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# **INFORMATION HANDOUT**

ONLINE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PROBATIONARY OFFICERS/
MANAGEMENT TRAINEES IN PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

# INTRODUCTION

This booklet contains details pertaining to various aspects of the Online Preliminary Examination you are going to take and important instructions about related matters. The answers will be indicated online, hence you should carefully read instructions regarding the method of indicating answers. You are advised to study this booklet carefully as it will help you in preparing for the examination.

- Before appearing for the examination you should strictly ensure yourself that you fulfill the eligibility criteria stipulated in the advertisment in all respects.
- Please note that since this is a competitive examination, mere passing is not adequate. You have to obtain a high rank in the order of merit to get eligibility for future selection process. You should, therefore, put in best efforts in the examination.

### Online Preliminary Examination:

Online Preliminary Examination consisting of Objective Tests for 100 marks. This test would be of 1 hour duration consisting of 3 Sections as follows :

Sr. No.	Name of the Test	Version of exam	No. of Questions	Max. Marks	Duration
1.	English Language	English	30	30	20 minutes
2.	Quantitative Aptitude	English & Hindi	35	35	20 minutes
3.	Reasoning Ability	English & Hindi	35	35	20 minutes
	Total		100	100	1 Hour

The candidates shall be required to qualify in each test as per cut-off marks determined in each test. Each candidate will have to secure a minimum score on each of the tests as well as on the Total to be considered to be shortlisted for Main Examination. Depending on the number of vacancies available, cutoffs will be decided and candidates will be shortlisted for Main Examination. However decision of IBPS in this regard shall be final and binding upon the candidates.

The time for the test is 60 minutes however you may have to be at the venue for approximately 130 minutes including the time required for entry, logging in, collection of the call letters, going through the instructions, exiting the lab etc. All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the five answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. You have to select the most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which you feel is appropriate/correct. The alternative/ option that you have clicked on will be treated as your answer to that question. There will be penalty for wrong answers marked by you. For every wrong answer marked by you, 1/4 of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.

Please note that the types of questions in this handout are only illustrative and not exhaustive. In the actual examination you will find questions of a higher difficulty level on some or all of these types and also questions on the types not mentioned here.

Some sample questions are given below.

# **SAMPLE QUESTIONS**

Below are given some sample questions for each of these tests. The type of questions are only illustrative and not exhaustive. In actual test you may find questions on some or all these types and also questions on the type not mentioned here.

# English Language

This is a test to see how well you know English. Your English language ability would be tested through questions on grammar, vocabulary, sentence completion, synonyms, antonyms, comprehension of a passage, etc. Study and answer the sample questions given below:

**Directions :** Pick out the most appropriate word from amongst the words given below each sentence to complete it meaningfully.

Q.1.	He quickly glanced		the book to find	what it said about the I	ndian economy.
	(1) at	(2) through	(3) in	(4) to	(5) over
The c	orrect answer is "thro	ugh" which is answe	r No. 2.		
Q.2.	The counsel urged the	he court to	down t	he obnoxious law.	
	(1) enact	(2) enforce	(3) cancel	(4) strike	(5) declare

