SBI PO Syllabus 2026 (Prelims, Mains & Interview)

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Overview

Official exam pattern for State Bank of India Probationary Officers under Advertisement No. CRPD/ PO/2026-27/09: Phase-I Preliminary, Phase-II Main (objective and descriptive) and Phase-III (psychometric test, group exercise and interview). SBI publishes the tests and marks but not a topic-wise syllabus.

Important information

Item	Details
Phases	Phase-I Preliminary -> Phase-II Main (objective + descriptive) -> Phase-III psychometric test, group exercise and interview
Negative marking	1/4 of the marks for the question per wrong answer (Prelims and Mains)
Prelims shortlisting	About 10 times the vacancies on aggregate marks; no sectional cut-off
Mains	Objective 200 marks (3 hours) + descriptive 30 marks (30 minutes); sectional cut-offs apply
Phase-III shortlisting	Up to about 3 times the vacancies
Group exercise & interview	20 + 30 = 50 marks
Final merit	Mains (230) and Phase-III (50) normalised to 75 : 25; Prelims not counted

Exam pattern

Paper / Stage	Subjects	Questions	Marks	Duration
Phase-I Preliminary	English Language (40), Quantitative Aptitude (30), Reasoning Ability (30)	100	100	1 hour (20 min per section)
Phase-II Main — Objective	Reasoning & Computer Aptitude (40), Data Analysis & Interpretation (30), General Awareness/Economy/Banking Knowledge (60), English Language (40)	170	200	3 hours
Phase-II Main — Descriptive	Communication skills (typed on computer)	3	30	30 min
Phase-III	Psychometric test, Group Exercise (20), Interview (30)	—	50	—

Detailed syllabus

1. Preliminary: English Language

The notification lists only the test name, questions, marks and time; it does not publish a topic-wise syllabus. 40 questions, 20 minutes.

2. Preliminary: Quantitative Aptitude

The notification lists only the test name, questions, marks and time; it does not publish a topic-wise syllabus. 30 questions, 20 minutes.

3. Preliminary: Reasoning Ability

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4. Main: Reasoning & Computer Aptitude (60 marks)

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

The notification lists only the test name, questions, marks and time; it does not publish a topic-wise syllabus. 30 questions, 60 marks, 45 minutes.

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

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7. Main: English Language (20 marks)

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8. Main: Descriptive Paper (Communication Skills) (30 marks)

- Emails (1 out of 2 options)
- Situation Analysis (1 out of 2 options)
- Report writing or Precis writing (one out of two options)

3 questions, 30 minutes, typed on the computer; taken immediately after the objective test.

Official sources

Official syllabus: https://sbi.bank.in/csfile/18062026_1_Detailed_Adv.2026.pdf

Official website: https://sbi.bank.in/web/careers

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

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