

10 Time Management Tips for IBPS Clerk Mains

In any competitive recruitment exam, time management is the key to success. In the IBPS Clerk Mains, there are more subjects than prelims and hence its syllabus is vaster. Therefore, students often find themselves being stressed out more because of the time limit than because of the actual exam. If you manage your time in the exam a little more smartly, you will find yourself taking the exam more efficiently. So here are some Time Management Tips for IBPS Clerk Mains that will help you get through your exam like a piece of cake.

1. Know the Correct IBPS Clerk Mains Exam Pattern

The IBPS Clerk 2016 Exam Pattern is given below.

Section	No. Of Qs	Max Marks	Duration
English	40	40	30 min
Quantitative Aptitude	40	50	30 min
Reasoning Ability	40	50	30 min
General Awareness (Spl. reference to Banking & Economy)	40	40	25 min
Computers	40	25	20 min
Total	200	200	135 min

2. Calculate the Actual Time you have in Hands

IBPS Clerk exam paper has 200 questions worth 200 marks. You have only 135 minutes to solve all the questions. So ideally, you have **40.5 seconds per question**. If you spend a total of 10 minutes in switching between questions, and another 25 minutes in reading questions, you are left with **105 minutes to handle 200 questions**. This means you are effectively left with **31 - 32 seconds to understand and solve the each question**.

Note that **there are sectional time limits** in the exam. Also, remember that wrong answers carry a **penalty of 0.25 marks** assigned to that question. So let us look at the **section-wise as well as overall time management tips for IBPS exam**. Here are the Time Management Tips for IBPS Clerk exam

How to prepare for IBPS Clerk Mains

3. Time Management Tips for IBPS Clerk – Reasoning

The reasoning section, which is usually trickier and more time consuming than other sections, has 40 questions. Each question is worth 1.25 marks. In reasoning section, there are some questions that will take more time than others. Some of these questions are worth your time and some are not. Make sure you **pick your battles wisely!** Solve the easy and scoring questions that are followed by passages in bunches, first. Attempt topics like Coding decoding, Arrangements and Patterns, Coded Inequalities, Blood Relations, Ordering and Raking, Direction and Distances first. Leave for puzzles for the end.

While practicing, you must have learnt or devised **question-specific tricks**. Be sure to practice them in the 2 days left before the IBPS Clerk Mains exam

In case you haven't yet practiced well, go through some of these tricks so that you can score well enough to crack the cut off:

- **Quickly solve Coded Inequalities**
- **Fictitious Language Coding-Decoding Hacked – Quick Tricks**
- **Solve complex Blood Relation Problems in 10 seconds!**
- **More Articles on Shortcuts of various Reasoning questions**

You should be able to comfortably attempt at least 15-20 questions in the 20 minutes with reasonable accuracy if you are well prepared. If you find yourself stuck on a problem, leave it and move on to the next one.

4. Time Management Tips for IBPS – Quantitative Aptitude

The Quantitative Aptitude section may be the most tricky section among all the sections of the Mains paper. It will have 40 questions worth 1.25 marks, each.

Questions related to Number System, Simplification, Geometry, Probability, Data Interpretation, Average, Percentage, Interest, Ratio & Proportion, Algebra, Profit & Loss, Time & Work, Time Speed & Distance, Number Series, etc. are asked in this section.

Try to attempt DI, Simplification, Quadratic Equations, etc. first. Also, do not spend more than 35-40 seconds to understand the pattern of Number series. If the Boats and Streams questions seem straightforward, then try to solve them mentally as you read the question. To solve Mixture Problems, instead of proceeding step-by-step, use the rule of allegation.

What to Expect in IBPS Mains

The trick is to be well-versed with topic-specific formulae and concepts. Guess-work will only waste your time and fetch you negative marks.

5. Time Management Tips for IBPS Clerk – English Language

The English section tests your proficiency in Vocabulary, Grammar, Verbal Ability and Basic English Language Comprehension. Your knowledge in this section will put you in a better position to further get selected in the recruitment process. Try to strengthen your hold over vocabulary and grammar for scoring maximum marks.

Attempt the Reading Comprehension at the beginning, carefully. There will be around 7-10 questions from the comprehension passage. Once you attempt these questions, move on to cloze test, fill in the blanks and phrase replacement, etc. If Para Jumbles or **Odd Man Out** type questions are asked in the exam, then you can attempt the 5 questions based on them, right after the reading comprehension.

We hope these 5 Time Management Tips for IBPS Clerk were useful to you. Use them while preparing for mock exams as much as possible. In conclusion, we are sure you will ace the exam if you follow these tips carefully. Good luck!

Last Minute Tips for IBPS Clerk Mains Exam

Additional Tips for IBPS Clerk Prelims:

6. Don't get emotionally attached to any question. A difficult question will get you as many marks as an easy one. Therefore, **put your time in questions that are worth it**. Else, drop them.

7. Before you go in for the exam, know your strengths and weaknesses. Attempt the questions where you see scope to attempt with accuracy. The exam is no time for you to experiment.

8. Forget about the questions you drop. You will definitely lose marks if you obsess over dropped questions.
9. Questions in the Reasoning and Quant sections can be time-consuming. Identify the short ones and comprehension questions without too many calculations and attempt those first.
10. Try to calculate mentally wherever you can. Don't waste time putting everything on paper. Keep calm before the paper, and reach the exam centre on time so that you do not have a sense of hurry and can attempt the whole exam with ease.

We hope these Time Management Tips for IBPS Clerk Mains exam help you ace the exam. Let us know if you want more help! Here is BONUS Motivation for you to crack the exam confidently:

Ultimate Motivation to Crack IBPS Clerk Mains in 1 Attempt