Q.3.	The local official . (1) explained		(2) wa			er of the site of		(4) told		(5) intimated
<b>Directions:</b> Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part of the sentence is your answer. If there is no error, the answer is (5).										
Q.4.	I am twenty / two (1)		rs old / v 2)	when I f (3)	-	oined the I (4)	bank.			No error (5)
The e	error is in (1). Theref	ore t	he answe	er is '1'.						
Q.5.	To the Hindus / tl (1)	ne G	anga is / (2)	holier t		any other (4)	river.			No error (5)
In this	s question, there is	no e	rror; there	efore the	e right a	answer to t	this ques	stion is '5'.		
Q.6.	Of all the teachers (1)	s / ii	n our sch (2)	ool / oı	ur class (3			very strict. 4)		No error (5)
	<b>Directions :</b> In each of the following questions, select from amongst the five alternatives, the word nearest in meaning to the word given in capitals.									
Q.7.	LETHAL (1) light	(2)	dangero	us	(3)	deadly	(4)	cruel	(5)	thoughtless
Q.8.	CENTENARY (1) a guard (2) a hundred years (3) a very old man (4) hundred runs (5) hundredth anniversary						an			
Q.9.	TRIUMPH (1) conquer	(2)	smash		(3)	earn	(4)	brave	(5)	capture
	tions: In each of site in meaning of the					ect from ar	mongst t	he five alter	natives	, the word most
Q.10.	LIVELY (1) simple	(2)	weak		(3)	dull	(4)	angry	(5)	moron
Q.11.	INADVERTENT									
	(1) adequate	(2)	available	Э	(3)	sluggish	(4)	negligent	(5)	intentional
Q.12.		(0)	مادناف با		(2)	واطانووو	(4)	o which is	(E)	ant
	(1) accurate	` '	skilful	iono bos	, ,	sensible	. ,	artistic	(5)	•
In addition, there will be questions based on passage, to test your comprehension.										
Quantitative Aptitude										
This test is designed to measure how fast and accurate you are in dealing with numbers, viz. computation, quantitative reasoning, interpretation of tables and graphs etc.										
Q.13-15. Study the following table carefully and answer the questions given below ——										
Distribution of 1000 candidates as regards their marks in written examination										

Written		INTERVIEW MARKS						
Examination Marks	Below 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70 & above		
260 & above	8	18	26	18	26	4		
210 to 259	5	4	30	22	10	9		
160 to 209	16	10	45	56	18	9		
110 to 159	28	42	100	190	15	5		
60 to 109	35	115	20	8	7	5		
Below 60	32	32	20	4	6	2		

Q.13.	How many candidates did obtain more than 69 percent marks and above in both written examina-
	tion and interview?

(1) 22

(2) 49

(3) 13

(4) 9

(5) Other than those given as options

Q.14.	If approximately 325 percentage of the qual (1) above 20 (2) all	alifying mark	s?					
Q.15.	About 42 percent of the candidates fall in which of the following ranges of the interview marks?  (1) 110-159 (2) 110 & below (3) 50 to 70  (4) 50 & above (5) Other than those given as options						?	
Some	of the questions may r	equire arithr	metical reaso	oning. For ex	ample:			
Q.16.	At 10 paise each, ho (1) 6 (2) 10	w many pais (3)		ons cost ? (4) 610	(5) Other	than those	given as opt	tions
Q.17.	Which of the followin (1) 27114 (2) 58		act multiple o 48402	of 4 ? (4) 32286	(5) Other	than those	given as opt	tions
Q.18.	If the profit made by pen? (1) Rs.3/- (2) Rs.			s as much a (4) Rs.20/-			st price of th	
	Also, there may be some questions based on graphs and tables.  Q.19-21. Directions: Given below is a table showing percentages out of a total of 700 employees ranking six attributes that help promotion. Rank I is the highest. Study the table carefully and answer the questions that follow:							
	Attribute	F	Percent of E	mployees Gi	ving Differer	nt Ranks		
	Attribute	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	
	Seniority	32	17	22	19	5	5	
	Perseverance	14	19	17	9	27	14	
	Efficiency	15	19	21	14	14	17	
	Intelligence	10	14	10	14	17	35	
	Honesty	24	17	7	9	27	16	
	Sociability	5	14	23	35	10	13	
Q.19.	Which attribute for pr (1) Perseverance	omotion has (2) Senio		e highest ran Honesty	k? (4) Soci	ability	(5) Efficien	су
	Notice the percentage for rank I given in the table. You observe that seniority is the attribute with the highest percentage. So your answer is "Seniority", which is answer No. (2)							
Q.20.	How many employee (1) 119	s gave rank (2) 98	III to intellige (3)		(4) 70		(5) 10	
	Look at the intersection of the column giving percentage for rank III and the row giving percentage for intelligence. You find that 10 percent of the 700 employees have given rank III to this attribute. 10% of 700 is 70. So your answer should be (4).							
Q.21.	Which attribute is cor (1) Honesty (2	nsidered the ) Intelligence		ant for promeers		ficiency	(5) Social	bility
	Referring to the percentage for VI rank, you find that intelligence is the attribute which receives the highest percentage. In other words, a majority of people consider it as the least important and give it the last rank. Therefore your answer is (2).							

