

IBPS PO Preparation Guide with Tips & Strategy for Prelims 2018

IBPS PO 2018 has released the exam date for Prelims. The exam is scheduled on **13th, 14th, 20th and 21st October 2018**. The exam difficulty level has increased over the years, which is reflected in SBI PO, BOB PO and other bank exams of 2018. The IBPS sets the exam for these banks, therefore the difficulty level is definitely high. To crack the prelims is essential for entering the next level, so **prepare with the best strategies available**. IBPS PO preparation guide will help you easily solve questions and also provide you with tips and hacks for efficient problem-solving. **IBPS PO Preparation for Prelims Exam 2018 is an easy guide to keep you on track and analyze your preparation**. Read them carefully and integrate them into your studies for success in exams.

IBPS PO Prelims exam is arriving soon. Therefore, **prepare yourself for each type of question from different sections thoroughly to get through the next level**.

About IBPS PO Exam 2018

The exam is going to fill around **4102 vacancies** for the post of **Probationary Officer** at **20 participating banks**. The IBPS exam is in 3 stages: **Prelims, Mains and Interview**. The official notification for IBPS PO reflects the number of vacancies and bank-wise vacancies for 2018.

IBPS PO Recruitment Notification

Bank-wise Vacancies for IBPS PO 2018

IBPS PO Preparations - Know the Exam Pattern

The Preliminary paper of **IBPS PO 2018** will have **three sections**.

Name of Section No. of Qs. Max Marks Time Alloted for Each Test

English Language	30	30	20 minutes
Quantitative Aptitude	35	35	20 minutes
Reasoning Ability	35	35	20 minutes
TOTAL	100	100	60 minutes

- TEST CAN BE GIVEN IN TWO LANGUAGES:** Every section (except English Language) will be available in Hindi as well as in English.
- THERE IS SECTIONAL CUT-OFF:** Each section will have an individual cut-off. Besides this, there will be a minimum overall score that IBPS will decide after the results are tallied which you must cross to reach Mains.
- THERE WILL BE NEGATIVE MARKING:** Each wrong answer will deduct 0.25 of the marks assigned to that question from your total. In this case, since each question is worth 1 mark, you lose $\frac{1}{4}$ marks per wrong answer.

The complete exam pattern for Prelims, Mains and Interview of IBPS PO 2018 is described in below video:

IBPS PO Exam Pattern & Selection Procedure

IBPS PO Preparations - Knowing Expected & Previous Year's Cut Off

- The previous year cut offs will help you in goals setting.
- Go through the expected cut off for 2018 to prepare accordingly.
- Cut off is based on a thorough analysis of previous year exams as well as SBI PO, BOB PO and other bank exams.
- Know the expected and previous year cut off in this link-

[mks_button size="large" title="Previous Years Cut Off for IBPS PO" style="squared" url="https://testbook.com/blog/ibps-po-cut-off-for-previous-years/" target="_blank" bg_color="#dd3333" txt_color="#FFFFFF" icon="fa-chevron-circle-right" icon_type="fa" nofollow="o"]

IBPS PO Preparation Strategy for English

The question are based on the below categories-

- **Reading Comprehension -**
 - **Keep your reading speed maximum.**
 - **Do not hesitate from attempting difficult questions.**
 - Practice is the key.
 - Tips for comprehensions: (1) [General Tips for RC](#), (2) [Tips for Economics & Banking based passages](#), (3) [Tips for Style & Tone of RC](#).
- **Grammar -**
 - **Practice English speaking the way you write it.**
 - Make use of **sentence diagrams**.
 - Learn **parts of speech** thoroughly.
 - Tips on Grammar: (1) [52 Tips for Error Spotting](#), (2) [Easy Tips for Grammar](#), (3) [General Tips on Tenses](#), (4) [On Present Tenses](#), (5) [Using Common & Proper Nouns correctly with Articles](#), (6) [Common Errors Made in Degrees of Comparison](#), (7) [Gerunds](#), (8) [Difference between “its” and “it’s”](#), (9) [Non-Finite Verbs with Examples](#).
- **Vocabulary -**
 - Read as much as possible.
 - **Make use of flashcards**
 - Use Testbook [Word Power Capsules](#) to learn new words everyday.
- **Verbal Ability -**
 - **Identify the theme** of each jumble to get easy solution.
 - Tips: [Tips for Verbal Ability – Jumbling](#).

