Minister Schemes
- Currencies & Capitals
- Books and Authors
- Important Days & Themes
- Headquarters of Orgs
- GK Updates (Static)

Financial Awareness: Special emphasis is placed on Banking Terminology and recent policies introduced by RBI or the Government of India.

Computer Awareness & LPT

Computer Awareness

<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Basics of Hardware & Software■ Windows Operating System■ Internet Terms and Services■ History of Computers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Networking & Communication■ Database Basics (DBMS)■ Cybersecurity & Hacking Basics■ Security Tools & Viruses
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Language Proficiency Test (LPT)

- **Purpose:** Conducted to assess language skills for candidates who cleared Mains.
- **Nature:** It is a Qualifying Test (Essential to clear for selection).
- **Focus:** Evaluates proficiency in the official language of the applied state.
- **Syllabus:** Reading comprehension, writing ability, grammar, and basic conversation in regional language.
- **Tasks:** Writing letters, essays, or passages in the local dialect.

Note: Failure to qualify in the LPT results in disqualification, regardless of the marks obtained in the Mains examination.

Success Final Word

Effective preparation for the IBPS Clerk Exam comes from a vigilant strategy, knowing the comprehensive syllabus, and mastering the marking scheme.

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