# **Reasoning Ability**

This is a test to see how well you can think and also to judge your aptitude/ knowledge for working with computer. It contains questions of various kinds. Here are some sample questions.

**Directions**: In each of the following questions, there are five letter groups or words in each question. Four of these letter groups or words are alike in some way, while one is different. Find the one which is different.

Q.22.	(1) black	(2) red	(3) green	(4) paint	(5) yellow
	Of the five, 'black, 're the name of a colour			they are names of c	olours. 'paint' is not
	Now try to solve the	following questions			
Q.23.	(1) BC	(2) MN	(3) PQ	(4) XZ	(5) ST
Q.24.	(1) Mango	(2) Apple	(3) Orange	(4) Guava	(5) Rose
	<b>Directions :</b> In each alternatives given up terms to the left of the	nder the question s	atisfies the same re	elationship as is four	
Q.25.	Foot: man:: ho (1) leg	of : ? (2) dog	(3) horse	(4) boy	(5) shoe
	In the above exampl answer is (3).	e, 'hoof' has the sar	me relationship with	'horse' as 'foot' has	to 'man'. Hence the
	Now study to solve the	he following questic	ons.		
Q.26.	Day: Night:: K (1) Dark	ind : ? (2) Bright	(3) Cruel	(4) Generous	(5) Gratitude
Q.27.	Hut: Mansion:: (1) Hole	Rabbit: ? (2) Carrot	(3) Elephant	(4) Small	(5) Rat
Now try	the following questic	ons.			
Q.28.	If the letters in the wor last letter of that wor and if no such word of (1) T	d is your answer. If	more than one such	9	•
Q.29.	'Some leaders are d follows from these si (1) Satyapriya is hor (3) Some leaders are (5) Satyapriya is som	tatements ? nest e honest	va is a leader.' Whic (2) Satyapriya is c (4) Leaders are ge	dishonest	erences definitely
Q.30.	If 'A" B' means 'add * B' means 'multiply and $S_2$ are the sales (1) $(S_1 ' S_2) # 2$ (4) $(S_1 * S_2) # (S_1 " S_2) # (S_1 " S_2)$	A by B; which of the of the first and the (2) 2 # (S	e following gives the second day respecti	e average sales of tw ively ? (3) (S <sub>1</sub>	
Q.31.	whether Madhu, who is needed? (I) Madhu's date of	was born twenty you	ears ago, can vote, v Whether Madhu is		g further information
Q.32.	Conclusions : I.	two given statements, consider the two follows from the follows from two follows from two follows from the follows fro	nts to be true even if o conclusions; toget o given statements, ndows. All windows a clouds. chines.	they seem to be at they seem to be at the character and then decide disregarding comm	variance from which of the given only known facts.

# **DETAILS OF THE ONLINE EXAMINATION PATTERN**

- 1. Total duration of examination is 60 minutes. [20 minutes extra for every 60 minutes (1 hour) of the examination time for candidates with disability eligible for compensatory time.]
- 2. The clock will be set at the server. The countdown timer in the top right corner of screen will display the remaining time available for you to complete the examination. When the timer reaches zero, the examination will end by itself. You will not be required to end or submit your examination.
- 3. The Question Palette displayed on the right side of screen will show the status of each question using one of the following symbols:
  - You have not visited the question yet.
  - You have not answered the question
  - You have answered the question
  - You have NOT answered the question, but have marked the question for review
  - The question(s) "Answered and Marked for Review" will be considered for evaluation.

The Marked for Review status for a question simply indicates that you would like to look at that question again. If a question is answered and Marked for Review, your answer for that question will be considered in the evaluation.

