



SBI CLERK



The SBI Clerk syllabus for the prelims and mains examination is set by the conducting body. For any aspirant who is looking forward to the [SBI Clerk](#) exam, he/she must have a thorough knowledge of the SBI Clerical cadre syllabus and exam pattern.

In this article, we shall discuss in detail about the SBI Clerk Syllabus and SBI Clerk exam pattern. The SBI Clerk exam is one of the most reputed bank exams in the country.

Aspirants willing to explore about the other [SBI exams](#) can visit the linked article.

The SBI Clerk exam is conducted every year to select suitable candidates for the Junior Associates post. Candidates need to qualify both the SBI Clerk Prelims and Mains exams to be eligible for this position. Successful candidates will be placed at the different branches spread across India.

Candidates willing to apply for the post of Junior Assistant must start the preparation for the upcoming bank exams. The number of candidates appearing each year for the bank exam has multiplied over the last few years and the competition has widely increased.

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The State Bank of India is the leading Public Sector Bank in the country and getting a job in SBI is every aspirant's wish.

The SBI Clerk Syllabus is the same as the syllabus for other private sector banks. However, the SBI Clerk Syllabus is very comprehensive and exhaustive.



SBI Clerk Syllabus & Exam Pattern

The SBI Clerk exam pattern comprises two stages:

1. Preliminary Exam
2. Mains Exam

The SBI Clerk syllabus for both the stages is almost the same. An extra section of General Awareness is added to the SBI clerk syllabus for the mains exam.

Given below is the SBI clerk exam pattern 2022 in detail:

SBI Clerk Exam Pattern				
SBI Clerk Exam	Subjects	Number of Questions	Marks	Duration
Preliminary Exam	English Language	30	30	20 minutes
	Quantitative Aptitude	35	35	20 minutes
	Reasoning Ability	35	35	20 minutes
Mains Examination	English Language	40	40	35 minutes
	Quantitative Aptitude	50	50	45 minutes
	Reasoning Ability	50	60	45 minutes
	General Awareness	50	50	35 minutes



SBI Clerk Prelims Syllabus

The SBI Clerk prelims syllabus comprises three sections:

1. Quantitative Aptitude
2. Reasoning Ability
3. English Language

Given below is the section-wise SBI Clerk Syllabus for prelims exams:

• SBI Clerk Syllabus: Quantitative Aptitude

SBI Clerk Prelims Quantitative Syllabus	Expected number of Questions.
Equation and Algebra	3
Data Interpretation	15
Work and Time	2
Volume & Surface area	3
Upstream and Downstream	1-2
Time & Distance	2
Simplification	5
Surds & Indices	1-2
Stock & Shares	1-2
Simple Interest and Compound Interest	1-2
Sequence & Series	5
Permutation and Combination	5



Averages	2
Partnership	1-2
Number Systems	2-3
Mixtures and Allegations	1-2
Mensuration – Cylinder, Cone, Sphere	1-2

Quantitative Aptitude is one of the toughest sections of the bank exam. In Quantitative aptitude section, the numerical ability and accuracy of a candidate in mathematical calculations is scrutinised. The questions include topics from problems of arithmetic reasoning to purely numeric calculations, equations and algebra, percentage analysis, quantitative analysis and categorisation.

This section carries 35 marks with 35 questions. The sectional duration allotted to this section is 20 minutes, and there is a penalty of 0.25 marks for each wrong question attempted by the candidate. The SBI Clerk Syllabus for the quantitative aptitude section is the maximum in comparison to the other two sections of the SBI Clerk exam.

Given below are the major topics of the SBI Clerk Prelims Quantitative Syllabus for SBI clerk prelims exam along with the expected number of questions from each section:

To know the detailed [Quantitative Aptitude](#) syllabus, aspirants can visit the linked article.

Quantitative Aptitude is a scoring section in which a candidate can score well if he/she is well-prepared. The questions of quantitative aptitude are tougher in comparison to other topics. One needs to practise more questions on the quantitative aptitude to excel in this section and meet the requisite cut-off.

However, candidates must solve regular mock tests, practise papers and previous year question papers to score well in the actual bank exam. The quantitative aptitude section is the most scoring section in the exam, and candidates must prepare themselves well for the SBI Clerk prelims quantitative syllabus to score well in the final exam.

