



Download Detailed SBI Clerk Syllabus - Prelims 2018 (Based on New Pattern)

SBI has released the recruitment for the post of Clerical cadre after two years. The [SBI Clerk Prelims](#) exam is scheduled to take place in the month March/April 2018, although the exam dates are not announced yet. With revamped post of Junior Associate (Customer Support & Sales) and a changed pattern, SBI is set to recruit 8301 candidates into the Clerical Cadre. Begin your preparation for SBI Clerk Prelims 2018 with this Detailed SBI Clerk Syllabus.

Before moving ahead with the SBI Clerk Syllabus, let's have a look at the exam pattern:

Latest SBI Clerk Prelims Exam Pattern 2018

The SBI Clerk Prelims Exam pattern is shown as below. This year SBI has introduced the sectional timing in Prelims exam. Now you cannot switch between the sections. Also, 0.25 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer.

Name of Section	No. of Qs	Marks	Duration
English Language	30	30	20 min
Numerical Ability	35	35	20 min
Reasoning Ability	35	35	20 min
Total	100	100	60 min

To know the detailed exam pattern & selection process, go through the link below:

[**SBI Clerk Exam Pattern 2018 with latest changes**](#)

SBI Clerk Syllabus Overview - Prelims 2018

SBI has not officially thrown any light on the syllabus. However, by analysing the exam pattern and recent trends of exams conducted by SBI and IBPS, our experts have predicted the SBI Clerk Syllabus for Prelims exam 2018 along with mark distribution.

The SBI Clerk Prelims 2018 consist of mainly 3 subjects:



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

Here is the subject wise syllabus with the mark distribution. 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.

SBI Clerk Syllabus for Prelims 2018 - English Language

#1. Reading Comprehension

- **Weightage:** 10 Qs (likely 1 passage of 10 questions, including 4-5 questions on vocabulary)
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Moral Stories in Indian Context, Banking and Economy, Business, Social Issues. Vocabulary based questions include synonyms, antonyms and meanings of phrases. Theme and main idea based questions like tone/ style/ title/ theme of the passage.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)
- **Tips:** [General Tips](#), [Speed Reading Techniques](#), [Styles and Tones](#)

#2. Fill in the Blanks

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Double blanks (Two blanks in one sentence). Could be grammar based or vocabulary based. Vocab based tests knowledge of words. Fairly easy as they can be understood from the context of the sentence. Grammar based tests knowledge of tenses, prepositions, conjunctions, verbs to mention a few.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#3. Para Jumbles

- **Weightage:** 5 Qs
- Scoring, Moderately Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:**



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- Usually 6 Sentences to be rearranged.
- Questions based on this single set.
- The passage is usually a story in the Indian context.
- **Tips:** [7 Tips for Solving Para Jumbles](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#4. Cloze Test

- **Weightage:** 5 Qs (1 passage with 5 blanks)
- Scoring, Moderately Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:**
 - Passage could be on any topic, but special emphasis is given on stories.
 - Words are usually easy to moderate but keep your eyes open for that tough word.
 - Understanding of the context will help you score easily. Sometimes the blank might require a word that will test the knowledge of grammar.
- **Tips:** [8 Tips to master Cloze Test](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#5. Error Spotting

- **Weightage:** 10 Qs
- Moderately Scoring, Moderate Accuracy possible, Moderately Time Consuming
- **Question Type:**
 - Could be either grammar or vocabulary based
 - Error may be based on Tenses, Subject-Verb Agreement, Article-Noun Agreement, Correct Part of Speech, Correct use of Prepositions, Phrasal Verbs, Easily Confusable Words, Contextual Usage, Sentence Construction, Degree of Comparison.
- **Tips:** [26 Tips for Error Spotting Part 1](#), [26 Tips for Error Spotting Part 2](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#6. Phrase Replacement/Sentence Correction

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Qs





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- Moderately Scoring, Moderate Accuracy possible, Moderately Time Consuming
- **Question Type:**
 - Mostly grammar based.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

You can boost up your English Preparation by going through these capsules:

[Phrasal Verb Made Easy Capsule](#)

