

## **SBI PO Pre & Mains Exam Pattern 2019**

### **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 Exam. There will be no sectional cut-off. Candidates numbering 10 times the numbers of vacancies (approx.) in each category will be short listed for Main Examination from the top of above 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 the Descriptive Test by typing on the computer. The 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	60	60 minutes
II	Data Analysis & Interpretation	35	60	45 minutes
III	General/ Economy/ Banking Awareness	40	40	35 minutes
IV	English Language	35	40	40 minutes
	<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>200</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).

**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. There will be no sectional cut-off. Candidates numbering up to 3 times (approx.) of the category wise vacancies will be shortlisted for the Group Exercise & Interview from the top of the category wise merit list subject to a candidate scoring the minimum aggregate qualifying score.

**Penalty for Wrong Answers (Applicable to both - Preliminary and Main Exam):**

There will be penalty for wrong answers marked in Objective Tests. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate,  $1/4^{\text{th}}$  of 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 candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

**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 who have registered themselves as OBC but do not submit OBC 'Non Creamy layer' certificate and request 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 the Objective Test and the 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 marks and Group Exercises & Interview scores of candidate (out of 50 marks) are converted to out of 25 marks. The final merit list is arrived at after aggregating (out of 100) converted marks of Main Examination and Group Exercises & Interview. 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.