



# Detailed Syllabus for RBI Assistant Prelims with Online Study Material

The Reserve Bank of India is going to hold an exam for recruitment to the post of **RBI Assistant**. The exam will consist of three stages - Prelims, Mains and Language Proficiency Test. The prelims exam is scheduled to take place on **27th and 28th November** (tentatively). This article will provide you the complete syllabus for RBI Assistant Prelims exam, along with a list of topics, sub-topics, **weightage, marks distribution**, tips & tricks, shortcuts, etc.

Testbook experts have done a thorough research on the topics, patterns and [previous years' paper analysis](#) of RBI assistant exam to give you the most accurate syllabus for [RBI Assistant](#) exam. Throughout the compilation of this syllabus, they have kept in mind the recently changed exam pattern of RBI assistant exam 2017.

Let us now take a look at the syllabus for RBI Assistant Prelims Exam 2017.

## RBI Assistant Prelim Exam Pattern & Specifics

Name of Section	No. of Qs	Max Marks	Duration
English Language	30	30	<b>Composite Time of 1 Hour</b>
Numerical Ability	35	35	
Reasoning Ability	35	35	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	



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## **RBI Assistant Exam Pattern**

### **Complete Syllabus for RBI Assistant Prelims + Online Study Material**

#### ***#1. English Language Syllabus for RBI Assistant as per Marks Distribution***

The English syllabus for RBI Assistant Prelims exam can be broadly divided into 4 parts - Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary and Verbal Ability. Let's go through these one by one, starting with the topics that which will fetch you most marks:

#### **English - Weightage 15-20 Marks**

The topics that are bound to get you at least 10 marks in the RBI Assistant Papers are Reading Comprehension and Grammar. The types of questions, etc. from each of these topics are given below:

#### **(1) Reading Comprehension**

- **Level:** Moderate to Tough, Time Consuming, 75% Accuracy Possible.
- **Weightage:** Max 10 marks min 7 marks, 1 set
- **Types of Ques:** Most relevant topics for passage - Banking & Economy, Finance, Business, Monetary Policies like demonetization, Financial Policies, Socio-Financial Issues like poverty & education, Types of Banks in economy, Globalization, etc.





Fact and Inference based questions – moderate, Vocab & Theme based questions – moderate to tough.

- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)
- **Tips:** [General Tips for RC](#), [Tips for Economics & Banking based passages](#), [Tips for Style & Tone of RC](#)

## (2) Error Spotting/Phrase Replacement (grammar)

- **Level:** Moderate to Tough, Moderately Time Consuming, Accuracy Depends upon your hold on grammar (50 -80% accuracy possible).
- **Weightage:** Max 10 marks & min 5 marks
- **Types of Ques:** Articles, Tenses, Prepositions, Parallelism, Subject Verb Agreement, Degrees of Comparison, Sentence Construction, Adverbs, Phrasal Verbs, Pronouns, Non-Finite Verbs, Common Errors, etc.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)
- **Tips:** [26 Tips for Error Spotting](#), [Easy Tips for Grammar](#), [General Tips on Tenses](#), [On Present Tenses](#), [Using Common & Proper Nouns correctly with Articles](#), [Common Errors Made in Degrees of Comparison](#), [Gerunds](#), [Difference between “its” and “it’s”](#), [Non-Finite Verbs with Examples](#).

## (3) Cloze Test

- **Level:** Moderate to Tough
- **Weightage:** If RC comes for 7 marks, then cloze test will be for 8 marks. If RC comes for 10 marks, then cloze test will be for either 10 marks or 5 marks.
- **Types of Questions:** Moderate difficulty, the options will be easy but close to each other in meaning. You will have to look at the prepositions given in the option or before/after the blank contextually before answering. You may also be tested on phrasal verbs.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)



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- **Tips:** [8 Tips to Master Cloze Test](#)

### **English - Weightage 5-10 Marks**

These will be asked only if either cloze test not asked for 5 marks or does not asked in exam. Also these topics can be asked if error spotting is asked for 5 marks only.

#### **(4) Verbal Ability (Para Jumbles)**

- **Level:** Easy, Low to Moderately Time Consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Para Jumbles
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)
- **Tips:** [7 Tips for Solving Para Jumbles](#).

#### **(5) Vocabulary (Fill in the Blanks, Phrase Replacement)**

- **Level:** Moderate Difficulty, Quick Solve based on Contextual usage, Moderate to High Accuracy possible.
- **Weightage:** Max 10 marks & Min 5 marks, 1 or 2 sets
- **Question Types:** Phrase Replacement, Fill in the Blanks (single fillers).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)
- **Tips:** [40 Important Words & Meanings](#), [51 Important Idioms & Phrases](#), [10 Tips to Master Synonyms](#).

