



# SBI Probationary Officer PO Exam Syllabus 2018

## 4. SELECTION PROCEDURE:

The selection for Probationary Officers will be done through a three tiered process:

### Phase-I: Preliminary Examination:

Preliminary Examination consisting of Objective Test for 100 marks will be conducted online. The test will have of 3 Sections (with separate timings for each section) as follows:

SL.	Name of test	No. of Questions	Marks	Duration
1.	English Language	30	Total Maximum Marks 100	20 minutes
2.	Quantitative Aptitude	35		20 minutes
3.	Reasoning Ability	35		20 minutes
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>1 hour</b>

**Selection criteria for Main Examination:** Category wise merit list will be drawn on the basis of the aggregate marks scored in the Preliminary Examination. Candidates numbering approximately 10 times the numbers of vacancies in each category will be short listed for the Main Examination from the top of the merit list.

### Phase – II: Main Examination

Main Examination will consist of Objective Tests for 200 marks and Descriptive Test for 50 marks. Both the Objective and Descriptive Tests will be online. Candidates will have to answer Descriptive test by typing on the computer. Descriptive Test will be administered immediately after completion of the Objective Test.

**(i) Objective Test:** The objective test of 3 hours duration consists of 4 Sections for total 200 marks. The objective test will have separate timing for every section.

Test	Name of the test	No. of Qs.	Max. Marks	Duration
I	Reasoning & Computer Aptitude	45	Total Max. Marks 200	60 minutes
II	Data Analysis & Interpretation	35		45 minutes
III	General/ Economy/ Banking Awareness	40		35 minutes
IV	English Language	35		40 minutes
	<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>		<b>3 hours</b>

**(ii) Descriptive Test :** The Descriptive Test of 30 minutes duration with two questions for 50 marks will be a Test of English Language (Letter Writing & Essay).

### **Penalty for Wrong Answers (Applicable to both – Preliminary and Main examination)**

There will be penalty for wrong answers marked in the Objective Tests. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate one fourth of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty to arrive at corrected score. If a question is left blank, i.e. if no answer is marked by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

**Selection criteria for Group Exercise and Interview :** Category wise merit list will be drawn on the basis of the aggregate marks scored in the Main Examination. Candidates numbering up to 3 times (approximately) of the category wise vacancies will be shortlisted for the Group Exercise & Interview from the top of the merit list subject to a candidate scoring minimum qualifying score in aggregate.

### **Phase – III: Group Exercises (20 marks) & Interview (30 marks)**

Candidates qualifying for GE & Interview under 'OBC' category would be required to submit OBC certificate containing the 'Non Creamy layer' clause. Candidates not submitting the OBC certificate containing the 'Non Creamy layer' clause and requesting to be interviewed under General category will not be entertained.

**Final Selection**

The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination (Phase-I) will not be added for preparing the final merit list for selection. Only the marks obtained in Main Examination (Phase-II), both in Objective Test and Descriptive Test, will be added to the marks obtained in GE & Interview (Phase-III) for preparing the final merit list. The candidates will have to qualify both in Phase-II and Phase-III separately.

Marks secured by the candidates in the Main Examination (out of 250 marks) are converted to out of 75 and marks secured in Group Exercises & Interview (out of 50 marks) are converted to out of 25. The final merit list is arrived at after aggregating converted marks of Main Examination and Group Exercises & Interview out of 100. The selection will be made from the top merit ranked candidates in each category.

Results of the candidates who qualify for Main Examination and Group Exercise & Interview as well as the final select list will be made available on the Bank's website.