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Detailed IBPS PO Mains Syllabus 2018 with Weightage & Online Study Material

The IBPS PO Prelims exam are over and the result for the same will be declared soon. The next hurdle to secure a place is IBPS PO Mains. As, the mains will be more challenging than the prelims exam, a tough preparation plan to crack the mains easily is crucial here. This article will provide you the detailed IBPS PO Mains Syllabus along with ample of study material to practice.

Apart from the syllabus and study material, you will also find **weightage, marks distribution, breakup of topics**. The **Online Study Material** is also a good system for you to figure out tonnes of free online study material and quizzes for [IBPS PO](#) Mains exam.

About IBPS PO Mains Exam 2018

The IBPS is seeking to fill in around **4252 vacancies** at **20 participating banks for the post of Probationary Officers**. IBPS PO Mains is going to take place on **18th November 2018**. The two objective tests will be followed by an Interview. Know more about the number of vacancies, exam pattern, selection procedure by following the below link:

[**Official IBPS PO 2018 Notification**](#)

[**Bankwise Vacancies IBPS PO 2018**](#)

IBPS PO Mains Exam Pattern & Specifics

The Mains paper is tougher than the Prelims exam. In the duration of 3 hour, you have to attempt 155 Qs worth of 200 marks. Here is the section-wise structure of the paper.

Section	No. of Qs	Marks	Duration
Reasoning & Computer Aptitude	45	60	60 min
English Language	35	40	40 min
Data Analysis & Interpretation	35	60	45 min
General Awareness (with special reference to Banking)	40	40	35 min






TOTAL	155	200	3 Hour
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1. **BILINGUAL TEST:** Every section (except English Language) in the paper will be available in Hindi as well.
2. **NEGATIVE MARKING:** Each wrong answer deducts 0.25 of the marks assigned to that question.

Check out the Complete Selection Procedure and Mains Paper Pattern here:

IBPS PO Exam Pattern & Selection Procedure

How to Use this Detailed IBPS PO Mains Syllabus

1. Download the PDF from the link at top.
2. Decide which subject you want to study today - Quant, Reasoning, English, General Awareness and Computer.
3. Pick up the first chapter of the subject (in the order in which it appears in the article).
4. Go through your notes to get the basics right. Then go through the tips and shortcuts given below.
5. Once you're ready, try the quizzes listed.
6. Analyze your performance and relearn your weak areas.

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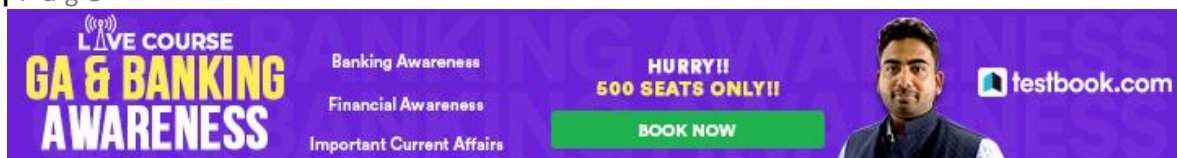
Here is a subject-wise list of the IBPS PO Mains Syllabus. The list is classified in order of priority -important chapters first. The Nature of Questions tells you whether it is a scoring chapter or a tricky topic or a time consuming one.

IBPS PO Mains Syllabus - Data Analysis & Interpretation

You have only 45 minutes to attempt the 35 Qs of the Quants section. This section mostly consists of Data Interpretation questions as mentioned below :

Here is a list that shows the details of different chapters covered under Data Analysis & Interpretation according to the Syllabus for IBPS PO Mains.

Sr.No	Topic	Weightage
1	Data Intrepretation	20 – 25 Qs





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2	Data Sufficiency	7 – 10 Qs
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(1) Data Interpretation

- **Weightage:** 20-25 Qs (3-4 sets)
- Moderate to difficult, Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy Possible
- **Question Types:** Line Graphs, Bar Graphs, Pie Charts, Tabular Graph, Mix of any two type of DI (mentioned till now), Missing DI, Radar Graph, Caselets. Also, the DI can be based on the concept of Boat & Stream, Time & Work, Profit & Loss etc. to make it tricky.
- **Tips:** [How to Quickly Solve Pie Chart DI](#), [Missing Data Problems](#), [Tips for Line Graphs](#), [Tips for Maximum-Minimum Problems in DI](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(2) Data Sufficiency

- **Weightage:** 7-10 Questions
- Moderate in Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming, Tricky
- **Question Types:** Comparison of quantities, the questions will be based on Ratio & Proportion, Profit & Loss, Simple & Compound Interest, Time Speed & Distance, Time & Work, Problems on Age, Mensuration, Mixtures & Alligations etc.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

IBPS PO Mains Syllabus - Reasoning & Computer Aptitude

The Reasoning Ability section is always the key to score better. Even though you have 60 minutes to attempt this section, do not get stuck on any problem. Just move on if you cannot figure out a problem. The various topics expected in the Reasoning Ability section are as below:

