

Detailed SBI PO Mains Syllabus 2017 and Guidelines to Prepare

The SBI PO Mains Exam was recently held on 29th & 30th April 2017 and will take place on 6th & 7th May 2017. All of those who had given the SBI PO Prelims Exam & attempted 56-62 Qs with 90% accuracy are at safer side. You can now start your preparation for SBI Mains Exam. Those who still have to appear for Prelims on 6th & 7th May can take reference from [SBI PO Analysis & Questions Asked](#) on 29th & 30th April & can prepare accordingly. The SBI PO Mains Exam will held on **4th June 2017**. Hardly 1 Month is left for the mains so here we providing detailed **SBI PO Mains Syllabus** along with weightage. Read on to know how to start your Mains Preparation for SBI PO 2017 Examination.

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Before discussing the SBI PO Mains syllabus let's go through the SBI PO Mains exam pattern:

SBI PO Mains Exam Pattern

SBI PO Mains 2017 will be consist of 2 parts – **Objective Test (200 marks)** and **Descriptive Test (50 marks)**. Both the parts will take place **online**.

- **Objective Test**

Section	No. of Qs	Marks	Duration
Reasoning & Computer Aptitude	45	60	60 minutes
Data Analysis & Interpretation	35	60	45 minutes

General Awareness about Economy/ Banking	40	40	35 minutes
English Language	35	40	40 minutes
TOTAL	155	200	3 hours

- **Descriptive Test**

The descriptive paper will be of **50 marks** and you will be given **30 minutes** of time duration. This test will check your **Letter Writing & Essay Writing skills**. The Descriptive Test paper of only those students will be evaluated who have scored qualifying marks in the Objective Tests and are placed adequately high as per total marks in Objective Test.

For detailed exam pattern & selection procedure click on the link below:

[Detailed SBI PO Exam Pattern 2017](#)

1. **Bilingual Test:** Every section (except English Language) will be available in English as well as Hindi.
2. **Negative Marking:** Each wrong answer takes a quarter of the marks assigned to that question from your total.
3. **Cut Offs:** Each section has an individual cut-off. Besides this, there is also an overall cut off decided by the SBI that you need to cross to move to the next round i.e GD & Interview.

#3. Detailed SBI PO Mains Syllabus 2017 with Marks Distribution

Here is section-wise SBI PO Syllabus for SBI PO Mains 2017:

1. [Quantitative Aptitude](#)
2. [Reasoning Ability](#)
3. [English Language](#)

4. General Awareness

So here is the SBI PO Mains Syllabus 2017 with Detailed Guide & Tips. Use this SBI PO Syllabus every time you study.

SBI PO Mains Syllabus 2017 – Data Analysis & Interpretation

The quantitative aptitude section will mostly consists of Data Interpretation questions. Data Interpretation will be asked on:

- Tabular graph, [Line Graph](#), [Pie Chart](#), [Bar Graph](#), Mix of any two type of DI (mentioned till now), Radar Graph Caselet, [Missing Case DI](#), Let it Case DI

Questions may also be asked from:

- Data Sufficiency
- Probability, Permutation and Combination (A paragraph will be given & then Qs will be asked based on that)
- Miscellaneous Topics E.g. - Profit & Loss, SI & CI, Mensuration, Boat & Stream, Ages etc. (Sets of questions can be asked from these topics.)

The expected weightage and specific important topics are:

(1) Tabular Graph

Data is given in the form of table. You have to select the data & answer it.

- **Question Types:** Total population of 5 villages (A, B, C, D, E) with the ratio of male & female is given. Also the % of literate person is given & then Qs will be asked on that.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz](#)

(2) Line Graph

Data has to be interpreted from various lines drawn on a particular scale.

- **Question Types:** Profit Percentage of 4 different companies (Infosys, Wipro, Cognizant, TCS) in year 2010 - 2016 is given & then Qs will be asked.
- Tips: [How to solve Line graph problems](#)
- Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#)

(3) Pie Chart

Data is represented in the form of a circular pie. Most of the time more than one pie graph or Pie Graph mixes with table is given to make the Qs more calculative & time consuming.

- **Question Types:** Total number of students from all 5 Colleges P, Q, R, S, T is given. Percentage of students who completed their graduation from 5 different colleges is given in one pie chart & other pie chart shows the No. of students of got job in different fields.
- Tips: How to solve [Pie chart](#) problems
- Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#)

(4) Bar Graph

Data is provided in form of bar.

- **Question Types:** The amounts invested the farmers in cotton, rice, sugarcane, jute, maize, pulse, cereals cultivation in years 2011 & 2012.
- Tips: [How to approach bar graph problems](#)
- Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#) , [Quiz 2](#)

(5) Mix of any two type of DI (mentioned till now)

The type of DI mentioned above can be mixed together to make question more calculative & tricky.