- 4. You can click on the ">" arrow which appears to the left of question palette to collapse the question palette thereby maximizing the question window. To view the question palette again, you can click on "<" which appears on the right side of question window.
- 5. You can click on your "Profile" image on top right corner of your screen to change the language during the exam for entire question paper. On clicking of Profile image you will get a drop-down to change the question content to the desired language.
- 6. You can click on to navigate to the bottom and to navigate to the top of the question area, without scrolling.

## **Navigating to a Question:**

- 7. To answer a question, do the following:
  - a. Click on the question number in the Question Palette at the right of your screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option does NOT save your answer to the current question.
  - b. Click on **Save &Next** to save your answer for the current question and then go to the next question.
  - c. Click on **Mark for Review & Next** to save your answer for the current question, mark it for review, and then go to the next question.

#### **Answering a Question:**

- 8. Procedure for answering a multiple choice type question:
  - a. To select your answer, click on the button of one of the options
  - b. To deselect your chosen answer, click on the button of the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button
  - c. To change your chosen answer, click on the button of another option

- d. To save your answer, you MUST click on the Save & Next button
- e. To mark the question for review, click on the **Mark for Review & Next** button. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, that answer will be considered in the evaluation.*
- 9. To change your answer to a question that has already been answered, first select that question for answering and then follow the procedure for answering that type of question.
- Note that ONLY Questions for which answers are saved or marked for review after answering will be considered for evaluation.

#### Navigating through sections:

- 11. Sections in this question paper are displayed on the top bar of the screen. Questions in a section can be viewed by clicking on the section name. The section you are currently viewing is highlighted.
- 12. After clicking the Save & Next button on the last question for a section, you will automatically be taken to the first question of the next section.
- 13. You can shuffle between tests and questions anytime during the examination as per your convenience only during the time stipulated
- 14. Candidate can view the corresponding section summary as part of the legend that appears in every section above the question palette.

# **Submitting the exam:**

- 15. After the expiry of time the candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. On completion of test time, answers of the candidates would be saved automatically by the computer system even if they have not clicked the "Submit" button.
- 16. Please note:
  - Candidates will not be allowed to "finally submit" unless they have exhausted the actual test time
    of the examination.
  - b) Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the 'keyboard keys' during the test once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.

# **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- (1) Please note date, time and venue address of the examination given in the call letter.
- (2) You may visit the venue one day before the Examination to confirm the location so that you are able to report **on time** (as printed on the call letter) on the day of the examination. Late comers will not be allowed.
- (3) The call letter should be brought with you to the examination venue along with your recent passport size photograph duly pasted on it. (Preferably the same photograph as was uploaded).
- (4) You must scrupulously follow the instructions of the Test Administrator and Bank Representative at the examination venue. If you violate the instructions you will be disqualified and will be asked to leave the examination venue.
- (5) No use of calculators (separate or with watch), books, note books or written notes, cell phones (with or without camera facility), or any other electronic device will be allowed during the examination.
- (6) Please bring the call letter with your photograph affixed thereon, a photocopy of photo identity proof stapled with it and same (currently valid) photo ID in original THIS IS ESSENTIAL. Please submit the call-letter alongwith photocopy of photo identity proof duly stapled together by putting it in the designated drop box. Currently valid photo identity proof may be PAN Card/Passport/Permanent Driving License/Voter's Card with photograph/Bank Passbook with photograph/Photo Identity proof with photograph issued by a Gazetted Officer (on official letterhead)/Photo Identity proof issued by a People's Representative along with a photograph (on official letterhead)/Identity Card issued by a recognised College/University/Aadhar/E-Aadhar Card with a photograph / Bar Council Identity card with photograph

/Employee ID). Please Note - Ration Card and Learner's Driving License will NOT be accepted as valid ID proof. Please note that your name as appearing on the call letter (provided by you during the process of registration) should exactly match the name as appearing on the photo identity proof. Female candidates who have changed first/last/middle name post marriage must take special note of this. If there is any mismatch between the name indicated in the Call Letter and Photo Identity Proof you will not be allowed to appear for the examination. In case of candidates who have changed their name will be allowed only if they produce Gazette notification/their marriage certificate/affidavit. Photo ID should be valid as on the day of the examination.

