

What to Expect in IPPB Pre (Officer Sc. I) Exam 2017

The India Post Payments Bank Prelims exam for Officer Scale I is just **10 days** away. As you might already know, the exam is being conducted for the **first time**, ever! You don't have any previous years' papers to refer or figure out what to expect in the IPPB Pre exam 2017. However, you can still predict the pattern of the upcoming IPPB Pre exam with the help of this article. A result of extensive analysis of similar exams carried out by experts, this article will provide you:

- Exactly what to expect in IPPB Prelims 2017 – exam **pattern** and difficulty level
- **Weightage** (mark-distribution) of various topics in the exam (for all subjects)
- Expected **questions** (along with tips and shortcuts to prepare them)

Read the article carefully to know more and ace your exam in the 1st attempt itself! You can also download this article as PDF after reading it.

Before we get to figuring out what to expect in IPPB exam, let us take a look at the exam pattern.

Exam Pattern IPPB Prelims (Off. Sc. I)

Section	No. Of Ques	Max Marks	Duration
English	30	30	Composite Time of 1 hr
Quantitative Aptitude	35	35	
Reasoning Ability	35	35	
Total	100	100	

Note:

- On securing minimum sectional cutoff and overall cutoff marks, you will qualify for the Mains Exam.
- For each wrong answer **0.25** of the marks will be deducted as a **penalty**.
- Marks obtained in the Mains examination only will be considered for the short listing for the interview and for final merit listing.

Complete Exam Pattern for IPPB Exam – Pre, Mains & Interview

What to Expect in IPPB Prelims -English

The English section of IPPB exam will test your grammar, vocab and verbal ability majorly. Here is exactly what to expect in the English section of IPPB exam:

1. **Reading Comprehension**: 10 Qs (1 passage). Reading comprehension may have a variety of topics ranging from **banking** to social issues.
2. **Verbal Ability**: 5 Qs. Para Jumbles may or may not be asked. One may expect questions on **Odd Man Out**, Sentence Completion,
3. **Grammar**: 5 Qs. Major topics to be covered in grammar are verbs, tense, preposition, articles, conjunctions etc.
4. **Vocabulary**: 10 Qs. Sentence improvement questions that would emphasise modifying the highlighted phrase. This includes use of preposition, proper sentence construction, phrasal verbs etc. There would be a **Cloze Test**, which may consist of one or two grammar related words wherein use of preposition and phrasal verbs will be made.

What to Expect in IPPB Prelims – Reasoning

In the Reasoning section of IPPB Pre exam, you can expect to see the difficulty level similar to that of IBPS PO prelims exam. Here is what to expect in IPPB Prelims from each sub-topic:

1. Coded/Mathematical inequalities: You can expect 5 Qs of inequalities. Though there is more probability that [mathematical inequalities](#) will be asked, do practice enough questions of [coded inequalities](#) as well.
2. Syllogisms: 5Qs will be asked from syllogisms. These questions can be Direct questions with 2-3 statements & 2-3 conclusions, negative information based questions or possibility based questions.
3. Fictitious Language and Coded Puzzles: Although the chances are very low, you can expect around 5 Qs of fictitious language. Coded puzzles will definitely be asked in the exam. There would not be any 'letter shifting' puzzles.
4. Circular & Linear Seating Arrangement: You can expect at least 10 Qs (5 from each type) from seating arrangement problems. In [Linear arrangement](#), there can be Single or Double rows facing each other/ away from each other/ in the same direction. Whereas in [circular arrangement](#), there will be Uni- & Bi- directional problems on circular, square, rectangular, hexagonal tables. Note that each of the two types of problems can be mixed with double line-up problems, to raise the difficulty level of questions.
5. Blood Relations: [Family tree](#) type questions will be asked in Blood Relations. 2-3 Qs can be asked.
6. Directions & Distances: 2-3 Ques can be asked from Directions & Distances. The level of these questions will be easy and will make use of basic [3 concepts to solve Direction and Distance](#) problems.
7. Ordering & Ranking: 1-3 Qs can be expected from [ordering and ranking](#). The questions will be Floor Based Puzzles, Arranging by age, height, weight, rank, order in row etc.
8. Double Line-up & Scheduling: 0-5 Qs will be asked from each of these 2 topics. These questions will need you to employ [clean charting with proper technique](#) and step-by-step solving.
9. Data Sufficiency: 2-3 Qs. Although, chances are very low.

What to Expect in IPPB Prelims – Quants

The level of Quants sections will also be similar to that of IBPS PO exam, the weightage of various topics, however, will be different, here is what to expect in the IPPB Prelims Quants section:

1. Simplification – You can expect 5 questions.
2. Number Series – 5 questions will definitely come. The questions can be: *Find the missing term/find the wrong term* type.
3. Averages and Percentages – The chances of appearing of standalone questions on these topics are very low. However, averages and percentages will be used in solving many other topics like Algebra, Ratio and Proportions, DI, etc.
4. Mensuration – 2-3 Qs will be asked. Mensuration ques will be related to Area/Volume of Square, Rectangle, Trapezium, Parallelogram, Rhombus, Circle, Semicircle, Triangle, Cone, Cylinder, Cube, Cuboid. Also, Moulding from one shape to another etc.
5. Quadratic Equations (comparison of variables) – **5 questions** can come in the exam.
6. Data Interpretation – Expect 5 to 10 questions, and therefore 1 to 2 sets of DI. Most probably, one of these sets will be **Tabular**.
7. Data Sufficiency – Given the fact that this topic was recently asked in IBPS PO Mains, you can expect to see 0-3 questions on data sufficiency.
8. Profit & Loss – 1 or 2 Qs will be asked. The ques will be Successive Selling type questions, Partnerships based, Discount & MP and Dishonest Dealings type questions.
9. Time, Speed & Distance – 1-4 Qs will be asked. Questions will most probably be from Problems on Train or Boats & Streams.
10. Time & Work – 1-2 Questions can be asked. Problems will be related to Work & Wages or Pipes and Cisterns.

Detailed Syllabus IPPB Prelims Exam