[Quiz 1](#)

(6) Radar Graph

Data is displayed in the form of a two-dimensional chart of three or more quantitative variables represented on axes starting from the same point. Try a [quiz](#) to understand the topic better.

Quiz 1

(7) Caselet

The information is given in the form of paragraph. In a **Caselet**, no tables or graphs are given. You have to read the information and organize the data in proper way to solve the questions. To master such questions you should start with [this Quiz 1](#).

(8) Missing Case DI

This involve tabular DI in which certain fields are missing. You have to either find out the missing blanks or try to work around it and answer questions.

From here you can learn the [Missing Case DI concept](#).

The various possible questions that can be asked in DI Categories are based on:

- Percentage Increase & decrease.
- Percentage less than or more than
- Average
- Ratio
- Total/Difference

SBI PO Mains Syllabus 2017 – Reasoning & Computer Aptitude

In Logical Reasoning Questions will be asked from the following topics:

(1) Verbal Reasoning:

- **Weightage:** 5-10 questions
- **Question types:** Verbal Reasoning, based on Cause and effect, statement and assumption, statement and inference, course of action, statement and arguments, critical reasoning.
- **Tips and Quizzes:** [Assumptions and Inference](#), [course of action](#), [Verbal Reasoning for PO Exams](#), [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(2) Computer Aptitude:

- **Weightage:** 5-7 Questions
- **Question Types:** Flow Chart, Binary Logic, Number System

(3) Coding Decoding

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Coding by Analogy, [Coding in Fictitious Language](#), Number letter & Symbol Coding.
- **Tips:** There are more chances of asking coding decoding problem based on new pattern (Fictitious Language).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1 New Pattern \(Fictitious Language\)](#), [Quiz 2 \(Advanced Level\)](#), [Quiz 3 \(Basic Level\)](#)

(4) Coded Inequalities

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Coded relations between letters to be decoded (eg: "\$" represent ">" and "@" represent "<" type Qs)
- **Tips:** [How to Solve Coded Inequality](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

(5) Syllogisms

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Questions.
- **Question Types:** New Pattern based syllogism, Direct questions with 2-3 statements & 2-3 conclusions, possibility based questions, negative information based questions.
- **Tips:** This time there are most chances that you will see a question based on new pattern syllogism. So practice them as much as you can.

Basic Concepts of Syllogisms

- **Quizzes:** [New Pattern Quiz 1 \(Advanced Level\)](#), [Quiz 2](#) (Moderate Level), [Quiz 3](#) (Basic Level)

(6) Machine Input Output

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Questions
- **Tips:** [Short tricks for machine input output](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(7) Data Sufficiency

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Ordering & Ranking, Blood Relations, Coding in Fictitious Language, Circular Arrangements, Directions & Distances, Ages & Birth dates.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

(8) Blood Relations

- **Weightage:** 3-4 Questions
- **Question Types:**
- **Tips:** [General Understanding of Blood Relations](#), a [concepts of syllogisms](#) and [Complex Blood Relations](#).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1 \(Advanced Level\)](#), [Quiz 2 \(Basic Level\)](#)

(9) Direction & Distance

- **Weightage:** 1-2 Questions
- **Question Types:** Single Statement Direction & Distance problem, Routes & Network based problem.
- **Tips:** [3 Tricks for Directions & Distances](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

Apart from the above mentioned topics, puzzles constitute a huge chunk of the SBI PO Mains paper. Puzzles can be asked from any of these basic topics:

(10) Linear Seating Arrangement

- **Weightage:** 0 – 5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Single or Double rows facing each other or in the same direction.
- **Quiz:** [Linear Arrangement Single Row Quiz \(Basic Level\)](#), [Linear Arrangement Double Row Quiz](#) (Advanced Level), [Linear Arrangement Quiz](#)

(11) Circular Seating Arrangement

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Uni- & Bi-directional problems on circular, square, rectangular, hexagonal tables. May be combined with other information to make it a Blood Relations or Double Lineup type problem as well.
- **Tips:** More Probability to be asked in Mains exam since no question was asked from this topic in prelims exam.
[How to Approach Circular Arrangements](#), [Circular Arrangements Part 2](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Basic Level Circular Arrangement](#), [Moderate Level Circular Arrangement](#), [Advanced Level Circular Arrangement](#),

