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**INFORMATION HANDOUT FOR
ONLINE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR
RECRUITMENT OF SPECIALIST OFFICERS IN
PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS**

INTRODUCTION

We are glad that you have applied in response to our advertisement for CRP (online) for recruitment of Specialist Officers in Participating Organisations.

- This booklet contains details pertaining to various aspects of the online examination you are going to take and important instructions about related matters. **The assessment will be done online, hence you should carefully read instructions regarding the method of indicating answers.** You are advised to study this booklet carefully as it will help you in preparing for the examination.
- Before appearing for the online examination you should strictly ensure yourself that you fulfill the eligibility criteria stipulated in the advertisement in all respects.
- Please note that since this is a competitive examination, mere passing is not adequate. You have to obtain a high rank in the order of merit to get eligibility for future selection process. You should, therefore, put in best efforts in the examination.

Online Preliminary Examination :

Online Preliminary Examination consisting of Objective Tests for 125 marks will be conducted online. This test would be of 2 hours duration consisting of 3 Sections as follows :

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Sr. No.	Name of the Test	No. of Ques.	Max. Marks	Medium of Exam	Duration
1.	English Language	50	25	English	40 minutes
2.	Reasoning	50	50	English & Hindi	40 minutes
3.	General Awareness with special Reference to Banking Industry	50	50	English & Hindi	40 minutes
	Total	150	125		120 Minutes

IT Officer, Agriculture Field Officer, HR/Personnel Officer and Marketing Officer Scale I

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3.	Quantitative Aptitude	50	50	English & Hindi	40 minutes
	Total	150	125		120 Minutes

Candidates have to qualify in each of the three tests by securing minimum cut off marks to be decided by IBPS. Adequate number of candidates in each category as decided by IBPS depending upon requirements will be shortlisted for Online Main Examination.

Penalty for Wrong Answers

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 or 0.25 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. no answer is marked by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

Sample Questions

Below are given some sample questions for each of these tests. The type of questions are only illustrative and not exhaustive. In actual test you may find questions on some or all these types and also questions on the type not mentioned here.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

This is a test to see how well you 'know' English. Your English language ability would be tested through questions on grammar, vocabulary, sentence completion, synonyms, antonyms, comprehension of a passage, etc. Study and answer the sample questions given below. Please remember, in the test paper there may be questions of several other types also.

Directions : Pick out the most appropriate word from amongst the words given below each sentence to complete it meaningfully.

- Q.1.** He quickly glanced the book to find what it said about the Indian economy.
(1) at (2) through (3) in (4) to (5) over

The correct answer is "through" which is answer No. 2.

- Q.2.** The counsel urged the court to down the obnoxious law.
(1) enact (2) enforce (3) cancel (4) strike (5) declare

- Q.3.** The local official the Minister of the situation.
(1) explained (2) warned (3) apprised (4) told (5) intimated

Directions : Read each sentence given below to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part of the sentence is your answer. If there is no error, the answer is '5'.

(Ignore errors of punctuations, if any)

- Q.4.** I am twenty / two years old / when I first / joined the bank. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

The error is in (1). Therefore the answer is '1'.

- Q.5.** To the Hindus / the Ganga is / holier than / any other river. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

In this question, there is no error; Hence the right answer to this question is '5'.

Now attempt the following question.

- Q.6.** Of all the teachers / in our school / our class teacher / were very strict. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Directions : In each of the following questions select from amongst the five alternatives, the word **nearest in meaning** of the word given in capitals.

- Q.7.** CENTENARY
(1) a guard (2) a hundred years (3) a very old man (4) hundred runs (5) hundredth anniversary

- Q.8.** TRIUMPH
(1) conquer (2) smash (3) earn (4) brave (5) capture

Directions : In each of the following questions, select from amongst the five alternatives, the word **most opposite** in meaning of the word given in capitals.

- Q.9.** LIVELY
(1) simple (2) weak (3) dull (4) angry (5) moron

- Q.10.** INADVERTENT
(1) adequate (2) available (3) sluggish (4) negligent (5) intentional

In addition to the above questions, there will be a passage in English for comprehension. You will be asked questions based on the passage.

REASONING

This is a test to see how well you can think. It contains questions of various kinds. Here are some sample questions.

