

Detailed IBPS PO Mains Syllabus and Study Material

The IBPS PO Prelims exam took place last month in multiple shifts, across various dates. Since the preliminary exams are over, you now have to focus on the IBPS PO Mains exam only. The first thing you need to begin your preparation is the detailed syllabus of the IBPS PO Mains Exam. After you go through the syllabus, you need to have ample study material to practice from. Therefore, we are providing you the Detailed IBPS PO Mains Syllabus and Study Material in this article. Apart from the syllabus and study material, you will also find **weightage, marks distribution, breakup of topics**, etc. in this post.

The **Online Study Material** is also a good system for you to figure out tonnes of free online study material and quizzes for IBPS PO Mains exam.

About IBPS PO Exam

The exam seeks to fill in **8822 vacancies** in the post of **Probationary Officers** at **20 participating banks**. Like the 2015 edition, the exam is being conducted **online in two phases**. IBPS PO Prelims were conducted in October while the IBPS PO Mains exam will be conducted in November. The two objective tests will be followed by an **interview**.

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[Bankwise Vacancies IBPS PO 2016](#)

IBPS PO Mains Exam Pattern & Specifics

The Mains paper is likely to be tougher than the Preliminary exam. In the duration of 2 hours 20 minute, you need to attempt 200 questions. Here is the section-wise structure of the paper.

Section	No. of Ques	Marks	Duration
Reasoning	50	50	40 min
English Language	40	40	30 min
Quantitative Aptitude	50	50	40 min
General Awareness (with special reference to Banking)	40	40	20 min
Computer Knowledge	20	20	10 min
TOTAL	200	200	140 min

1. **BILINGUAL TEST:** Every section (except English Language) in the paper will be available in Hindi as well.
2. **NEGATIVE MARKING:** Each wrong answer deducts 0.25 of the marks assigned to that question from your total.

Check out the Complete Selection Procedure and Mains Paper Pattern here:

IBPS PO Mains Pattern & Selection Procedure

How to Use this Detailed IBPS PO Mains Syllabus

1. Download the PDF from the link at top.
2. Decide which subject you want to study today - Quant, Reasoning, English, General Awareness and Computer.
3. Pick up the first chapter of the subject (in the order in which it appears).
4. Go through your notes to get the basics right. Then go through the tips and shortcuts given below.
5. Once you're ready, try the quizzes listed.
6. Analyze your performance and relearn your weak areas.
7. Get to the first chapter in the next subject.

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Here is a subject-wise list of the Mains syllabus. The list is classified in order of priority – important chapters first. The Nature of Questions tells you whether it is a scoring chapter or a tricky topic or a time consuming one.

#1. Quantitative Aptitude Syllabus IBPS PO Mains & Marks Distribution

You have only 40 minutes to attempt the Quants section of the paper. It is easy to get stuck in Quant as you use long calculations to solve the problem. The trick is to use shortcuts and quick mental calculations. You need to ensure that you complete the quant section in 40 minutes. Since it won't be possible for you to solve all 50 questions in 30 minutes, you need to ensure you pick the right questions. So the **trick is to recognize patterns in questions that tell you how easy or tough it will be.**

Here are the different chapters covered under Quant according to the Syllabus for IBPS PO Mains. Try to prepare these topics in the order mentioned.

(1) Simplification

- **Weightage:** 0 - 5 Questions
- Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible.
- **Question Types:** BODMAS Rule, Approximation, Decimals, Fractions, Surds & Indices, Percentages etc.
- **Tips:** [Simplification using BODMAS rule](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(2) Average

- **Weightage:** 0 – 1 Question
- Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible.
- **Question Types:** Average Weight/Height/Age/Marks, Average Money Expenditure, Average Temperature etc. But the concept remains simple. We have to use a single formula i.e. $\text{Average} = \frac{\text{Sum of Quantities}}{\text{Number of Quantities}}$
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(3) Percentage

- **Weightage:** 0 – 1 Question
- Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible.
- **Question Types:** Calculation-oriented basic percentage.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(4) Ratio and Proportion

