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IBPS Clerk Exam: Syllabus and Pattern

For all those who are interested in a career in banking, IBPS Clerk Written Exam is an important exam. 19 national banks in the country recruit candidates for clerical positions based IBPS Clerk Written Exam. The exam has been conducted successfully once last year.

Like most other competitive exams in the country, IBPS Clerk Written Exam too is a tough nut to crack. Lakhs of candidates appear for the exam every year in the hope to get placed at a reputed national bank in the country.

It has become even tougher this year since IBPS Clerk Exam 2013 will be conducted online. If you want to crack the exam, it is important that you are aware of the syllabus and pattern of the exam to start off with.

Syllabus and pattern for IBPS Clerk Written Exam 2013

Although the exam will be conducted online this year, the pattern and syllabus for the exam have remained unchanged over the last year. The test is largely an aptitude and reasoning test. It is divided into 5 sections, viz..

- Reasoning
- English language

- Numerical ability
- General awareness
- Computer knowledge

Each section has 50 questions, with each question of 1 mark. Thus, the IBPS Clerk Written exam is a 250 mark test.

Syllabus for IBPS Clerk Written Exam

Since it is a aptitude and reasoning test, the level of question asked is very basic in nature. While there is no defined syllabus for the test, here is an overview of the different topics you can expect in each section:

Reasoning

The reasoning section has verbal and non-verbal reasoning questions. Generally, the type of questions can be divided into analogy, sitting arrangement, decision making, blood relations, syllogism, series completion and statement reasoning.

English language

Your English language skills are tested in the exam under the following fields:

- Reading comprehension
- Error detection
- Passage correction
- Rearrangement
- Idioms and phrases

- Active and passive voice

Numerical ability

You won't be asked graduate or post-graduate level questions in the numerical ability section. You are tested on your general aptitude. Thus, getting your basics right upto standard 10th should suffice while preparing for IBPS Clerk Written Exam. In general, questions in this section can be divided into:

- Arithmetic, which includes numbers, percentage, time and distance, logs, permutation and combination, probability etc.
- Data interpretation, which involves interpreting charts and tables.

General awareness

This section tests your general awareness levels. The questions in this section are a blend of banking knowledge and current events. Usually, the weightage of banking related questions is higher than that of current event questions.

Computer knowledge

Questions in this section are related to basic hardware and software related questions. You don't need to be a computer geek to crack this section.

Bank PO Exam Syllabus:

Reasoning Questions:- The reasoning part of the question paper examines your reasoning abilities and mental aptitude. So, it is imperative that you are prepared both verbally and non-verbally. For verbal tasks, you should prepare analogy, Coding-Decoding, Blood Relations, decision making, Problem on Age Calculation, Arithmetical Reasoning, etc.

Quantitative Aptitude Questions:- Algebra, profit and loss, unitary methods, number system, decimal fractions, simple and compound interest, percentage, average, ratio and proportions, simplifications, time and distance, time and work etc.

English Language Questions:- Vocabulary, grammar, synonyms and antonyms, comprehension, sentence formation, error connection, subject verb agreement etc.

General Awareness Questions:- General knowledge questions, you should be familiar with latest happenings, International and National Organizations, important dates, sports, economics news, books and authors, awards and honors, inventions and discoveries, political happenings in the country etc.