SBI PO Interview Admit Card 2026: Date Out

Comprehensive revision & PYQ pack for SBI PO Aspirants covering Quant, Reasoning, English, Banking Awareness, De...

1. EXAM / NOTIFICATION KEY FACTS & DATES

Conducting Body	SBI
Post / Course Name	Probationary Officer (PO)
Minimum Qualification	Graduate
Exam Date	1 Dec 2026
Selection Process	Phase I (Prelims), Phase II (Mains + Descriptive), Phase III (Psychometric ...
Exam Mode & Duration	Online CBT; Prelims: 1 Hr | Mains: 3 Hrs + 30 Mins Descriptive
Key Subjects	Quantitative Aptitude, Reasoning Ability, English Language, General/Banking...
Negative Marking	1/4th (0.25 marks deducted) per wrong answer in Prelims and Mains objective...

2. 4-STEP SMART PREPARATION PLAN

1. Phase 1: Clear core concepts in Arithmetic, Puzzles, and Grammar along with daily speed math drills.
2. Phase 2: Master high-level Mains DI, complex multi-variable Puzzles, and sectional time-management.
3. Phase 3: Revisit Banking Awareness, RBI notifications, and practice online Descriptive Typing for Essay/Letter.
4. Phase 4: Perform mock interviews, revise personal profile, SBI products (YONO), and current economic affairs for Phase III.

3. SAMPLE GOLDEN SHORTCUTS & FORMULAS

* Shortcut 1: [Fraction to Percentage] 1/6 = 16.66%, 1/7 = 14.28%, 1/8 = 12.5%, 1/9 = 11.11%, 1/11 = 9.09%, 1/12 = 8.33% for instant DI calculations.
* Shortcut 2: [CI - SI Difference] 2-year difference formula: D2 = P * (R/100)^2. 3-year difference: D3 = P * (R/100)^2 * (300 + R)/100.
* Shortcut 3: [Quadratic Equation Sign Trick] If ax^2 + bx + c = 0 (++, then roots are -,-); (+-, roots are -,+); (-+, roots are +,+); (-- , roots are +,-).
* Shortcut 4: [Mixture & Alligation] Cheaper/Dearer rule: Mean price splits ratio as (Dearer - Mean) / (Mean - Cheaper).

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4. TOP 10 HIGH-WEIGHTAGE SYLLABUS TOPICS (QUICK SUMMARY)

1. Data Interpretation & Caselets
Weightage: High (10-15 Qs)

DI forms 30 to 40 percent of Quantitative Aptitude in SBI PO Mains and Prelims. It covers Radar charts, Bar graphs, Missing DI, and complex Paragraph-based Caselets. Always focus on calculating percentage changes, rat...

2. High-Level Puzzles & Seating Arrangement
Weightage: High (15-20 Qs)

Puzzles carry maximum weightage in the Reasoning section. SBI PO tests complex parallel rows, circular arrangements with variable facing, floor-flat puzzles, and matrix-based scheduling. Always start by identifying fi...

3. Reading Comprehension & Inference
Weightage: High (8-10 Qs)

Reading Comprehension tests your analytical skill rather than direct facts. Passages are drawn from Financial Times, The Economist, or scientific journals. Focus on understanding the tone of the author, central idea, ...

4. Banking & Financial Awareness
Weightage: High (10-12 Qs)

Essential for both Mains written exam and the Phase 3 Interview round. Core areas include RBI history, Monetary Policy tools like Repo Rate, Reverse Repo Rate, CRR, and SLR. Understand capital markets, money market in...

5. Current Affairs & Economic Updates
Weightage: High (12-15 Qs)

Current affairs cover national schemes, economic summits, G20 outcomes, Union Budget highlights, Economic Survey, and international financial MoUs. Revisit news from the last 5 to 6 months preceding the exam and inter...

6. Group Exercises & Personal Interview Dynamics
Weightage: High (50 Marks Phase III)

Phase 3 carries 50 marks divided into Group Exercise and Personal Interview. GE tests team leadership, active listening, and logical consensus building. In PI, questions revolve around your academic background, native...

7. Data Sufficiency & Quantity Comparison
Weightage: Medium (5-7 Qs)

Data Sufficiency tests logical evaluation rather than full calculation. You determine if Statement 1, Statement 2, or both combined are sufficient to answer the question. Quantity 1 vs Quantity 2 questions require sol...

8. Input-Output & Advanced Logical Reasoning
Weightage: Medium (5-8 Qs)

Machine Input-Output requires spotting patterns of numbers and words arranged in alternating order. Patterns often involve sum of digits, alphabetical ordering from ends, or prime number movement. Advanced logical rea...