(12) Grouping & Scheduling

- **Weightage:** 3 - 5 Questions
- **Question Types:** 7 different persons work in 3 different department. Not more than 2 works on each department. Some of them are males & some of them are females.
- on 7 days of a week (Mon to Sun) having different ages are in different professions/7 people belonging to different cities & like different dishes.
- **Quizzes:** [Scheduling Quiz 1](#) (based on 2016 Analysis), [Grouping & Selection Quiz 2](#)

(13) Double Lineup

- **Weightage:** 5 - 10 Questions
- **Question Types:** Questions based on 7 days of a week (Mon to Sun) having different ages are in different professions/7 people belonging to different cities & like different dishes.
- **Quizzes:** [Basic level Double Lineup Quiz](#) , [Advance Level Double Line Up Quiz 2](#) , [Moderate Level Double Lineup Quiz 3](#)

(14) Ordering & Ranking

- **Weightage:** 2 - 3 Questions
- Easy to Moderate in difficulty, Less time consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Arranging the persons by age, height, weight, rank, order in row etc.
- **Tips:** [Tricks to Crack Ordering & Ranking](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1 \(Based on 2016 Analysis\)](#), [Quiz 2 \(Moderate Level\)](#), [Basic Level Quiz 3](#)

(15) Analytical Decision Making

- **Weightage:** (4-5 Qs)

SBI PO Mains Syllabus 2017 – English Language

(1) Reading Comprehension

- **Weightage:** 10-15 Qs
- **Question Types:** You can expect 2 sets of RC. The topics on which RC can be asked are Banking & Economy, Business, Geo-politics, Governance, Education, Technology, Transport and Social Issues. Synonyms, Antonyms, meanings of Idioms/Phrases, Theme and main idea, inference based questions are also asked related to the passage.
- **Tips:** [General RC Tips](#), [Speed Reading Techniques](#), [Styles & Tones](#)
- **Quizzes:** [RC Quiz 1](#), [RC Quiz 2](#), [RC Quiz 3](#)

(2) Word Association Pair

- **Weightage:** 5-7 Qs
- **Question Types:** Four words will be given and you need to determine which two words have either synonymous or antonyms relation between them. Your knowledge of vocabulary is tested.
- **Quiz:** [Word Association Pair Quiz 1](#)

(3) Error Spotting

- **Weightage:** 8-10 Qs
- **Question Types:** Long Sentences with error in one part are asked. Important topics covered are: Tenses, Subject-Verb Agreement, Article-Noun Agreement, Correct Part of Speech, Correct use of Prepositions, Parallelism, Phrasal Verbs, Easily Confusable Words, Contextual Usage, Sentence Construction, Degree of Comparison, Conjunctions, Finite and Non-finite verbs.
- **Tips:** [52 Tips for Error Spotting – Part I](#), [Part II](#)

(4) Para Jumbles

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Qs

- **Question Types:** A set of 6 sentences are to be rearranged to form a meaningful paragraph. Sometimes odd sentence which does not follow the theme of passage can also be asked.
- **Tips - [7 Tips for Solving Para Jumbles](#)**

(5) Cloze Test

- **Weightage:** 0-7 Qs
- **Question Types:** Words are usually easy to moderate and vocabulary based. Understanding the context of the passage will help you solve it easily. Knowledge of Phrasal verbs will help you.
- **Tips: [8 Tips to Master Cloze Test](#)**

(6) Fill in the Blanks:

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Qs
- **Question Types:** Double Blank , Vocabulary based questions will be asked.

(7) Sentence Improvement/Fill in the Blanks:

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Qs
- **Question Types:** A long sentence will be given with one part of it missing. The missing parts will be mentioned in the options. You need to choose the correct option to complete the sentence or paragraph meaningfully.

SBI PO Mains Syllabus 2017 – General Awareness

- **Banking & Financial Awareness:** (13-15 Qs)
Most of the questions are asked related to Banking and Economy related facts like budget, railway budget, economic survey, etc.; Roles and functions of institutions like RBI, NABARD, SIDBI, etc.; Currencies of various countries; International Trade, Acquisitions and Deals; New Policies and Pacts; Trade

Deficits, Exchange Rate, GDP growth, etc. of various countries; Banking related facts. Start preparing different topics of this section thoroughly.

Tips: [Banks and Headquarters](#), [GDP Growth Rate](#), [How to prepare Financial Awareness for PO Exam](#)

- **Static Awareness:** (14-16Qs)

This topic include Important dates, Book and authors, Countries and their capital & currency, Important wildlife sanctuaries and national parks, new appointment, New Research & Technology etc

- **Current Affairs:** (10-12 Qs)

Questions that test your knowledge of surroundings and everyday events, banking and economy related news, National and International news etc. Try to cover your current affair of last 6 months.

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