- (7) Do not leave your seat unless you are allowed.
- (8) Travelling Allowance not admissible. No travelling allowance or other expenses in connection with the examination will be paid.
- (9) IBPS would be analyzing the responses (answers) of individual candidates with other candidates to detect patterns of similarity of right and wrong answers. If in the analytical procedure adopted by IBPS in this regard, it is inferred/ concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine/ valid, IBPS reserves right to cancel the candidature of the concerned candidates without any notice and the result of such candidates (disqualified) will be withheld. No objection in this regard shall be entertained.
- (10) You should bring with you a ball-point pen. Sheets of paper will be provided which can be used for rough work or taking down the question number you would like to review at the end of the test before submitting your answers. After the test is over you MUST submit these sheets of paper by putting them in the designated drop box before leaving the venue. You must write your Registration Number and Roll No. on the rough sheets.
- (11) The possibility of occurrence of some problem in the administration of the examination cannot be ruled out completely which may impact test delivery and/or result from being generated. In that event, every effort will be made to rectify such problem, which may include movement of candidates, delay in test. Conduct of a re-examination is at the absolute discretion of IBPS. Candidates not willing to move or not willing to participate in the delayed process of test delivery shall be summarily rejected from the process.
- (12) Anyone found to be disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of test contents in any form or any information therein in whole or part thereof or by any means verbal or written, electronic or mechanical or taking away the papers supplied in the examination hall or found to be in unauthorised possession of test content is likely to be prosecuted.
- (13) Instances for providing incorrect information and/or process violation by a candidate detected at any stage of the selection process will lead to disqualification of the candidate from the selection process and he/she will not be allowed to appear in any of the common recruitment process in the future. If such instances go undetected during the current selection process but are detected subsequently, such disqualification will take place with retrospective effect. Clarifications / decisions given / to be given by the Director, IBPS, regarding Common Recruitment process shall be final and binding.
- (14) The PWBD candidates, who want to use facility of scribe, are required to submit a Declaration form (Scribe declaration form) that can be downloaded from authorised IBPS website.
- (15) Following items will not be allowed inside the examination hall (Lab) :-

Any stationery item like textual material (printed or written), bits of papers, Geometry/Pencil Box, Plastic Pouch, Calculator, Scale, Writing Pad, Pen Drives, Log Table, Electronic Pen/Scanner, Any communication device like Mobile Phone, Bluetooth, Earphones, Microphone, Pager, Health Band etc. Other items like Goggles, Handbags, Hair-pin, Hair-band, Belt, Cap, Any watch/Wrist Watch, Camera, Any metallic item, Any eatable item opened or packed, water bottle (only transparent water bottle is allowed), Any other item which could be used for unfair means for hiding communication devices like camera, bluetooth devices etc. After AarogyaSetu status display at the entry gate, candidates will be required to switch off their mobile phones, and deposit it at the designated location, to be collected while exiting. Any candidate who is found either copying or receiving or giving assistance will be disqualified.

You are advised to avoid wearing ornaments like Ring, Earrings, Nose-pin, Chain/Necklace, Pendants, Badge, brooch etc.

- (16) Candidates should not furnish any particulars that are false, tampered, fabricated and should not suppress any material information while submitting online application. At the time of examination or in a subsequent selection procedure, if a candidate is (or has been) found guilty of (i) using unfair means or (ii) impersonating or procuring impersonation by any person or (iii) misbehaving in the examination hall or disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of contents of the test(s) or any information therein in whole or part thereof in any form or by any means, verbal or written, electronically or mechanically for any purpose or (iv) resorting to any irregular or improper means in connection with his/ her candidature or (v) obtaining support for his/ her candidature by unfair means, or (vi) carrying mobile phones or similar electronic devices of communication in the examination hall such a candidate may, in addition to rendering himself/ herself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable:
  - to be disqualified from the examination for which he/ she is a candidate
  - to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period from any examination conducted by IBPS