9. Sentence Improvement & Cloze Test
Weightage: Medium (7-10 Qs)

SBI PO English section heavily features modified Cloze Tests and Sentence Rearrangement with missing words. Master subject-verb agreement, conditional clauses like Had plus V3 leading to would have plus V3, parallel s...

10. RBI Functions & Monetary Policy Framework
Weightage: Medium (5-7 Qs)

Understanding RBI operations is vital for both General Awareness and Interview. Learn how Liquidity Adjustment Facility, Marginal Standing Facility, and Open Market Operations regulate market money supply. Monetary Po...

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5. 10 SAMPLE EXAM-STYLE PRACTICE MCQS (WITH ANSWERS)

Q1. What is the mandatory overall Priority Sector Lending target for domestic commercial banks as a percentage of ANBC (Adjusted Net Bank Credit)?
(A) 25% (B) 30% (C) 40% (D) 50%
Ans: (C) | Domestic commercial banks are mandated by RBI to direct 40% of their Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) or Credit Equivalent Amount of Off-Balance Sheet Exposure (CEOBE) to Priority Sector Lending.

Q2. In a 2-year period, the difference between Compound Interest (compounded annually) and Simple Interest on a sum of Rs. 10,000 at 10% per annum is:
(A) Rs. 50 (B) Rs. 100 (C) Rs. 150 (D) Rs. 200
Ans: (B) | Difference formula D2 = P * (R/100)^2 = 10000 * (10/100)^2 = 10000 * (1/100) = Rs. 100.

Q3. Who heads the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India?
(A) Finance Minister of India (B) Governor of RBI (C) Deputy Governor in charge of Monetary Policy (D) Chief Economic Adviser
Ans: (B) | The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) consists of 6 members and is ex-officio chaired by the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.

Q4. Statements: All P are Q. Some Q are R. No R is S. Conclusions: I. Some P being R is a possibility. II. No Q is S.
(A) Only Conclusion I follows (B) Only Conclusion II follows (C) Both Conclusion I and II follow (D) Neither Conclusion I nor II follows
Ans: (A) | Since P and R have no direct negative relationship, a possibility between them exists (Conclusion I follows). S has a negative relation with R, not Q, so Conclusion II does not necessarily follow.

Q5. In English Grammar, which of the following sentences is grammatically CORRECT?
(A) Had he studied hard, he would pass the SBI PO exam. (B) Had he studied hard, he would have passed the SBI PO exam. (C) If he studied hard, he would have pass the SBI PO exam. (D) Had he study hard, he would pass the SBI PO exam.
Ans: (B) | Third conditional structure requires 'Had + Subject + V3 ..., Subject + would have + V3'. Option B correctly follows this rule.

Q6. What is the maximum limit of deposit allowed per individual customer in a Payment Bank in India?
(A) Rs. 1 Lakh (B) Rs. 2 Lakhs (C) Rs. 5 Lakhs (D) Rs. 10 Lakhs
Ans: (B) | RBI enhanced the maximum end-of-day balance limit for Payment Bank accounts from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakhs per individual customer.

Q7. A vessel contains 60 litres of milk and water in the ratio 3:2. How much water must be added to make the ratio 3:4?
(A) 12 litres (B) 18 litres (C) 24 litres (D) 20 litres
Ans: (C) | Initial milk = 60 * 3/5 = 36 L, water = 24 L. Milk remains 36 L. In final ratio 3:4, 3 units = 36 L -> 1 unit = 12 L. Required water (4 units) = 48 L. Water to add = 48 - 24 = 24 L.

Q8. Which framework allows customers to securely share their financial data across institutions in digital banking ecosystem?
(A) NEFT Gateway (B) Account Aggregator (AA) (C) Swift Network (D) National Financial Switch
Ans: (B) | Account Aggregator (AA) is an RBI-regulated framework that enables individuals to securely and digitally consent to share their financial data from one institution to another.

Q9. Find the next term in the series: 12, 13, 28, 87, 352, ?
(A) 1765 (B) 1760 (C) 1410 (D) 1755
Ans: (A) | Pattern: *1 + 1, *2 + 2, *3 + 3, *4 + 4, *5 + 5. (12*1)+1=13, (13*2)+2=28, (28*3)+3=87, (87*4)+4=352, (352*5)+5 = 1760 + 5 = 1765.

Q10. What is the full form of SARFAESI in banking context?
(A) Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (B) Standard Asset Recovery Financial Administration and Enforcement System of India (C) Securities and Assets Reconstruction Financial Agency and Enforcement Interest Act (D) State Asset Recovery and Financial Allocation System of India
Ans: (A) | SARFAESI stands for Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

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