

How to Prepare English for SBI PO 2018 in 1 Month

State Bank of India is going to fill **2000 vacancies** of Probationary Officers. This is a great opportunity to work in the most reputed Bank of the country. In order to make this opportunity count, you must prepare all the sections strategically to score well. [SBI PO](#) selection process consists of 3 stages i.e Prelims, Mains & Group Exercise & Interview. SBI PO Prelims will take place on **1st, 7th & 8th of July 2018**. Hence, it is very important to make a proper study schedule so that all the sections can be prepared within time. Read this article and learn some ways to prepare English for SBI PO 2018 & boost your exam preparation.

A complete knowledge of the syllabus is an important part of your preparation for Bank PO exams. The English Section for the SBI PO exam can be majorly categorized into 4 parts. We will involve individual strategies for each section to help you prepare English for SBI PO 2018.

1. Vocabulary
2. Grammar
3. Reading Comprehension
4. Verbal Ability

In SBI PO Prelims 2018 Exam, the above 4 components can be asked in any manner according to the priority listed below.

Pattern Priority 1:

- Reading Comprehension - 10 Qs (including 4 Qs from Synonyms & Antonyms)

- Close Test - 10 Qs
- Error Spotting - 10 Qs

Pattern Priority 2:

- Reading Comprehension - 7/8 Qs (NO Qs from Synonyms & Antonyms)
- Close Test - 8/7 Qs
- Error Spotting - 10 Qs
- Fill in the blanks - 5 Qs

Pattern Priority 3:

- Reading Comprehension - 10 Qs (including 4 Qs from Synonyms & Antonyms)
- Close Test - 5 Qs
- Error Spotting - 5 Qs
- Parajumble - 5 Qs
- Fill in the Blanks - 5 Qs

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- Grammar

There are 2 main topics in Grammar on which questions are asked in Prelims.

- Error Spotting
- Phrase Replacement

#1. Grammar → Around 5-10 Qs in the paper will be based on Grammar concepts like Tenses, Articles, Prepositions, Degrees of Comparison, Subject-Verb Agreement, Conjunctions, Parts of Speech, Standard Construction, Adverbs, Number in Nouns, etc.

- [Easy tips for learning English Grammar SBI PO \(Part I\)](#)
- [Easy tips for Learning English Grammar SBI PO \(Part II\)](#)

#2. Look for articles and lessons relevant to topics often asked like [Error Spotting](#) and [Gerunds](#).

#3. You can also read these article for tips on topics in grammar:

- [52 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.](#)

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- Vocabulary

Direct questions from the following parts can be easily seen in the exam.

- Cloze Test (5 or 10 blanks passage)
- Fill in the Blanks (double blanks)

#1. There are chances of finding questions belonging to topics like word association pair, phrase or idiom meaning, and spelling.

#2. Whenever you come across a new word, whether in a newspaper or in an article or book, make sure to look it up in a dictionary or google it. This way you will enhance your understanding of the context of the passage for Reading Comprehension or Cloze Test.

#3. Read the [Mixbag Study Notes](#) to understand contextual usage.

#4. Try [Mnemonic Techniques to remember vocabulary](#). This is an incredibly powerful way to quickly remember the meanings of often asked words in the exam.

#5. Go to our blog to find articles on Vocabulary like [Easily Confused Words](#) for e.g. [Lose & Loose](#). You should also read up on [tips for Cloze Test](#).

#6. Practice [sectional tests of English](#) every day.

How to Prepare English for SBI PO 2018 - Reading Comprehension

#1. The passage will likely be based on topics like [Banking & Economy](#), Geo-Politics, Social Issues, Business etc. The good thing is that the questions will be directly based on the content of the passage. But you must be alert while choosing the correct option as the options are, sometimes, very similar.

#2. The questions will be mainly Fact-Based, Inference Based and Vocabulary based. Some questions can also be asked on the Main Idea, Theme of Passage & author's opinion. You may also be asked to draw Inferences based on your understanding of the passage.

#3. Questions will be either 10 or 7/8.

#4. The passages are of medium length, thus the [habit of reading fast](#) and understanding the intent of the passage needs to be developed to minimize the time and maximize the output.

#5. Practice one [comprehension question](#) daily from questions available on the Testbook app. Constant practice will help you achieve accuracy and minimize the time required.

#6. Go through some [tips](#) to iron out the mistakes you make in tackling RCs once you have done an analysis of previous year's RCs.

How to Prepare English for SBI PO 2018 - Verbal Ability

#1. This section consists of 5 questions with 6 sentence **para jumbles**. Learn how to effectively tackle them using [these tips](#).

#2. Questions about sentence completion or paragraph completion may be asked, where you need to complete a sentence understanding the context of the sentence/paragraph. This is a relatively easy section.

#3. Follow the logic of the passage while answering these questions. Always keep in mind the overall story, as the passage will always tell you a story with a definite beginning, middle and end.

#4. Look for connecting words like conjunctions that will help you link the story well.

#5. You can also expect the topics like [Odd Sentence Out](#).

General Strategy to Prepare English for SBI PO



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#1. In the SBI PO Prelims exam, time management is mandatory. Accuracy and speed can only be achieved by taking more mock tests and timing yourself well while you taking the tests.

#2. It is important to spend time studying basic rules of Grammar. These rules will help you crack many topics in the paper. Unlike Vocabulary, the rules and concepts are often repeated. So if you practice enough, you will likely secure 5-10 marks in the paper.

#3. You should start with the **Vocabulary section first** as you can secure a good amount of marks in one go. Proceed to the Reading Comprehension section then. After a quick reading makes sure to attempt the fact and vocabulary based questions in the RC before you attempt the inference/theme/main idea based questions. The Verbal Ability section should come next because it is relatively easy and scoring. If your Grammar is weak, attempt it last as it might be a little tricky and hence time-consuming.

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