- **Weightage:** -1 – 2 Questions
- Easy to Solve, Less Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible.
- **Question Types:** Simple Ratios, Compound Ratios, Componendo and Dividendo, Direct & Indirect Proportions.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(5) Data Interpretation

- **Weightage:** 15 - 20 Questions (3 - 4 sets)
- Easy to Moderate in Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible
- **Question Types:** Line Graphs, Bar Graphs, Pie Charts, Tables, Miscellaneous Infographics, Missing Data Type Caselets.
- **Tips:** [Missing Data Problems](#), [Tips for Line Graphs](#), [Tips for Maximum-Minimum Problems in DI](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(6) Mensuration & Geometry

- **Weightage:** 3 – 4 Questions
- Easy to Moderate in Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible.
- **Question Types:** Area/Volume of Square, Rectangle, Trapezium, Parallelogram, Rhombus, Circle, Semicircle, Triangle, Cone, Cylinder, Cube, Cuboid. Also, Moulding from one shape to another etc.
- **Tips:** [Quickest method for Mensuration](#).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(7) Geometry

- **Weightage:** 12-18 Questions
- Easy to Difficult, Moderately Time Consuming, High Accuracy Possible.
- **Question Types:** Lines and Angles, Triangles (Centres, Congruence, Similarity), Circles (Chords, Tangents, Segments), Quadrilaterals, Coordinate Geometry (Graphical representation of straight lines and Applications based on Coordinate Systems)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(8) Quadratic Equations

- **Weightage:** 0 – 2 Questions (as 1 or 2 sets of 5 each or will not appear at all)

- Scoring, Easy if Proper Steps Followed, Less Time Consuming.
- **Question Types:** Comparing values of x and y when two equations given.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(9) Interest

- **Weightage:** 2 – 3 Questions
- Scoring, Easy if Formulas & Proper Steps Followed, Moderately Time Consuming.
- **Question Types:** Simple Interest, Compound Interest, Mixed Interest, Installments.
- **Tips:** [How to Quickly Find Rate of Simple Interest](#), [Simple Interest for Different Rates](#), [Shortcut for Compound Interest Problems](#).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(10) Problems on Ages

- **Weightage:** 0-1 Questions
- Scoring, Easy if Proper Steps Followed, Less Time Consuming.
- **Question Types:** Ages of family using algebra, ratio of ages, average of ages etc.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

(11) Profit and Loss

- **Weightage:** 3 – 4 Questions
- Scoring, Easy if Proper Steps Followed, Moderately Time Consuming.
- **Question Types:** Successive Selling type questions, Partnerships, Discount & MP, Dishonest Dealings.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(12) Number Series

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- Scoring, Moderate in Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming
- **Question Types:** Complete the Series, Find the Missing Term, Find the Wrong Term etc.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

(13) Speed, Time and Distance

- **Weightage:** 2 – 3 Questions
- Moderate in Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming
- **Question Types:** Relative Speed, Average Speed, Problems on Train, Boat & Stream.
- **Tips:** [How to Calculate Average Speed.](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

(14) Time and Work

- **Weightage:** 2 – 3 Questions
- Moderate in Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming
- **Question Types:** Work Efficiency, Work & Wages, Pipes & Cisterns etc.
- **Tips:** [Shortcut for Time & Work.](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

(15) Number System

- **Weightage:** 0-1 Question
- Could be tricky, Moderately time Consuming
- **Question Types:** Divisibility & Remainder, Multiples & Factors, Integers, LCM & HCF.
- **Tips:** [Divisibility Test Trick for Quick Calculations](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(16) Data Sufficiency

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- Moderate in Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming, Tricky
- **Question Types:** DS questions based on Number System, Averages, Percentages, Ratio & Proportion, Profit & Loss, Simple & Compound Interest, Time Speed & Distance, Time & Work, Problems on Age, Mensuration, Mixtures & Alligations.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

