

# How to Prepare Quantitative Aptitude for SBI PO 2018 and Score Well!

SBI PO Prelims 2018 is scheduled on 1st, 7th & 8th of July 2018. Quantitative Aptitude is an important section of SBI PO Prelims paper. Students often neglect this section as it involves a lot of calculation & found to be time-consuming. To the contrary, you must focus on Quant for SBI PO first & try to score maximum in this area. You must first know the expert strategy and then develop your own shortcut tricks to prepare Quantitative Aptitude for SBI PO 2018. Since the syllabus is vast, you first need to have a good study plan that covers the whole Quant syllabus. This particular strategy will help you cover all of Quant in 2 months. Before you read how to prepare, know the detailed SBI PO Syllabus.

## [Detailed SBI PO Syllabus](#)

To prepare Quantitative Aptitude for SBI PO, you must know important chapters. This article on How to Prepare Quantitative Aptitude for SBI PO will give you an idea of time to be devoted to each chapter.

## Main Chapters to Prepare Quantitative Aptitude for SBI PO

You have to focus on main chapters first. These chapters cover a huge portion of Quant Syllabus for SBI PO & can be solved in less time. Concentrating on them first will assure you 40-50% of the questions in this section.

1. Number Series (5 questions) - [Basic Quiz](#)
2. Simplification (5 questions) - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advance Quiz](#)
3. Data Interpretation (5-10 questions) - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advance Quiz](#)
4. Quadratic Equation (0-5 questions)

## Strategy

### Simplification:

You need to practice as much as you can. This chapter alone comprises of 20% of the Quant section. You must target these questions early.

They can be solved quickly and the concepts are easy to understand. For this, you need a good practice of **quick mental calculations**. This will help you to save time here. Use the short tricks of doing the faster calculation.

You should practice a mix of problems on BODMAS Rule, Approximations, Square & Cubes, Surds & Indices, Decimals, and Percentages.

### Number Series:

These questions are easy and get solved quickly if you know how to approach them. But, learning different approaches to this topic requires a lot of practice. Make sure to solve around 300 questions of Number Series on different patterns. Once you gain some familiarity with all types of questions in this, you will start seeing the patterns with greater confidence. In exam if you don't get the pattern in 30 sec then don't waste time on it, just move on.

## **Data Interpretation:**

DI should be your daily exercise. Make sure to practice 1 sets each on Tables, Pie Chart, Line Graph, Bar Graph and Miscellaneous DI questions involving word problems EVERYDAY. You can expect to see 1 or up to 2 DI sets in the SBI PO exam. In DI 2-3 questions are very easy which are involving less calculation.

The questions will be limited to concepts involving just three chapters: Percentages, Averages, and Ratios. Start practicing these chapters side by side.

Go for a few sets of Missing Data type DI, Triangular Charts etc. as it could be asked in the exams.

## **Quadratic Equations:**

Questions from this topic are very easy. If you know the concepts then these questions can be solved fastly with more accuracy. So, practice around 100 questions on this chapter. Don't make the mistake of leaving such chapters.

## **Scoring Chapters to Prepare Quantitative Aptitude for SBI PO 2018**

Questions from these chapters are relatively easy. You can expect 5-6 problems in total from the chapters listed below.

1. Average - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)
2. Percentages - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)
3. Profit & Loss - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)
4. Interest - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)

5. Ratio & Proportion - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)

## Strategy

With two months left for the exam, you should have some basic knowledge of these chapters. So start your practice with the basic topics like percentage average. These chapters either rely on basic conceptual understanding or standard formulae. So you can practice them while traveling on your mobile apps.

Average, Percentage and Ratios are also asked in the Data Interpretation questions, so these chapters must be the first you concentrate on. Start learning them alongside the Main chapters.

If you encounter problems repeatedly while trying any chapter, practice it more. Solve more questions and you will eventually get it. Always remember that in quants speed with accuracy always matters & it will get improved when you spend the time of at least 4hr & do continuous practice.

## Tricky Chapters to Prepare Quantitative Aptitude for SBI PO 2018

Though these questions amount to only 6-7 problems in the section, they are important. Getting these right will give you the edge over the competition and help you score marks that you might have missed in the earlier chapters.

However, since these chapters are tricky, you will need to thoroughly understand the concepts before you try to attempt them. Spend a good amount of time on this.

1. Permutations & Combinations - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advance Quiz](#)
2. Probability - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)

3. Time, Speed & Distance (including Boat & Stream) - [Basic quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)
4. Algebra - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)
5. Time & Work (including Pipes & Cisterns) - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)
6. Mensuration & Geometry - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)
7. Mixtures & Alligations - [Basic Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)

## Strategy

Make sure to pick up two-three chapters a week in the month leading up to the exam.

In Permutations & Combinations, arrangements of letters of a word are asked. Arrangements in a circle, selections type problems may also be asked. So make sure to solve about 50 questions.

In Time, Speed & Distance, you can find problem on trains, Boat & Stream, Average Speed. You are sure to find at least 1 and sometimes 2-3 questions from these topics in the question paper. However, these topics are tricky, so make sure to get in good practice.

In Time & Work, you may find questions on Work Efficiency, Wages and Pipes & Cisterns. Try at least 50 problems of each type.

In Mensuration, there are different topics like, Cubes, Cuboids, Square, Rectangle, Cylinder, Sphere, Circle, Semicircle, Cone etc. Make a cheat sheet (don't take it into the exam hall :P) to remember all the formulas. It will help you a lot in the exam.

## Less Important Chapters to Prepare Quantitative Aptitude for SBI PO 2018



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Data Sufficiency

## Strategy

If you encounter questions from this chapter, chances are you will see them in a bunch of 5 questions. Problems from all the above chapters come under this. In the data sufficiency problems, 1 question and 2 statements will be given. You will have to decide, whether these two statements are sufficient to give answer for the question.

## General Tips to Prepare Quantitative Aptitude for SBI PO 2018

1. Practice on [Testbook App](#) daily. When you're traveling or bored or when you can sit down to practice.
2. Take one [mock test](#) daily leading up to the exam.
3. Read all the solutions carefully to understand the concepts used in the questions.
4. Understand your detailed analysis to figure out how you are growing over tests, what your strong topics are, and what your weaknesses are that you need to work on. Adjust your strategy accordingly.
5. Try different order of attempt patterns in your mock tests. Some with English first, some Quant first. Or try your toughest section first. See which strategy works best for you.
6. Attempt mocks like you would the actual exam. Without distractions. Also, make sure to attempt easy questions first.

## Reference Books to Prepare Quantitative Aptitude for SBI PO 2018



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3. Bank PO Quantitative Aptitude Chapterwise Solved Papers by Kiran Publications

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