

How to Prepare Reasoning for SBI PO 2018 with Overall Tips & Strategies!

SBI PO Prelims is the first hurdle to become a Probationary Officer in the largest Commercial Bank in India. Being the most prestigious bank, there is a cut-throat competition between the aspirants across the India to grab a place for themselves. To make sure you qualify SBI PO Prelims 2018, you need thorough knowledge of all the three subject (sections) - Reasoning, Quant & English. Out of these Reasoning Ability is considered the trickiest and time-consuming section. Read further to know How to Prepare Reasoning for [SBI PO](#) which will clear your basic concepts and help you to strategize your exam preparation. Follow the given tips and learn how to optimally use your time to ace in this exam.

Before you start preparing for any exam, it is imperative that you are through with the Syllabus and Exam Pattern for the same.

[SBI PO Syllabus 2018](#)

[SBI PO Exam Pattern 2018](#)

Once you have a general idea and have figured out the resources to use to aid you in your preparation, start with this guide to prepare Reasoning for SBI PO Exam.

How to Prepare Reasoning for SBI PO - Important Topics

Here is the list of most important topics from Reasoning Section that have maximum weightage. These includes:

1. Coding & Decoding
2. Inequalities
3. Order & Ranking
4. Syllogisms
5. Seating Arrangement
6. Double Line up

How to Prepare Reasoning for SBI PO - Strategies

⇒ Coding & Decoding

- This will likely appear as a comprehension of 5 questions in the exam.
- In coding, a word, a number, or a series of combination of words and numbers is expressed in a particular code or pattern based on various rules.
- While decoding is the process of deciphering the coded pattern and reverting it to its original form.
- With little practice, this is an easy topic to score.
- The more questions you solve on this topic, the better idea you will get to solve different types of questions.

Check the General Tips to solve Coding & Decoding and solve Quizzes to prepare for this SBI PO Exam.

Tips: [General Tips for Coding Decoding Part 1](#), [General Tips for Coding Decoding Part 2](#), [Shortcut for Coding in Fictitious Language](#), [How to Solve Letter Shifting Problems](#)

Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

You may attempt 15 sets on Coding in Fictitious Language and try at least 50 questions on Coding by Letter Shifting (in all different varieties).

⇒ Inequalities

There are atleast 5 questions to be asked from this topic. The two types of Inequalities are:

1. Direct Mathematical Inequalities
2. Coded Inequalities

Mathematical Inequalities: These are the complex expressions with mathematical symbols that and you need to find out the relation between different variables. And these are the easy types of Inequalities.

Coded Inequalities: In problems on coded inequalities, operators are coded with some symbols. So we first need to decode it and then check the conclusions. The questions based on Coded Inequalities are tricky. So attempt more questions from Mathematical Inequalities while practicing Coded Inequalities.

Tips: [Shortcut Method to Solve Mathematical Inequalities](#), [How to Solve Coded Inequalities](#), [Tips to solve Coded Inequalities](#), [Tips to solve Mathematical Inequalities](#).

This topic is one of the most scoring topic from the Reasoning Section, so do practice hard to score maximum marks.

Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

⇒ Syllogism

- You will see atleast 5 questions on Syllogisms in the exam.

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- This topic could be tricky and requires clarity of the concepts involved in Syllogisms, but is very important as well.
- Questions with 2-3 Statements and 2-3 Conclusions with possibility case are most likely to be asked.
- Don't forget to focus on the more difficult concepts in Syllogisms like questions with Negative Conclusions, questions with Possibility cases and new type of syllogisms.
- Using Venn Diagrams is the simplest method to solve the questions based on Syllogism.

Tips: [Concepts Involved in Syllogisms](#)

Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

⇒ Seating Arrangement

- This is an important topic from Reasoning Section and you will have atleast 5 questions based on this topic.
- But attempt these questions carefully as this is very tricky topic and you could easily lose marks if you miss out even a single case.
- You will have problems based on:
 - Circular Arrangement
 - Linear Arrangement

Tips: [How to Approach Circular Arrangement](#),

Try to solve maximum questions on seating arrangement to solve maximum marks.

Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

⇒ Puzzles

There will be at least 1 puzzle asked (of 5 questions). The puzzle asked would be either:

1. **Double Lineup OR**
2. **Scheduling.**

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- Most people get intimidated by the length of these problem and usually skip these questions.
- But this topic is relatively easy to solve so don't be afraid of attempt them.
- Try at least 40-50 different sets of each type of Puzzles to build confidence to solve these questions during actual exam.

Double Lineup Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

Scheduling Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

How to Prepare Reasoning for SBI PO - Scoring Topics

⇒ Ordering & Ranking

- Question based on Order & Ranking are usually easy and direct.
- There will be at least 3-5 Qs based on this type.
- Draw diagrams to get clear idea about the question and get incorrect answer in lesser time.
- Also, solve maximum questions based on this topic to make sure you earn maximum marks.

Tips: [Tricks for Ordering & Ranking](#)

Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

How to Prepare Reasoning for SBI PO - Tricky Topics

Besides these topics there will some tricky topics asked in the exam. You need to know how to approach these questions and then they will prove easy to solve. These questions are not inbuilt difficult but there framing is tricky.

1. Directions & Distances
2. Blood Relations

⇒ **Directions & Distance**

- There will be at least two questions based on this topic.
- Drawing diagram does help to solve these questions easily.
- Try to solve more difficult questions on your own without looking at the solutions. This will help you figure out how to approach different questions and build confidence to tackle any problem during actual exam.

Tips: [Tricks to solve Direction & Distance](#)

Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

⇒ **Blood Relations**

- There will be at least 2 Qs asked based on Blood Relation.
- Spend some time learning up on different relations. They should be very clear in your mind.
- Draw family tree for visual clarity.
- Attempt maximum questions for practice and make sure to attempt all the problems yourself without referring to a guide or solutions.

Tips: [Understanding Complex Blood Relations](#)

Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

Reasoning for SBI PO - General Tips & Exam Strategy

Following are certain Do's and Dont's that you need to follow while solving Reasoning Section.

1. Always be sure to **solve the easier questions first** as they are sure to fetch you marks. **Spending time on the more difficult ones initially makes no sense.**
2. **First attempt** all the **Coding-Decoding, Inequalities, Arrangement & Pattern, Analogies, Ordering & Ranking** questions you can find. Attempt these questions in a maximum of 5-7 minutes.
3. **Next attempt** the problems based on **Input Output, Syllogisms, Blood Relations and Directions & Distances.**
4. **At last** attempt the **Puzzles and Seating Arrangement** within 10 minutes.

Use these expert tips and strategy to prepare Logical Reasoning for SBI PO 2018 Prelims and clear the paper like a pro!

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