Sr.No.	Topic	Weightage
1	Syllogism	5 Qs
2	Coding & Decoding	3 – 5 Qs
3	Coded Inequalities	2 Qs
4	Direction & Distance	3 – 5 Qs
5	Ordering & Ranking	3 Qs
6	Blood Relations	2 Qs
7	Machine Input & Output	3 – 5 Qs
8	Arrangement & Pattern	2 – 3 Qs





9	Data Sufficiency	2 – 5 Qs
10	Verbal & Critical Reasoning	9 – 10 Qs
11	Computer Aptitude	3 – 5 Qs
12	Scheduling	5 Qs
13	Linear Seating Arrangement	5 – 8 Qs
14	Circular Seating Arrangement	2 – 5 Qs
15	Puzzle	5 – 10 Qs

(1) Syllogisms

- **Weightage:** 5 Qs
- Moderate to difficult, Less time consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible, Very likely to appear.
- **Question Types:** Reverse Syllogism, possibility based, negative information based.
- **Tips:** [Basic Concepts of Syllogisms](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1 Reverse Syllogism](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(2) Coding & Decoding

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Qs
- Moderate in Difficulty, Moderate Time Consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Coding in Fictitious Language, New Type Coding Decoding, Clock based Coding Decoding
- **Tips:** [Coding Decoding in Fictitious Language](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1 New Pattern](#), [Quiz 2 Advance Level](#)

(3) Coded Inequalities

- **Weightage:** 2 Qs
- Scoring, Easy if Steps Followed properly, Moderately time consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Coded relations between letters to be decoded and solved.
- **Tips:** [How to Solve Coded Inequality](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(4) Directions & Distances

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Questions
- Easy but could be tricky, Less time consuming, High Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.



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- **Question Types:** Statement Based Direction & Distance Problem, Routes & Network based problem, May be mixed with order & ranking to make it tricky.
- **Tips:** [3 Tricks for Directions & Distances](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(5) Ordering & Ranking

- **Weightage:** 3 Qs
- Easy to Moderate in difficulty, Less time consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Floor Based Puzzles, Box based puzzle, Arranging by age, height, weight, rank, order in row etc.
- **Tips:** [Tricks to Crack Ordering & Ranking](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2 Advance Level](#)

(6) Blood Relations

- **Weightage:** 2 Qs
- Easy to Solve, Low to Moderately time consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Family Tree Problems, Coded Blood Relations.
- **Tips:** [General Understanding of Blood Relations](#), [Complex Blood Relations](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2 \(Advanced Level\)](#)

(7) Machine Input Output

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Qs
- Moderate to Difficult, Could be tricky, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, High Accuracy possible. if you got the algorithm.
- **Question Types:** New type of input output where operations on box were given.
- **Tips:** [Short tricks for input output](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

(8) Arrangement & Pattern

- **Weightage:** 2-3 Qs
- Easy to Moderate, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Number arrangement, Random sequence of alphabets etc.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(9) Data Sufficiency

- **Weightage:** 2-5 Qs





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- Moderate Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Ordering & Ranking, Blood Relations, Coding decoding, Linear & Circular Arrangements, Scheduling, Directions & Distances, Ages & Birth dates.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

(10) Verbal & Critical Reasoning

- **Weightage:** 9-10 Qs
- Moderate to difficult in difficulty, Time consuming, Moderate accuracy possible, Very likely to appear.
- **Question Types:** Analytical decision making, Cause and effect, statement and assumption, statement and inference, course of action, statement and arguments, critical reasoning.
- **Tips:** [Assumptions and Inference](#), [course of action](#), [Verbal Reasoning for PO Exams](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(11) Computer Aptitude

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Qs
- Scoring, Easy if Steps Followed properly, Moderately time consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Fundamentals of Computers, Number System, Flow Chart

(12) Scheduling

- **Weightage:** 5 Qs
- 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:** 5 month 2 dates & one more variable based problem.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(13) Linear Seating Arrangement

- **Weightage:** 5-8 Qs
- Moderate to Difficult, Could be tricky, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Question Types:** Single or Double rows facing each other in the same/opposite direction with one more variable. May be mixed up with other information like Blood Relations, Order & Ranking to make it tricky.



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

(14) Circular Seating Arrangement

- **Weightage:** 2-5 Qs
- Moderate to Difficult, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate to High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Uni & Bi-directional problems on circular, square, rectangular, hexagonal tables. It may be a square inside a square or circle within a circle and persons sitting in smaller square facing outside & in bigger square are facing inside.
- **Tips:** [How to Approach Circular Arrangements](#), [Circular Arrangements Pt 2](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(15) Puzzle

- **Weightage:** 5-10 Qs
- Difficult, Could be tricky, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Double line up, Floor Puzzle with 2 or 3 flat in each floor
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1 Double Line Up](#), [Quiz 2 Floor Puzzle](#)

IBPS PO Mains Syllabus - English Language

This section 35 Qs in 40 minutes of time duration. The English Syllabus for IBPS PO Mains is pretty much the standard Banking exam fare, except for a few changes in question type here and there. The section can be broadly divided into:

Sr.No.	Topic	Weightage
1	Reading Comprehension	8 - 10 Qs
2	Error Spotting & Phrase Replacement	7 - 10 Qs
3	Cloze Test	5 - 10 Qs
4	Para Jumbles/Sentence Jumble/Odd Sentence Out	5 - 7 Qs
5	Fill in the Blanks/Sentence Completion/Para Completion	5 - 7 Qs
6	Word Association Pair	0 - 5 Qs

(1) Reading Comprehension

- **Weightage:** 8-10 Qs (2 sets of Passage)
- Moderate to Difficult, Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy Possible.