(17) Linear Equations

- **Weightage:** 0-1 Question
- Could be tricky, Easy if Proper Steps Followed, Moderately Time Consuming
- **Question Types:** Basic linear equations with 1 or 2 variables.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(18) Permutation & Combination / Probability

- **Weightage:** 1 – 2 Questions
- Less Time Consuming, Scoring, Easy if all cases considered
- **Question Types:** Basic Selection & Arrangement Problems, Very basic problems on Probability.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(19) Mixtures & Alligations

- **Weightage:** 1 – 2 Question
- Tricky, Time Consuming
- **Question Types:** Mixture of two or more entities/mixtures, dishonest dealings.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

Don't forget to use this:

Formula Cheat Sheet for Quant

#2. Reasoning Ability Syllabus IBPS PO Mains & Marks

Distribution

The Reasoning Ability section is always the key to score better. Even though you have 40 minutes to attempt this section, DO NOT GET STUCK ON ANY PROBLEM. Just move on if you cannot figure out a problem. The various topics expected in the Reasoning Ability section are as below:

(1) Verbal Reasoning

- **Weightage:** 10 - 15 Questions
- Moderate to difficult in difficulty, Time consuming, Moderate accuracy possible, Very likely to appear.
- **Question Types:** Cause and effect, statement and assumption, statement and inference, course of action, statement and arguments, critical reasoning.
- **Tips:** [Assumptions and Inference](#), [course of action](#), [Verbal Reasoning for PO Exams](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

(2) Syllogisms

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- Moderate to difficult in difficulty, Less time consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible, Very likely to appear.
- **Question Types:** Direct questions with 2-3 statements & 2-3 conclusions, possibility based questions, negative information based questions.
- **Tips:** [Basic Concepts of Syllogisms](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(3) Circular Seating Arrangement

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- Moderate to Difficult, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate to High Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Question Types:** Uni- & Bi-directional problems on circular, square, rectangular, hexagonal tables. May be combined with other information to make it a Blood Relations or Double Lineup type problem as well.
- **Tips:** [How to Approach Circular Arrangements](#), [Circular Arrangements Pt 2](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(4) Linear Seating Arrangement

- **Weightage:** 5 - 10 Questions
- Moderate to Difficult, Could be tricky, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate to High Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Question Types:** Single or Double rows facing each other/ away from each other/ in the same direction. May be combined with other information to make it a Blood Relations or Double Lineup type problem as well.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(5) Double Lineup

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- Moderate to Difficult, Could be tricky, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

(6) Scheduling

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions

- Moderate to Difficult, Could be tricky, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(7) Input Output

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- Moderate to Difficult, Could be tricky, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible.
- **Tips:** [Short tricks for input output](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

(7) Blood Relations

- **Weightage:** 2-5 Questions
- Moderate in difficulty, Low to Moderately time consuming, Moderate to High Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Question Types:** Family Tree Problems, Coded Blood Relations.
- **Tips:** [General Understanding of Blood Relations](#), [Complex Blood Relations](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(8) Directions & Distances

- **Weightage:** 0-3 Questions
- Easy but could be tricky, Less time consuming, High Accuracy possible, Requires clean charting with proper technique and step-by-step solving.
- **Question Types:** Arranging by age, height, weight, rank, order in row etc.
- **Tips:** [3 Tricks for Directions & Distances](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz](#)

(9) Ordering & Ranking

- **Weightage:** 2-5 Questions
- Easy to Moderate in difficulty, Less time consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Floor Based Puzzles, Arranging by age, height, weight, rank, order in row etc.
- **Tips:** [Tricks to Crack Ordering & Ranking](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

(10) Data Sufficiency

- **Weightage:** 0-3 Questions
- Moderate Difficulty, Moderately Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Ordering & Ranking, Blood Relations, Coding in Fictitious Language, Circular Arrangements, Directions & Distances, Ages & Birthdates.
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#)

