



How to Prepare Reasoning for SBI Clerk Prelims Exam 2018

As you are among the numerous aspirants for SBI Clerk 2018 Exam, thorough preparation can only help you to lead in the competition. While the pattern has changed, our experts have the proven strategy to help you prepare Logical Reasoning for SBI Clerk Prelims exam. Read this article to know how to prepare important topics in Logical Reasoning.

SBI Clerk Prelims Exam Pattern

Some changes are made in the exam pattern of SBI Prelims 2018. This year, the sectional time limit is introduced. You have to solve each section in 20 min each. With this changed exam pattern, you have to focus more on time management. Here is the exam pattern.

| Name of Section | No. of Qs | Marks | Time |
|-------------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| English Language | 30 | 30 | 20 min |
| Numerical Ability | 35 | 35 | 20 min |
| Reasoning Ability | 35 | 35 | 20 min |
| TOTAL | 100 | 100 | 1 Hour |









Most Important Chapters of Reasoning for SBI Clerk Prelims

These are the most important chapters in Logical Reasoning for SBI Clerk exam. These have appeared time and again. You must be very comfortable with these questions as these questions hold the best chance of you clearing the exam.

- 1. Arrangement & Pattern
- 2. Coding & Decoding
- 3. Inequalities
- 4. Syllogisms

Strategy

Arrangement & Pattern: Try practicing at least 10 sets each of Number Arrangements, Random Alphabet Sequences, and Mixed Sequences. In Number Arrangement, questions are either based on groups of 5 numbers each of 3 digits or a series of numbers. Similarly, in the Random sequence of Alphabets, questions are either based on a group of 5 words each of 3 letters or a series of alphabets. Give Dictionary based questions a try as well. Practice at least 25 questions on these.

Coding & Decoding: This will likely appear as a comprehension of 5 questions in the exam. This is an easy and scoring topic that requires very little time to solve.

Question types are Coding Fictitious Language or Coding by Analogy or Coding by Letter Shifting. However, according to the pattern of the latest few papers, Coding & Decoding in Fictitious Language and Coding by Analogy topics are more likely to appear. You may









attempt 10 sets each on Coding (Fictitious Language) and Coding (by Analogy) whereas at least 20 questions on Coding (by Letter Shifting).

Inequalities: 5 questions on Inequalities will appear for sure in this exam. It could be in the form of either direct mathematical inequalities or coded inequalities. Mathematical inequalities are simpler. So <u>preparing well for coded inequalities</u> can easily add 5 marks to your account. Make sure to practice at least 5 sets (of 5 questions each) in the week leading up to the exam. Familiarize yourself with both types.

Syllogisms: Up to 5 questions on syllogisms will definitely appear in the exam. This could be a tricky topic and requires clarity of the concepts involved. Questions with 2 Statements and 2 Conclusions with possibility case are most likely to appear. So practice at least 50 (yes 50!!) questions on Syllogisms.

Don't forget to focus on the more difficult concepts in Syllogisms like questions with Negative Conclusions and questions with Possibility cases. Solving these will make you perfect even in the basics as it will shape how you approach these questions.

Use Venn diagrams, the simplest method, to solve the questions and get the correct answer.

Scoring Chapters

Some simple chapters may appear in the exam accounting for up to 5 questions. They may not come at all. But these are simple and should not be neglected in case they do appear.

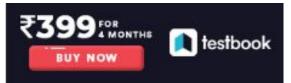
- 1. Analogy
- 2. Classification
- 3. Series
- 4. Ordering & Ranking











- 5. Directions & Distances
- 6. Blood Relations

Strategy

Analogy: Practice 20 questions each of Number based, Letter based, GK based, and Meaning based Analogies. GK based and Meaning based analogies are extremely quick to solve but can be very unpredictable.

Classification: Like Analogy, you must practice 15 questions each on Number based, Letter based, GK based, and Meaning based Classifications. Try not to leave out these questions, as they are extremely easy to solve. The options are also easy to eliminate.

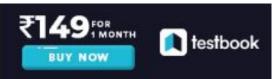
Series: You should try 15 questions each of Number Series, Alphabet Series, and Mixed Series.

Ordering & Ranking: Usually these questions are easy and direct. There may come a comprehension of 2-3 questions. Try 10 comprehensions of these type. Learn tricks to help you <u>crack Ordering & Ranking</u>.

Directions & Distances: Think of a direction from which you will base your left and right so that you don't make a mistake in left, right, east, west etc. There may come a comprehension of 2 questions. You must practice at least 10 questions on <u>Directions & Distances</u>. Try the more difficult questions on your own without looking at the solutions. This will help you figure out how to approach these questions and you can be confident of tackling any problem in the exam.

Blood Relations & Family Tree: For preparing <u>blood relations</u> & <u>family tree</u>, spend some time learning different relations. They should be very clear in your mind. Draw family trees for visual clarity. There may come a comprehension of 2-3 questions based on the Family tree. Try at least 30 questions on Blood. Try a wide variety and like with 4 | P a g e









Directions & Distances, make sure to attempt all the problems yourself without referring to a guide or solutions.

Tricky Chapters

There are some tricky topics. You need to know how to approach these questions and then they will prove easy to solve, although sometimes you may find them difficult. There could be 2 to 3 questions of each or some topic.

- 1. Seating Arrangement
- 2. Puzzles

Strategy

Seating Arrangement: You will get at least one comprehension of 5 or more questions on Seating Arrangement. This is a topic that you MUST attempt but be careful while doing so. It is a tricky topic and you could easily lose marks if you miss out even a single case.

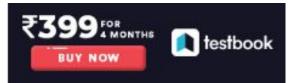
Problems can be either of <u>Circular Arrangement</u> type or <u>Linear Arrangement</u> type. Along with seating arrangement of people, there may be some other information unique to them, making it tougher. So practice different arrangements. Try at least 15 sets of Circular and Linear arrangements each.

Puzzles: There may be 1 puzzle of 5 questions based on Double Lineup or Scheduling. Most people get intimidated by the length of these problems and don't attempt them. These are relatively easy, so don't be afraid of tackling them. Try at least 10-15 different sets of Puzzles of each type.









Less Important Chapters

There may be questions on some other chapters that don't appear often in Reasoning for SBI Clerk. Usually, the paper throws up not more than 3-5 questions in the paper, that is, if they come at all. These are

- 1. Input-Output (Machine Input)
- 2. Data Sufficiency

Strategy

You can practice these chapters last. Use this shortcut method to solve <u>Input Output</u>. And if you get around to practicing Data Sufficiency, try these problems from a wide range of chapters including Blood Relations, Directions & Distances, Ordering & Ranking, Coding & Decoding in Fictitious Language etc.

General Tips & Exam Strategy for Reasoning for SBI Clerk

As general guidelines, following are a few do's and dont's –

- 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. The first attempt all the Coding-Decoding, Inequalities, Arrangement & Pattern, Series, Analogies, Classification, Ordering & Ranking questions.
- 3. Attempt the Puzzles and Seating Arrangement next.
- 4. Next attempt the problems based on Input-Output, Syllogisms, Blood Relations and Directions & Distances.
- 5. Lastly, attempt any questions that appear on Data Sufficiency.
- 6. Leave out the questions you can't solve.









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

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