The preparation tips and quizzes for IBPS PO Prelims English section will help in through preparation

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IBPS PO Preparation Strategy for Quant

You can divide the topics in four broad categories for your preparation.

- **Easy + More Weightage**
 - In this group include topics of **Simplification, Number System, Data Interpretation, Profit & Loss, Average, Percentage, Ratio & Proportion.**
 - Practice these topics first.
- **Easy + Time Consuming**
 - Include topics of **Interest, Number Series, Problem on Ages, Quadratic & Linear Equations.**
 - Practice these after the first group of questions are done.
- **Difficult + More Weightage**
 - Include topics on **Speed, Time and Distance, Mensuration, Data Sufficiency.**
 - Solve these after all the easy topics are done.
- **Difficult + Time Consuming**
 - Include topics on **Permutation & Combination / Probability, Mixtures & Alligations, Time and Work.**
 - Practice these in the end.

Find quizzes and other important tips on how to solve each of these topics from Quant section for IBPS PO in the article below:

[mks_button size="large" title="IBPS PO Prelims - **Tips for Quant** " style="squared" url="https://testbook.com/blog/ibps-po-quant/" target="_blank" bg_color="#dd3333" txt_color="#FFFFFF" icon="fa-chevron-circle-right" icon_type="fa" nofollow="o"]

IBPS PO Preparation Strategy for Reasoning

Practice Reasoning in such a way where you finish those where high accuracy is possible at the earliest. Because of this you will have enough time to study more for those topics where less accuracy can be achieved.

- **High Accuracy Topics:**
 - [Coded & Mathematical Inequalities](#)
 - Circular Seating Arrangement
 - Linear Seating Arrangement
 - [Blood Relations](#)
 - [Directions and Distances](#)
 - Ordering and Ranking
 - Arrangement and Pattern
 - Analogy
 - Classification
- **Low to Moderate Accuracy Topics:**

- [Syllogisms](#)
- Coding and Decoding
- Double Lineup
- Scheduling
- Data Sufficiency
- Series

Read how to properly study for each topic in Reasoning section and solve multiple quizzes related to the same here:

[mks_button size="large" title="IBPS PO Prelims - **Tips for Reasoning**" style="squared" url="https://testbook.com/blog/ibps-po-reasoning-tips-tricks/" target="_blank" bg_color="#dd3333" txt_color="#FFFFFF" icon="fa-chevron-circle-right" icon_type="fa" nofollow="o"]

IBPS PO Preparation Strategy

1. Since each section has individual cut off, you need to solve as many mock tests as you can.
2. Practice daily on and take practice tests as much as possible.
3. Be familiar with the syllabus for Prelims exam. This will help you in knowing exactly what to expect. You will be able to **categorise those topics you need to focus more on from the rest.**

IBPS PO Preparation Tips - Previous Year Paper's Analysis

- Exam papers will give you an idea about the **trends in the questions.**
- You will get the exact idea about the **weightage, difficulty level and types of questions that are more likely** in the actual exam.
- The Testbook Analysis of IBPS PO Exam, will help you find **analysis and questions asked for 2017 and 2016.**
- Practice is the key, therefore, practice and do well.

[mks_button size="large" title="IBPS PO Analysis and Questions Asked - 2016 & 2015" style="squared" url="https://testbook.com/blog/ibps-po-analysis-and-questions-asked/" target="_blank" bg_color="#dd3333" txt_color="#FFFFFF" icon="fa-arrow-right" icon_type="fa" nofollow="o"]

As we all know, practice is the key to success. Therefore, boost your preparation by starting your practice now.



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