IBPS PO Syllabus 2026 (CRP PO/MT-XVI)

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Overview

Official exam pattern for IBPS CRP PO/MT-XVI, the Common Recruitment Process for Probationary Officers / Management Trainees in participating public sector banks. Selection is through an online Preliminary examination, an online Main examination (objective tests plus a descriptive paper), a Personality Test and a common Interview. IBPS publishes the tests and their marks but not a topic-wise syllabus.

Important information

Item	Details
Stages	Online Preliminary -> Online Main (objective + descriptive) -> Personality Test -> Interview
Negative marking	0.25 of the marks for the question, per wrong answer (Preliminary and Main); none for unanswered questions
Sectional timing	Every test is separately timed (Preliminary and Main)
Preliminary cut-off	Candidates must qualify in each of the three tests (cut-offs decided by IBPS)
Main cut-off	Minimum score in each test and a minimum total score
Personality Test	Self-report; non-qualifying but mandatory to attend the interview
Interview	100 marks; minimum 40% (35% for SC/ST/OBC/PwBD)
Final merit	Main examination 80% : Interview 20% (Preliminary marks not counted)
Medium	English & Hindi, except the English Language tests and the Descriptive Paper (English only)

Exam pattern

Paper / Stage	Subjects	Questions	Marks	Duration
Preliminary (objective)	English Language (30), Quantitative Aptitude (35), Reasoning Ability (35)	100	100	60 min (20 min per test)
Main (objective)	Reasoning (40), General/Economy/ Banking Awareness (50), English Language (40), Data Analysis & Interpretation (40)	170	200	160 min
Main — Descriptive Paper	Essay and Comprehension (English)	2	25	30 min
Interview	Common interview by participating banks	—	100	—

Detailed syllabus

1. Preliminary: English Language (30 marks)

IBPS lists only the test name; it does not publish a topic-wise syllabus. 30 questions, 30 marks, 20 minutes; English medium.

2. Preliminary: Quantitative Aptitude (30 marks)

IBPS lists only the test name; it does not publish a topic-wise syllabus. 35 questions, 30 marks, 20 minutes.

3. Preliminary: Reasoning Ability (40 marks)

IBPS lists only the test name; it does not publish a topic-wise syllabus. 35 questions, 40 marks, 20 minutes.

4. Main: Reasoning (60 marks)

IBPS lists only the test name; it does not publish a topic-wise syllabus. 40 questions, 60 marks, 45 minutes.

5. Main: General/Economy/Banking Awareness (60 marks)

- General awareness
- Economy
- Banking awareness
- Digital awareness
- Financial awareness
- RBI circulars

Areas named in the official test title. 50 questions, 60 marks, 35 minutes.

6. Main: English Language (20 marks)

IBPS lists only the test name; it does not publish a topic-wise syllabus. 40 questions, 20 marks, 35 minutes; English medium.

7. Main: Data Analysis & Interpretation (60 marks)

IBPS lists only the test name; it does not publish a topic-wise syllabus. 40 questions, 60 marks, 45 minutes.

8. Main: Descriptive Paper (Essay and Comprehension) (25 marks)

- Essay
- Comprehension

May be broadly based on economic and social issues, emerging trends in banking and technology, current events and ethics. 2 questions, 30 minutes; may be evaluated by an automated scoring mechanism.

Official sources

Official syllabus: https://www.ibps.in/wp-content/uploads/Detailed-Notification_CRP-PO-XVI_Final_V1_30.06.2026.pdf

Official website: https://www.ibps.in

Online version: https://www.jobnirdesh.com/syllabus/ibps-po-syllabus-2026

Always confirm the syllabus with the official notification of the conducting body before you prepare or apply.