• SBI Clerk Syllabus: Reasoning Ability



SBI Clerk Syllabus	
SBI Clerk Prelims Reasoning Syllabus	Expected Number of questions
Puzzle	10
Seating Arrangement	5-10
Blood Relations	2
Direction Test	2-3
Syllogism	3-4
Coding-Decoding	1-2
Input-Output	0-5
Order and Ranking	1-2
Statement and Assumptions	2-3
Inequalities	1-2



The	Alphanumeric Series	2-3
	Data Sufficiency	1-3

reasoning section of the SBI Clerk exam is a paper which tests the knowledge of the candidates and their capability of solving the general ability problems, with their intelligence. The reasoning ability section consists of:

1. [Logical Reasoning](#)
2. Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning

The reasoning section of SBI Clerk Prelims exam is time-consuming. While preparing for the Reasoning syllabus of SBI Clerk exam, candidates should understand that a lot of practice is required to excel in this section. During the examination, they should be careful and attempt the easy and short questions first and then move on to the tough ones gradually.

The table below gives the detailed SBI Clerk Prelims reasoning syllabus along with the number of questions that can be expected in the final SBI Clerk exam:

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Candidates can get the detailed section-wise [bank exam syllabus](#) for different bank exams at the linked article.

• SBI Clerk Syllabus: English Language

The SBI Clerk syllabus for the English language section is not very vast, and candidates happen to make the maximum mistakes in the English section. So candidates must note that the English language section can be the most scoring exam as there is no calculations or solutions required to answer questions in this section.

Visit the [Verbal Ability](#) page to get the list of all the topics included in the English Language section of the clerical cadre exam.



The minimum number of questions are there for the English section in the SBI Clerk exam. Candidates must prepare themselves well for this section of the exam.

Given below is the table of detailed SBI Clerk prelims English syllabus with the expected number of questions in the prelims exam:

SBI Clerk Syllabus	
SBI Clerk Prelims English Syllabus	Expected Number of Questions
Reading Comprehension	10-15
Fill in the Blanks	5-10
Synonyms and Antonyms	4-5
Sentence Rearrangement	5
Sentence Correction	5-10
Cloze Test	5-7
Idioms and Phrases	1-2
Vocabulary	1-2

The above-stated distribution of questions is based on the past few years of paper pattern.



Candidates can learn in detail about the [tenses rules](#) for English Grammar at the linked article.

It is however suggested that candidates must pay equal attention in preparing every topic from the IBPS Clerk syllabus as this shall increase the probability of scoring more in the exam.

Related links:

SBI PO Result	SBI Clerk Cut Off	SBI PO exam
SBI PO Exam Pattern	SBI Clerk Exam Dates	Bank Exam Preparation
Bank Exam Syllabus	SBI PO Preparation	SBI Clerk Notification

SBI Clerk Mains Syllabus

The SBI Clerk mains is the second phase of the examination. The syllabus for Mains is almost the same as the prelim's examination, only the General Awareness section is included in the SBI Clerk Mains syllabus.

The marks scored in the [SBI Clerk mains](#) exam, are the marks based on which the merit is calculated for the final selection of candidates. A detailed list of SBI Clerk mains syllabus is given below:

SBI Clerk Mains Syllabus			
English Language	Quantitative Aptitude	Reasoning Ability	General Awareness
Reading Comprehension	Data Interpretation	Puzzle	Current Affairs
Synonyms and Antonyms	Data Sufficiency	Machine Input Output	Static General Awareness



Sentence Rearrangement	Profit and Loss	Syllogism	Banking and Financial Terms
Sentence Correction	Mensuration	Direction Test	Banking Abbreviations
Fillers	Simple and Compound Interest	Blood Relation	Banking Awareness
Cloze Test	Mixtures and Allegations	Coding and Decoding	Fiscal and Monetary Policy
Idioms and Phrases	Permutation and Combination	Statement and Assumptions	Important Government schemes
Vocabulary	Work, Time and Distance	Order and Ranking	Awards and Honours
Miscellaneous	Number series	Linear Arrangement	Indian Constitution

The latest SBI clerk exam pattern has allowed a fixed amount of time to each section, and candidates must prepare themselves well accordingly. Candidates can check the [SBI Clerk Eligibility](#) at the linked article.