*Try the simplest method of improving all your four English skills – Reading Comprehension, Verbal Ability, Vocabulary & Grammar. Use:*

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## **#2. Reasoning Ability Syllabus for RBI Assistant Prelims with Marks Distribution**

The reasoning syllabus for RBI Assistant Exam is very vast and you need to devote time to each of the topics given below:

### **Reasoning - Weightage 15 Marks**

#### **(1) Arrangement & Pattern**

- **Level:** Easy to Moderate in difficulty, Less time consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)
- **Question Types:** Random Sequence of Alphabets, Number Arrangements (based on group of 5 terms each of 3 digits OR series of numbers), Mixed Series Dictionary or Alphabet based Arrangements etc.

#### **(2) Mathematical Inequalities**

- **Level:** Scoring, Easy if Steps Followed properly, Moderately time consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Direct & statement based.
- **Tips:** [How to Solve Coded Inequality](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

#### **(3) Syllogisms**

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions



- Easy to Moderate in difficulty, Less time consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible, Very likely to appear.
- **Question Types:** Direct questions with 2-3 statements & 2-3 conclusions, possibility based questions, negative information based questions.
- **Tips:** [Basic Concepts of Syllogisms](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#### (4) Coding-Decoding

- **Level:** Moderate in Difficulty, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy Possible
- **Weightage:** 0-5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Coding by Letter Shifting, Coding by Analogy, Coding in Fictitious Language, Coding Letters of a Word.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)
- **Tips:** [General Tips for Coding & Decoding](#), [Coding Decoding in Fictitious Language](#), [Coding by Letter Shifting](#)

#### Reasoning - Weightage 10-15 Marks

#### (5) Linear Seating Arrangement

- **Level:** Moderate to Difficult, Could be tricky, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate to High Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Single or Double rows facing each other/ away from each other/ in the same direction.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)





## (6) Circular Seating Arrangement

- **Level:** Moderate to Difficult, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate to High Accuracy possible.
- **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:** [How to Approach Circular Arrangements](#), [Circular Arrangements Pt 2](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

## (7) Scheduling

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- **Level:** Moderate to Difficult, Could be tricky, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Question Types:** Month based, days of a week based, Days & dates based. May be mixed with other variable to make it tricky.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

## (8) Floor Puzzle

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Questions
- **Level:** Moderate to Difficult, Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Question Types:** People living in different floor of a building.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

## Reasoning - Weightage 5-7 Marks



### (9) Directions & Distances

- **Weightage:** 2-3 Questions
- Easy but could be tricky, Less time consuming, High Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Question Types:** Based on distance covered or direction of motion
- **Tips:** [3 Tricks for Directions & Distances](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

### (10) Blood Relations

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Questions
- Moderate in difficulty, Low to Moderately time consuming, Moderate to High Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Question Types:** Family Tree Problems, Coded Blood Relations.
- **Tips:** [General Understanding of Blood Relations](#), [Complex Blood Relations](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

### Reasoning - Weightage 0-5 Marks

#### (11) Analogy

- **Level:** Easy to Moderate, Quick Solve, Moderate to High Accuracy possible.
- **Weightage:** 0-5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Meaning-based, Letter based, Number based.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#### (12) Classification

- **Level:** Easy to Moderate, Quick Solve, High Accuracy possible.





- **Weightage:** 0-4 Questions
- **Question Types:** Letter based, Meaningful Words based, GK based, Number based.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

### (13) Order & Ranking

- **Level:** Easy to Moderate in difficulty, Less time consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Weightage:** 0-5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Floor
- Based Puzzles, Arranging by age, height, weight, rank, order in row etc.
- **Tips:** [Tricks to Crack Ordering & Ranking](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

### (14) Data Sufficiency

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Questions
- Moderate Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Ordering & Ranking, Blood Relations, Coding in Fictitious Language, Circular Arrangements, Directions & Distances, Ages & Birthdates.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

### (15) Double Line-Up

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Questions
- Moderate to Difficult, Could be tricky, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving. If scheduling is asked then double line up may not be asked. Vice-Versa



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

### ***#3. Numerical Ability Syllabus for RBI Assistant Prelims with Marks Distribution***

Here are the different chapters covered under Numerical Ability according to the Syllabus for RBI Assistant Prelims. Try to prepare these topics in the order mentioned.

#### **Numerical Ability - Weightage 15-20 Marks**

##### **(1) Simplification/Approximation**

- **Level:** Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible.
- **Weightage:** 10 Questions
- **Question Types:** BODMAS Rule, Approximation, Decimals, Fractions, Surds & Indices, Percentages etc.
- **Tips:** [Simplification using BODMAS rule](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

##### **(2) Data Interpretation**

- **Level:** Easy to Moderate in Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Weightage:** 5-10 Questions (1-2 sets)
- **Question Types:** Line Graphs, Bar Graphs, Pie Charts, Tables, Tabular Graph. Concepts used from averages, percentages, ratio & proportion, etc.
- **Tips:** [Tips for Line Graphs](#), [Tips for Maximum-Minimum Problems in DI](#), [Solve Pie-Charts quickly](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