[Word Power Made Easy Capsule](#)

[Error Spotting Capsule](#)

SBI Clerk Syllabus for Prelims 2018 - Numerical Ability

#1. Simplification

- **Weightage:** 8-10 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Questions on BODMAS Rule, Approximate Rule, Fractions, Decimals, Surds & Indices, Percentages.
- **Tips:** [Simplification using BODMAS rule](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#2. Number Series

- **Weightage:** 5 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Problems on Completing the Series, Finding the Missing Term, Finding the Wrong Term.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

#3. Data Interpretation

- **Weightage:** 5 Qs



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- Scoring, Easy if concepts clear and steps followed, Could be Tricky, Time Consuming
- **Question Type:** Can include questions involving Line Graphs, Bar Graphs, Pie Charts, Tabular graph and other miscellaneous info graphics.
- **Tips:** [Missing Data Problems](#), [Tips for Maximum-Minimum Problems](#)

Apart from this, miscellaneous topics are asked for 15 marks consisting of following topics:

#4. Average

- **Weightage:** 1-2 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Problems on Average Weight/Height/Age/Marks etc.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#5. Interest

- **Weightage:** 1-2 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Simple Interest, Compound Interest and Mixed problems of SI & CI.
- **Tips:** [Quick way to solve compound interest problems](#), [Quickly find simple interest](#), [Solving different interest rates problem](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#6. Mensuration

- **Weightage:** 1-2 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Questions on areas of square, rectangle, circle, semicircle and parallelogram, Cone, Cylinder are asked.
- **Tips:** [Quickway to solve mensuration problems](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)





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#7. Percentage

- **Weightage:** 1 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Calculation oriented basic percentage problems.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#8. Ratio and Proportion

- **Weightage:** 1 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Problems on Simple Ratios, Componendo and Dividendo, Compound Ratio etc.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#9. Algebra

- **Weightage:** 2-5 Qs
- Scoring, Easy if concepts clear and steps followed, Could be Tricky, Time Consuming
- **Question Type:** Problems with 2-3 statements and 2-3 conclusions. Linear Equations questions based on ages may be asked.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#10. Profit and Loss

- **Weightage:** 1-2 Qs
- Scoring, Easy if concepts clear and steps followed, Could be Tricky, Time Consuming
- **Question Type:** Qs on Successive Selling, Partnerships, Discount & MP. Problems can also be asked on Dishonest Dealings.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#11. Time, Speed and Distance

- **Weightage:** 2-3 Qs



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- Scoring, Easy if concepts clear and steps followed, Could be Tricky, Time Consuming
- **Question Type:** Problems on Relative Speed, Average Speed and Crossing Trains. Questions can also be asked about Boat and Stream.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#12. Time and Work

- **Weightage:** 1-2 Qs
- Tricky or Tough, More Time Consuming, Lesser Chance of Accurate Solving
- **Question Type:** Problems on Work Efficiency, Pipe & Cistern, Work and Wages.
- **Tips:** [Shortcut for Time and Work Problems](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#13. Permutation and Combination

- **Weightage:** 1 Qs
- Tricky or Tough, More Time Consuming, Lesser Chance of Accurate Solving
- **Question Type:** Basic Selection and Arrangement Problems.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#14. Mixture Problems

- **Weightage:** 1-2 Qs
- Very Tricky/Tough, More Time Consuming, Less likely to appear in the paper
- **Question Type:** Problems on making a mixture of two or more entities/mixtures.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#15. Probability

- **Weightage:** 0-1 Qs
- Very Tricky/Tough, More Time Consuming, Less likely to appear in the paper





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- **Question Type:** Very basic problems on probability.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#16. Number System

- **Weightage:** 1-2 Qs
- Very Tricky/Tough, More Time Consuming, Less likely to appear in the paper
- **Question Type:** Problems on Divisibility & Remainder, Multiples & Factors, Integers, LCM & HCF.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

SBI Clerk Syllabus for Prelims 2018 - Reasoning Ability

#1. Arrangement & Pattern

- **Weightage:** 5-8 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible.
- **Question Type:** Questions on Random Sequence of Alphabets, Number Arrangements, Mixed Series Dictionary or Alphabet based Arrangements etc.

