IBPS SO CRP-SPL-XV Reserve List Provisional Allotment 2026

Comprehensive preparation guide for IBPS Specialist Officer (CRP-SPL-XV) exams and reserve list allotment. Cover...

1. EXAM / NOTIFICATION KEY FACTS & DATES

Conducting Body	Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS)
Post / Course Name	Specialist Officer XV (CRP-SPL-XV)
Minimum Qualification	10th / 12th / Graduate
Selection Process	Prelims CBT, Mains (Professional Knowledge), Interview & Provisional Allotment
Exam Mode & Duration	Online CBT, 120 Minutes (Prelims), 45 Minutes (Mains)
Key Subjects	Reasoning, Quantitative Aptitude / General Awareness, English & Professiona...
Negative Marking	0.25 Marks deducted per incorrect answer

2. 4-STEP SMART PREPARATION PLAN

1. Phase 1: Clear core concepts across Prelims subjects (Reasoning, Quant/GA, English).
2. Phase 2: Master domain-specific Professional Knowledge (IT, AFO, HR, Marketing, Law, Rajbhasha).
3. Phase 3: Solve high-level sectional mocks, previous year questions, and time-bound full tests.
4. Phase 4: Revise golden formulas, analyze mock errors, and monitor official IBPS reserve list updates.

3. SAMPLE GOLDEN SHORTCUTS & FORMULAS

* Shortcut 1: Percentage change in DI = [(Final Value - Initial Value) / Initial Value] * 100.
* Shortcut 2: Quadratic sign rule - If 'c' is +ve, roots take sign opposite to 'b'. If 'c' is -ve, roots have opposite signs.
* Shortcut 3: Difference between CI and SI for 2 years = P * (R/100)^2.
* Shortcut 4: Average speed for equal distances = (2 * x * y) / (x + y).

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

1. Seating Arrangement & Puzzles
Weightage: High (20-25 Qs)

Seating Arrangement and Puzzles form the backbone of the Reasoning section in IBPS SO Prelims, carrying around 20-25 marks. These include linear, circular, parallel rows, and box-based puzzles. Always start by identif...

2. Data Interpretation (DI)
Weightage: High (10-15 Qs)

Data Interpretation carries maximum weightage in Quantitative Aptitude for IBPS SO. Formats include Bar Graphs, Pie Charts, Line Graphs, and Caselets. Focus heavily on quick calculation techniques like Vedic multiplic...

3. Reading Comprehension & Verbal Ability
Weightage: High (10-12 Qs)

Reading Comprehension tests vocabulary, main idea extraction, and critical reasoning abilities. Read the question stems first to identify keyword-based questions before reading the passage thoroughly. Pay attention to...

4. Syllogism & Coded Inequality
Weightage: High (5-8 Qs)

Syllogism and Coded Inequality are high-accuracy, time-saving topics in the reasoning paper. Use standard Venn diagrams or the 100-50 method for Syllogism, paying extra attention to 'Only a few' and 'Possibility' case...

5. Quadratic Equations & Number Series
Weightage: High (5-10 Qs)

Quadratic Equations and Number Series provide quick scoring opportunities in Quant. In Quadratic Equations, master sign-reversal tricks to determine root signs instantly without solving full expressions. For Number Se...

6. Error Spotting & Sentence Improvement
Weightage: High (5-8 Qs)

Error Spotting and Sentence Improvement evaluate core grammatical foundation in English. Focus on crucial rules including Subject-Verb Agreement, proper usage of Conditional Sentences, Parallelism, and correct Preposi...

7. Machine Input-Output & Coding-Decoding
Weightage: High (5 Qs)

Machine Input-Output and Coding-Decoding test logical processing and pattern recognition. Input-Output problems follow specific sorting rules based on alphabetical order, numerical values, or mathematical operations. ...

8. Commercial Arithmetic (Profit, Interest & Ratio)
Weightage: High (8-10 Qs)

Commercial Arithmetic covers Profit & Loss, Simple and Compound Interest, and Percentages. Master ratio methods to avoid lengthy algebraic calculations during the exam. Understand effective interest rate formulas for ...

9. Para Jumbles & Sentence Rearrangement
Weightage: Medium-High (5 Qs)

Para Jumbles require logical ordering of scrambled sentences into a coherent paragraph. Look for independent mandatory pairs, introductory sentences, pronouns referring back to nouns, and logical connectors like 'furt...

10. Database Management Systems (IT Domain)
Weightage: High (8-12 Qs - IT)

Database Management Systems form a critical component of the Professional Knowledge paper for IT Officers. Focus on Relational Algebra, SQL queries, Normalization forms up to 3NF and BCNF, ER diagrams, and Transaction...

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

Q1. What is the primary body responsible for issuing provisional allotment under CRP-SPL-XV reserve list?
(A) RBI (B) IBPS (C) SBI (D) NITI Aayog
Ans: (B) | IBPS (Institute of Banking Personnel Selection) releases provisional allotments and reserve lists for CRP Specialist Officers.

Q2. If a sum of money doubles itself at Simple Interest in 8 years, what is the rate of interest per annum?
(A) 10% (B) 12.5% (C) 15% (D) 8%
Ans: (B) | Using formula R = 100 / T = 100 / 8 = 12.5% per annum.

Q3. In Quadratic Equation x^2 - 7x + 12 = 0, what are the roots of x?
(A) 3, 4 (B) -3, -4 (C) 2, 5 (D) -2, 6
Ans: (A) | x^2 - 4x - 3x + 12 = 0 => (x-4)(x-3)=0 => x = 3, 4.

Q4. Statements: All A are B. Some B are C. Conclusion 1: Some A are C. Conclusion 2: No A is C.
(A) Only Conclusion 1 follows (B) Only Conclusion 2 follows (C) Either Conclusion 1 or 2 follows (D) Neither follows
Ans: (C) | A complementary pair (Some + No) between elements A and C with unknown direct relation forms an 'Either-Or' case.

Q5. What is the effective rate of interest when 10% interest rate is compounded half-yearly for 1 year?
(A) 10% (B) 10.25% (C) 10.5% (D) 11%
Ans: (B) | Half yearly rate = 5%. Effective rate = 5 + 5 + (5*5/100) = 10.25%.

Q6. Find the next number in the series: 4, 9, 19, 39, 79, ?
(A) 159 (B) 149 (C) 158 (D) 169
Ans: (A) | Pattern is (x * 2) + 1. So 79 * 2 + 1 = 159.

Q7. In SQL, which command is used to remove all records from a table without logging individual row deletions?
(A) DELETE (B) DROP (C) TRUNCATE (D) REMOVE
Ans: (C) | TRUNCATE is a DDL command that removes all rows quickly without logging individual row deletions.

Q8. Identify the grammatically correct sentence:
(A) Neither he nor his friends was present. (B) Neither he nor his friends were present. (C) Neither he or his friends were present. (D) Neither him nor his friends was present.
Ans: (B) | In 'Neither... nor', the verb agrees with the closer subject ('friends', which is plural, so 'were').

Q9. A train 150m long passes a telegraph pole in 10 seconds. What is the speed of the train in km/h?
(A) 45 km/h (B) 54 km/h (C) 60 km/h (D) 36 km/h
Ans: (B) | Speed = 150/10 = 15 m/s. Convert to km/h = 15 * (18/5) = 54 km/h.

Q10. Which of the following is NOT an ACID property in Database Management Systems?
(A) Atomicity (B) Consistency (C) Isolation (D) Concurrency
Ans: (D) | ACID stands for Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, and Durability.

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