

# Syllabus for Bank Probationary Officer (PO) Exams

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## 1. Test of Reasoning/Mental Ability/Aptitude:

This section usually tries to test the reasoning abilities and mental aptitude of the candidate. Questions are asked mainly from the following categories.

### VERBAL

- Number Series
- Alphabet Series
- Test of Direction Sense
- Coding-Decoding
- Number Ranking
- Arithmetical Reasoning
- Problem on Age Calculation
- Blood Relations
- Analogy
- Decision Making etc.

### NON-VERBAL

- Non Verbal Series
- Mirror Images
- Cubes and Dice
- Grouping Identical Figures
- Embedded Figures etc

## 2. Quantitative Aptitude:

This section tests the quantitative and mathematical skills of the candidate. Questions are asked mainly from the following categories.

- Number System
- HCF, LCM
- Simplification
- Decimal Fractions
- Ratio and Proportions
- Unitary Method
- Percentage
- Time and Distance
- Time and Work
- Profit and Loss
- Average

- Simple and Compound Interest
- Mensuration (2D and 3D)
- Algebra
- Data Interpretation

### 3. English:

This section is designed to test the language abilities and understanding of English grammar. Questions are asked mainly from the following categories.

- Verb
- Adverb
- Subject Verb Agreement
- Error Correction
- Tenses
- Sentence Rearrangement
- Fill in the Blanks with Modals, Articles etc
- Comprehension
- Answering questions based on Unseen Passages
- Vocabulary
- Synonyms
- Antonyms

### 4. General Awareness:

This section checks whether the candidate keeps himself/herself up to date with the world around them. Questions are asked mainly from the following categories.

- Current Affairs (National and International)
- Major Financial/Economic News
- Budget and Five Year Plans
- Who's Who
- Sports
- Books and Authors
- Awards and Honours
- Science - Inventions and Discoveries
- Abbreviations
- Important Days
- International and National Organisations
- **NOTE:-** Syllabus may vary from Bank to Bank and from Time to Time. However this broadly covers all the topics one should prepare for Bank PO Examination. This syllabus is valid for bank Probationary Officer Recruitment Exam conducted by State Bank of India (SBI), Bank of Baroda (BOB), Allahabad Bank, ICICI, Corporation Bank, Bank of Maharashtra and other national banks.