(11) Coding & Decoding

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- Moderate in Difficulty, Moderate to Highly Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Coding by Letter Shifting, Coding in Fictitious Language.
- **Tips:** [General Tips for Coding & Decoding](#), [Coding Decoding in Fictitious Language](#), [Coding by Letter Shifting](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#)

(12) Coded Inequalities

- **Weightage:** 0 - 5 Questions (likely of Coded Inequalities)
- Scoring, Easy if Steps Followed properly, Moderately time consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Coded relations between letters to be decoded and solved.
- **Tips:** [How to Solve Coded Inequality](#)

- Quizzes: [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#)

#3. English Language Syllabus IBPS PO Mains & Marks

Distribution

The English Syllabus for IBPS PO Mains is pretty much the standard Banking exam fare, except for a few changes in question type here and there. This section will be the your real test of speed. But while attempting in speed, do not forget about accuracy. The section can be broadly divided into four parts:

(1) Reading Comprehension

- **Weightage:** 15 - 20 Questions (1 to 2 sets of Passage)
- Tougher than Prelims RC, Moderate to More Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy Possible.
- **Question Types:** The passage will be focussed on topics like Banking & Economy, Business, Social Issues etc. Fact and Inference based questions – easy to moderate, Vocab & Theme based questions – moderate to tough.
- **Tips:** [General Tips for RC](#), [Tips for Economics & Banking based passages](#), [Tips for Style & Tone of RC](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#), [Quiz 4](#), [Quiz 5](#)

(2) Grammar (Error Spotting, Phrase Replacement, Fill in the Blanks)

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- **Easy to Moderate in Difficulty, Less to Moderately Time Consuming, Moderate Accuracy Possible.**
- **Question Types:** Error Spotting, Phrase Replacement/ Sentence Correction, Fill in the Blanks.

- **Topics Covered** Tenses, Articles, Prepositions, Subject Verb Agreement, Parallelism, Degrees of Comparison, Sentence Construction, Phrasal Verbs, Pronouns, Adverbs, Non-Finite Verbs, Common Errors etc.
- **Tips:** [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](#).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#), [Quiz 4](#), [Quiz 5](#)

(3) Vocabulary (Cloze Test, Fill in the Blanks, Error Spotting, Phrase Replacement)

- **Weightage:** 10 - 15 Questions
- Easy to Moderate Difficulty, Quick Solve based on Contextual usage, Moderate to High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Error Spotting, Phrase Replacement, Cloze Test (single passage with 5-10 questions), Fill in the Blanks (Double Blanks).
- **Tips:** [8 Tips to Master Cloze Test](#), [40 Important Words & Meanings](#), [51 Important Idioms & Phrases](#), [10 Tips to Master Synonyms](#).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#), [Quiz 4](#), [Quiz 5](#), [Quiz 6](#), [Quiz 7](#), [Quiz 8](#), [Quiz 9](#)

(4) Verbal Ability (Para Jumbles)

- **Weightage:** 5 Questions
- Easy, Low to Moderately Time Consuming, High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Para Jumbles
- **Tips:** [7 Tips for Solving Para Jumbles](#).
- **Quizzes:** [Quiz 1](#), [Quiz 2](#), [Quiz 3](#), [Quiz 4](#)

Make sure to try the simplest method of improving all your four English skills – Reading Comprehension, Verbal Ability, Vocabulary & Grammar. Use:

English for Competitive Exams Modules

#4. General Awareness Syllabus IBPS PO Mains & Marks

Distribution

(1) Financial Awareness

- **Weightage:** 15 - 20 Questions
- Moderate to Difficult level of difficulty, Moderate to High Accuracy Possible, Not very time consuming
- **Question Types:** Banking and Economy related facts like budget, railway budget, economic survey, etc.; Roles and functions of institutions like RBI, NABARD, SIDBI, etc.; Currencies of various countries; International Trade, Acquisitions and Deals; New Policies and Pacts; Trade Deficits, Exchange Rate, GDP growth, etc. of various countries; Banking related facts.
- **Study Material:** [Banks and Headquarters](#), [GDP Growth Rate](#), [How to prepare Financial Awareness for PO Exam.](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Banking Quiz](#), [Financial Quiz](#)