#2. Classification & Analogy

- **Weightage:** 1-2 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Includes Meaning based, Letter based and Meaningful Words based questions. Less frequently, GK based and number based questions can be asked.

#3. Mathematical Inequalities

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Problems on solving mathematical inequalities.



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- **Tips:** [Shortcut Method](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

#4. Directions & Distances

- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Weightage:** 1-2 Qs
- **Question Type:** Simple problems that can be solved by just drawing all information on paper.
- **Tips:** [3 Tricks to Analyze and Calculate Direction and Distance](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz](#)

#5. Coding & Decoding

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Qs
- Scoring, Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Type:** Mostly questions on Coding-Decoding in Fictitious Language and Coding by Analogy. Possible questions could also include Coding-Decoding by Letter Shifting, and Coding Letters of a Word.
- **Tips:** [Tips for Coding Decoding Part 1](#), [Tips for Coding Decoding Part 2](#), [Shortcut for Coding Decoding in Fictitious Language](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#6. Blood Relations

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Qs
- Scoring, Easy if concepts clear and steps followed, Could be Tricky, Not very Time Consuming
- **Question Type:** Family Tree and General Blood Relation Problems
- **Tips:** [Understanding Complex Blood Relations](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

#7. Ordering and Ranking

- **Weightage:** 1-2 Qs



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- Scoring, Easy if concepts clear and steps followed, Could be Tricky, Not very Time Consuming
- **Question Type:** Questions on arranging by age, floor, rank, order in row etc.
- **Tips:** [Tricks for Ordering and Ranking](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#8. Syllogisms

- **Weightage:** 3-5 Qs
- Scoring, Easy if concepts clear and steps followed, Could be Tricky, Not very Time Consuming
- **Question Type:**
 - Problems with 2-3 statements and 2-3 conclusions.
 - Questions could be asked on whether the conclusions follow or not.
 - Possibility based questions can also be asked.
- **Tips:** [Concepts of Syllogisms](#)

#9. Machine Input-Output

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Qs
- Scoring, Easy if concepts clear and steps followed, Could be Tricky, Not very Time Consuming.
- **Question Type:** Appears less frequently. Use the [method mentioned here](#).
- **Tips:** [Time-Saving Tricks for Input Output](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

#10. Data Sufficiency

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- **Weightage:** 0-2 Qs
- Scoring, Easy if concepts clear and steps followed, Could be Tricky, Not very Time Consuming
- **Question Type:** Questions on various topics including Ordering & Ranking, Blood Relations, Coding in Fictitious Language, Circular Arrangements, Directions & Distances, Ages & Birth dates.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)



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In reasoning, puzzles can be asked for 10-15 marks based on following:

#11. Circular Seating Arrangement

- **Weightage:** 5 Qs
- Tricky or Tough, More Time Consuming, Lesser Chance of Accurate Solving
- **Question Type:** Includes Uni-Directional and Bi-Directional problems. Tough Square/Rectangular/Triangular problems also possible.
- **Tips:** [How to Approach Circular Arrangement Problems Part 1](#), [How to Approach Circular Arrangement Problems Part 2](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#12. Linear Seating Arrangement

- **Weightage:** 5 Qs
- Tricky or Tough, More Time Consuming, Lesser Chance of Accurate Solving
- **Question Type:** Problems involving 2-3 rows facing each other.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#13. Double Line Up

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Qs
- Tricky or Tough, More Time Consuming, Lesser Chance of Accurate Solving
- **Question Type:** Requires clean charting, proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#14. Scheduling

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Qs
- Tricky or Tough, More Time Consuming, Lesser Chance of Accurate Solving
- **Question Type:** Less likely to appear. Very similar to Double Line-up problems.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)



#15. Grouping and Selection

- **Weightage:** 0-5 Qs
- Tricky or Tough, More Time Consuming, Lesser Chance of Accurate Solving
- **Question Type:** Problems on teams and committees asked.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

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