#### SOCIAL DISTANCING MODE CONDUCT OF EXAM RELATED INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Candidate is required to report at the exam venue strictly as per the time slot mentioned in the Call Letter AND/OR informed via SMS/Mail on their registered mobile number/mail prior to exam date. It is expected that candidate strictly adhere to this time slot – as entry into the exam venue will be provided based upon the individual's time slot ONLY. Candidates should report atleast 15 minutes before the Reporting time.
- 2 Mapping of 'Candidate Roll Number and the Lab Number' will NOT be displayed outside the exam venue, but the same will be intimated to the candidates individually at the time of entry of the candidate to the exam venue.
- 3 Items permitted into the venue for Candidates

Candidates will be permitted to carry only certain items with them into the venue.

- a. Mask (WEARING A MASK is COMPULSORY)
- b. Gloves
- c. Personal transparent water bottle (Candidates must bring their own water bottle)
- d. Personal hand sanitizer (50 ml)
- e. A simple pen
- f. Exam related documents (Call Letter and Photocopy of the photo ID card stapled with it, same ID Card in Original.) The name on the ID and on the Call Letter should be exactly the same.
- g. In case of Scribe Candidates Scribe form duly filled and signed with Photograph affixed.
  No other Items are permitted inside the venue.
- 4 Candidate should not share any of their personal belonging/material with anyone
- 5 Candidate should maintain safe social distance with one another.
- 6 Candidate should stand in the row as per the instructions provided at venue.
- If candidate is availing services of a scribe, then scribe also should bring their own Gloves, N95 Mask, sanitizer (50ml) and transparent water bottle. Wearing a mask is compulsory. Both candidate and Scribe will require to be wearing N95 Mask.
- A Candidate must have AarogyaSetu App installed on his/her mobile phone. The AarogyaSetu status must show candidate's risk factor. A candidate will have to display this status to the Security Guard at the entry into the exam venue. In case a candidate does not have a smart phone, he/she will have to bring in a signed declaration to this effect (declaration is provided along with this Call Letter) and show the same to the Security Guard at the entry into the exam venue. Candidates with Moderate or High Risk Status on AarogyaSetu App will not be allowed entry. In case any of the responses in declaration suggest COVID 19 infection/symptoms, the candidate will not be permitted inside the exam venue. (If candidate is availing services of a Scribe, then Scribe should also follow the same instructions).

- 9 After AarogyaSetu status display at the entry gate, candidates will be required to switch off their mobile phones, and deposit it at the designated location, to be collected while exiting.
- 10 All candidates (and Scribe, if applicable) will be checked with Thermo guns at the entry point for temperature. In case, any person is observed to be having above normal temperature (> 99.14° F) or displaying any symptoms of the virus, they will not be allowed entry into the venue.
- 11 In candidate registration:
  - a. Candidate registration will be done through photo capture. Photo captured will be matched with the photo uploaded by you in the application. You must NOT change your appearance from the photo uploaded by you.
  - b. Photograph will be taken while candidate is standing.
  - c. Seat number will be given to the candidate.
- 12 Rough sheet, call letter and ID proof management
  - Rough sheet(s) kept at each candidate desk will be used by candidate. No additional sheets will be provided during the exam.
  - Candidate must follow the instructions related to dropping the call letter with the ID proof copy in the boxes provided at the exit of lab/venue while leaving or at the designated place. Those candidates who avail the services of Scribe should submit Scribe form also along with the Call Letter and ID proof copy
  - Candidate must drop the rough sheets, call letter, ID proof copy in the boxes provided at the exit of lab/ venue while leaving or at the designated place indicated by Exam officials.
- 13 Post Examination Controls
  - On completion of examination, the candidates will be permitted to move out in an orderly manner one
    candidate at a time. Please wait for instructions from invigilator and do not get up from your seat until
    advised.

**WISH YOU GOOD LUCK** 

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