##### **(3) Quadratic Equations**





- **Level:** Moderate, Moderately Time Consuming, Could be Tricky, High Accuracy Possible, Scoring,
- **Weightage:** 0-5 questions
- **Question Type:** comparing  $x$  and  $y$  based on the given information

#### (4) Number Series

- **Level:** Scoring, Moderate in Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming
- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- **Question Types:** Complete the Series, Find the Missing Term, Find the Wrong Term etc.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

#### Numerical Ability - Weightage 15 Marks

#### (5) Average

- **Level:** Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Weightage:** 1-2 Questions
- **Question Types:** Average Weight/Height/Age/Marks, Average Money Expenditure, Average Temperature etc. But the concept remains simple. We have to use a single formula i.e.  $\text{Average} = \frac{\text{Sum of Quantities}}{\text{Number of Quantities}}$ . Also very helpful in solving DI questions.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#### (6) Interest

- **Level:** Scoring, Easy if Formulas & Proper Steps Followed, Moderately Time Consuming.
- **Weightage:** 1-2 Questions



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- **Question Types:** Simple Interest, Compound Interest, Mixed Interest, Installments.
- **Tips:** [How to Quickly Find Rate of Simple Interest](#), [Simple Interest for Different Rates](#), [Shortcut for Compound Interest Problems](#).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

## (5) Mensuration

- **Level:** Easy to Moderate in Difficulty, You may have to use multiple concepts in a single problem, Moderately Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible,
- **Weightage:** 1-2 Questions
- **Question Types:** Perimeter and Area of 2D figures and Surface Area, Moulding from one shape to another etc. Some questions might require you to use concepts of Percentages & Ratio and Proportion concepts.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)
- **Tips:** [Quickest method for solving Mensuration](#).

## (6) Percentage

- **Level:** Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible.
- **Weightage:** 1 Questions
- **Types of Questions:** Calculation-oriented basic percentage. Will be extensively used in Profit and Loss, DI, etc.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

## (7) Ratio & Proportion

- **Weightage:** 1-3 Questions





- **Level:** Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible. Difficulty level may be raised by using multiple concepts.  
You will find it useful in DI and Mixture Problems.
- **Question Types:** Simple Ratios, Compound Ratios, Componendo and Dividendo, Direct & Indirect Proportions, Third Proportional and Fourth Proportional, Mean Proportional.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

### (8) Algebra

- **Level:** Scoring, Easy if Concepts Clear and Steps Followed, Could be Tricky, Moderately Time Consuming.
- **Weightage:** 2-3 Questions
- **Question Types:** Linear Eqns in one or more variables, Problems on Ages, etc.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

### (9) Profit & Loss

- **Level:** Scoring, Easy if Proper Steps Followed, Moderately Time Consuming.
- **Weightage:** 2-3 Questions
- **Types of Question:** Successive Selling type questions, Partnerships, Discount & MP, Dishonest Dealings.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

### (10) Time, Speed & Distance

- **Level:** Moderate in Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming
- **Weightage:** 2-3 Questions
- **Types of Question:** Average Speed, Boat & Stream, Problems on Train, Relative Speed.



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- **Tips:** [How to Calculate Average Speed.](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

## (12) Time & Work

- **Level:** Moderate in Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming
- **Weightage:** 2 Questions
- **Types of Questions:** Work Efficiency, Pipes & Cisterns, Work & Wages, etc.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)
- **Tips:** [Shortcut for Time & Work.](#)

## (14) Mixture Problems

- **Level:** Tricky, Time Consuming, Less likely to appear in paper.
- **Weightage:** 1 Questions
- **Types of Questions:** Problems on making a mixture of two or more entities/mixture. Will involve knowledge of Ratio and Proportion
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

## (15) Number System

- **Level:** Could be tricky, Moderately time Consuming
- **Weightage:** 0-1 Questions
- **Types of Questions:** Divisibility & Remainder, Multiples & Factors, Integers, LCM & HCF.
- **Tips:** [Divisibility Test Trick for Quick Calculations](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

## (13) Permutation & Combination / Probability

- **Level:** Moderately Time Consuming, Scoring, Easy if all cases considered.







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- **Weightage:** 1-2 Questions
- **Types of Questions:** Basic Selection & Arrangement Problems, Basic problems on Probability.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

### **Formula Cheat Sheet for Quant**

In order to get a better understanding of the RBI Assistant Paper, read the official Notification along with this Syllabus for RBI Assistant Exam.

### ***RBI Assistant Recruitment Notification 2017***

### ***Questions Asked in RBI Assistant 2016***

Hardly one month is left for the exam so it is important to start preparing at the earnest for the RBI Assistant Prelim paper. Plan out a study map based on the above given syllabus. Allocate time wisely and test yourself regularly on your speed, proficiency and concepts by taking online free mock test from the link mentioned provided below.

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