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- **Question Types:** The passage will be focussed on topics like Banking & Economy, Business, Social Issues etc. Fact and Inference based questions, Vocab & Theme based questions.
- **Tips:** [Tips for Economics & Banking based passages](#), [Tips for Style & Tone of RC](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(2) Error Spotting & Phrase Replacement

- **Weightage:** 7-10 Qs
- **Moderate in Difficulty, Less to Moderately Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy Possible.**
- **Question Types:** Error Spotting with one or more than one part of the sentence containing the error, 5 sentences will be given & you have to find out the grammatically incorrect/correct sentence among them, Phrase Replacement/ Sentence Correction with more than one correct answers.
- **Topics Covered:** Tenses, Articles, Prepositions, Subject Verb Agreement, Parallelism, Degrees of Comparison, Sentence Construction, Phrasal Verbs, Pronouns, Adverbs, Non-Finite Verbs, Common Errors etc.
- **Tips:** [26 Tips for Error Spotting](#), [Easy Tips for Grammar](#), [General Tips on Tenses](#), [Using Common & Proper Nouns correctly with Articles](#), [Common Errors Made in Degrees of Comparison](#), [Gerunds](#).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(3) Cloze Test

- **Weightage:** 5-10 Qs
- Easy to Moderate Difficulty, Quick Solve based on Contextual usage, Moderate to High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Single passage with 5-10 blanks. Sometimes one word is also given as a suggestions along with the blanks in bracket.
- **Tips:** [8 Tips to Master Cloze Test](#), [40 Important Words & Meanings](#), [51 Important Idioms & Phrases](#), [10 Tips to Master Synonyms](#).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(4) Para Jumbles/Sentence Jumble/Odd Sentence Out

- **Weightage:** 5-7 Qs
- Easy, Moderate Time Consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Para Jumbles, Find the odd sentence.
- **Tips:** [7 Tips for Solving Para Jumbles](#).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)



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(5) Fill in the Blanks/Sentence Completion/Para Completion

- **Weightage:** 5-7 Qs
- Easy to Moderate Difficulty, Quick Solve based on Contextual usage, Moderate to High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** A long sentence or paragraph will be given with one part of it missing, Double Filler.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1 Fill in the Blanks](#), [Quiz 2 Sentence Completion](#), [Quiz 3 Para Completion](#)

(6) Word Association Pair

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Qs
- **Question Types:** Four words will be given and you need to determine which two words have either synonyms or antonyms relation between them. Your knowledge of vocabulary is tested.
- **Quiz:** [Word Association Pair Quiz 1](#)

IBPS PO Mains Syllabus - General Awareness

This section consist of 40 Qs in 35 minutes of time duration. This section is scoring & less time consuming. Cover the current affair of last 6 month (i.e [May](#), [June](#), [July](#), [August](#), [Sept](#), Oct) to score good marks.

Sr.No	Topic	Weightage
1	Financial/ Banking Awareness	13 – 15 Qs
2	Current Affairs	7 – 10 Qs
3	General Knowledge/Static Awareness	5 – 10 Qs

(1) Financial/Banking Awareness

- **Weightage:** 13-15 Qs
- **Question Types:** 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.
- **Study Material:** [Banks and Headquarters](#), [GDP Growth Rate](#), [How to prepare Financial Awareness for PO Exam](#).





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(2) Current Affairs

- **Weightage:** 7-10 Qs
- **Question Types:** Questions that test your knowledge of surroundings and everyday events, banking and economy related news, National and International news, Books by famous personalities, new appointments, Government Schemes & Policies etc.
- **Study Material:** [Daily Current Affair](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Daily Current Affair Quiz](#)

(3) General Knowledge/Static Awareness

- **Weightage:** 5-10 Qs
- **Question Types:** Science, Environmental facts, Capital Currency, Important dams, sanctuaries, Power Plants, Stadiums, Bank headquarters, Airports, Cabinet Reshuffle, GST, Resignations & New Appointments etc.
- **Study Material:** [Countries and Currency](#), [INC Sessions](#), [List of Cabinet Ministers in India](#), [Important regulatory bodies](#).

Hope this post on IBPS PO Mains Syllabus and Study Material proves to be helpful to you. Start preparing for IBPS PO Mains exam in advance and use this syllabus as a map to plan the best preparation strategy. Moreover, distribute time wisely and self analyse your preparation on speed and accuracy and various topics by solving previous year papers or taking free online mock test.

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