(2) Current Affairs

- **Weightage:** 7 - 10 Questions
- Easy to Highly Difficult, Moderate to High Accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Questions that test your knowledge of surroundings and everyday events, banking and economy related news, National and International news, Books by famous personalities, etc.
- **Study Material:** [Daily Current Affairs](#)
- **Quizzes:** [Daily Current Affairs Quiz](#)

(3) General Knowledge

- **Weightage:** 5 - 10 Questions
- Moderate level of difficulty, Moderate to high accuracy possible, moderately time consuming.

- **Question Types:** Based important facts or events related to History, Polity, Geography, Science, Environmental facts, etc.
- **Study Material:** [Deficiency Diseases and Malnutrition](#), [Countries and Currency](#), [INC Sessions](#), [List of Cabinet Ministers in India](#), [Important regulatory bodies](#).
- **Quizzes:** [Geography quiz](#), [Nutrition and Deficiency quiz](#), [Consitutional Portfolio Quiz](#).

#5. Computers Knowledge Syllabus IBPS PO Mains & Marks Distribution

(1) Internet

- **Weightage:** 2 - 3 Questions
- Moderate level of difficulty, High accuracy possible, Not time consuming, Can be easily solved by eliminating options one by one.
- **Question Type:** Internet protocols, Internet hardware (modems, cables, optical fibres, speed), Advent of the internet, Email and Webpages.

(2) Memory

- **Weightage:** 0 - 1 Questions
- Easy level of difficulty, High accuracy possible, Not time consuming.
- **Question Type:** Bits and bytes Conversion, RAM, Types of Data, Types of Storage, Types of memory.

(3) Keyboard shortcuts

- **Weightage:** 1 - 2 Questions
- Easy to Moderate level of difficulty, Moderate accuracy possible, Moderately time consuming.
- **Question Type:**

(4) Computer Abbreviations

- **Weightage:** 1 - 2 Questions
- Easy level of difficulty, High accuracy possible, Time consuming.
- **Types of Questions:** BIOS, URL, LAN.

(5) Microsoft Office

- **Weightage:** 2 - 3 Questions
- Easy difficulty level of questions, Moderate accuracy possible, Not very time consuming.
- **Types of Questions:** Shortcuts, file extensions, changing and modifying files.

(6) Computer Hardware

- **Weightage:** 2 - 4 Questions
- Easy difficulty level of questions, Moderate accuracy possible, Not very time consuming.
- **Question Types:** Constituents of Hard Disk, Input or Output devices, Different types of Hardware.

(7) Computer Software

- **Weightage:** 1 - 2 Questions
- Moderately difficult questions, Moderate accuracy possible, moderately time consuming.
- **Question Types:** Different types of Softwares, Application Softwares and their functions.

(8) Operating Systems

- **Weightage:** 1 - 2 Questions

- Moderately difficult questions, Moderate accuracy possible, moderately time consuming.
- **Question Types:** Types and functions.

(9) Networking

- **Weightage:** 0 - 1 Question
- Difficult questions, Moderate to low accuracy possible, Time consuming.
- **Question Types:** Types, Network devices, Network Technologies, Network Topologies.

(10) Computer Fundamentals/Terminologies

- **Weightage:** 6 - 8 Questions
- Basic questions, Not very difficult, Not time consuming, High accuracy possible.
- **Question Types:** Basics of computers and output/input devices parts and their names, functions of computers.

You can find the study material and take various computer quizzes here:

[Computer Quiz 1](#)

[Computer Quiz 2](#)

[Computer Quiz 3](#)

[Computer Quiz 4](#)

[Notes & Tips for Computers](#)

It is important to start preparing in earnest for the IBPS PO Mains paper immediately. Plan out a study map based on the above given syllabus. Allocate time

wisely and test yourself regularly on your speed, proficiency and concepts. Good luck!

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