The SBI Clerk Syllabus for mains exam is similar to the syllabus for the preliminary exam. Candidates must go through the SBI Clerk syllabus well before starting the preparation for the SBI Clerk mains exam.

Candidates must make sure that they go through the entire SBI Clerk syllabus before starting their preparation as this will help them sort out a preparation strategy easily.

The general awareness section in the SBI Clerk mains exam includes questions related to the current and static general surroundings across the world. This can be the most scoring section



in the mains exam, and candidates must pay special attention for the preparation of this section in the SBI Clerk Syllabus.

SBI Clerk Exam Preparation and Booklist

Candidates willing to appear for the SBI Clerk exam must prepare themselves well as the competition for this bank exam is very high, and the number of aspirants for the exam increases each year.

Candidates can follow the given tips to prepare well for the SBI clerk bank exam:

1. Solve multiple mock tests and previous year question papers to know the level of the actual SBI Clerk exam. Candidates can get free [SBI Clerk mock test](#) series by BYJU'S at the linked article.
2. Since there is negative marking in the exam, and the SBI Clerk Syllabus is very vast, candidates must note that they do not attempt questions they are not sure about answering.
3. Since the SBI Clerk exam is all about time management, candidates must practise more and try to attempt more questions within a shorter time duration.
4. Aspirants preparing for the SBI Clerk exam must schedule a timetable and dedicate equal time for the preparation of the sections in each bank exam.
5. Carefully go through the SBI Clerk syllabus and identify your strengths and weakness in the exam and accordingly prepare yourselves.
6. Candidates preparing for the SBI Clerk exam must regularly revise and practise diligently to qualify the SBI clerk exam in the first attempt.

Aspirants should also solve IBPS Clerk Previous year question papers and analyse their performance. It shall also help the candidate understand the IBPS Clerk syllabus in detail and based on it analyse one's strengths and weaknesses in the exam.

Aspirants can refer to the list of books given below for the upcoming SBI Clerk exam:

SBI Clerk Syllabus Booklist

Quantitative Aptitude Books

1. Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Examinations by R.S. Agarwal
2. Shortcuts in Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Exams by Disha Experts
3. Fast Track Objective Arithmetic by Arihant Publications
4. Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Exams by Abhijit Guha



Reasoning Ability Books	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Modern Approach to Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning by R.S Agarwal 2. Analytical Reasoning by M.K. Pandey 3. How To Prepare for Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning by Arun Sharma 4. How to prepare for Logical Reasoning by Arun Sharma
English Language Books	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Objective General English by R.S. Agarwal 2. English Grammar and Composition by Wren and Martin
General Awareness Books	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India Yearbook by Publications Department, Government of India 2. Banking Awareness by B.K. Raut and S.R. Behera 3. Daily Newspaper for current affairs

Preparing for the SBI Clerk exam takes a lot of hard work, patience and determination. You can refer to BYJU'S study materials which are extensive in nature and help you to understand the core concepts easily.

Frequently Asked Questions on SBI Clerk Syllabus & Exam Pattern

Q.1. What is the negative marking scheme in the SBI Clerk exam?

Ans. There is a negative marking scheme that is followed by SBI for the clerical cadre examination. 0.25 marks are deducted for every wrongly answered question in the SBI Clerk exam for both prelims and mains level of examination.

Q.2. What is the salary for a Junior Assistant in Clerk?

Ans. The starting basic pay of an SBI Clerk is Rs.17,900. In a metro city, the total salary for an SBI Clerk is around Rs.25000/- (inclusive of multiple allowances). Candidates can refer to the [SBI Clerk salary](#) page for more details.

Q.3. Are there any fixed number of attempts for candidates appearing in the SBI Clerk exam?



Ans. No, there is no fixed number of attempts for the SBI Clerk exam. However, there are a restricted number of attempts for the SBI PO exam.

Q.4. Is there a probation period for SBI Clerk?

Ans. Yes, there is a probation period of six months for the newly appointed Junior Assistants. It may be extended based on the performance of the employee during the 6 months of probation.

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