Directions : In each of the following questions, there is a group of letters or words given. Four of the five are alike in a certain way, while one is different. Find out the one which is different.

Q.11. (1) black (2) red (3) green (4) yellow (5) paint

Of the five, 'black', 'red', 'green', and 'yellow' form a group as they are names of colours. 'Paint' is not the name of a colour. Therefore (5) is the answer.

Now try to solve the following question.

Q.12. (1) XZ (2) MN (3) PQ (4) BC (5) ST

Following are the questions based on analogy.

Q.13. "Foot" is related to "Man" in the same way as "Hoof" is related to ———
(1) Leg (2) Horse (3) Dog (4) Boy (5) Shoe

In the above example, with which one of the five, "Hoof" has the same relationship as "Foot" has to "Man" ? The answer is "Horse", which is answer number (2).

Now try the following question.

Q.14. "Day" is related to "Night" in the same way as "Kind" is related to ———
(1) Cruel (2) Bright (3) Dark (4) Generous (5) Gratitude

Now try the following questions.

Q.15. If the letters in the word TOPS can be rearranged to form a meaningful word beginning with O, the last letter of that word is your answer. If more than one such word can be formed, M is the answer and if no such word can be formed, X is the answer.

(1) T (2) P (3) M (4) S (5) X

Q.16. Some leaders are dishonest. Satyapriya is a leader. Which of the following inferences definitely follows from these two statements ?

(1) Satyapriya is honest (2) Satyapriya is dishonest
(3) Some leaders are honest (4) Leaders are generally dishonest
(5) Satyapriya is sometimes dishonest

GENERAL AWARENESS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE BANKING INDUSTRY

This test is designed to measure your awareness about the past and present events, socio economic developments as well as awareness about developments in the Banking Industry etc.

Q.17. Which of the following financial institutions has introduced the 'Know Your Customer' guidelines for Banks ?

(1) IDBI (2) RBI (3) NABARD (4) SIDBI (5) Other than those given as options

Q.18. Which of the following sectors contributes the maximum in deciding the growth in income of the states in India ?

(1) Energy (2) Tourism (3) Service (4) Transport (5) Agriculture

Q.19. Headquarters of which of the following nationalised Banks is not situated in Maharashtra state ?

(1) Dena Bank (2) Central Bank of India (3) Bank of India
(4) Union Bank of India (5) United Bank of India

Q.20. Who among the following is the current Prime Minister of India ?

(1) L. K. Advani (2) Dr. Manmohan Singh (3) Mrs. Sonia Gandhi
(4) Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee (5) Other than those given as options

QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

This test is designed to measure how fast and accurate you are in dealing with numbers, viz. computation, quantitative reasoning, interpretation of tables and graphs.

Directions : In each of the following questions one number is missing. The place where the number is missing is shown by a question mark (?). You have to find out which one of the answers shown against 1, 2, 3 and 4 can replace the question mark. If none of these four can replace the question mark, you will indicate (5) i.e. 'Other than those given as options' as your answer.

Q.21. $42 + 73 + 137 = ?$
 (1) 352 (2) 252 (3) 242 (4) 142 (5) Other than those given as options

Q.22. $20 \times \frac{1}{2} = ?$
 (1) 4 (2) 5 (3) 12 (4) 20 (5) Other than those given as options

The correct answer for Q.22 is 10. But none of the 1, 2, 3 or 4 shows this answer. Therefore your answer is 5.

Some of the questions may require arithmetical reasoning. For example :

Q.23. At 10 rupees each, how many rupees will 6 lemons cost ?
 (1) 6 (2) 10 (3) 60 (4) 61 (5) 610

Q.24. Which of the following can be exact multiple of 4 ?
 (1) 27114 (2) 58204 (3) 48402 (4) 32286 (5) Other than those given as options

Q.25. If the profit made by selling a pen for Rs. 10 is as much as its cost, what is the cost price of the pen ?
 (1) Rs.3/- (2) Rs.5/- (3) Rs.10/- (4) Rs.20/- (5) Other than those given as options

Also, there may be some questions based on graphs and tables.

Directions : Given below is a table showing percentages out of a total of 700 employees ranking six attributes that help promotion. Rank I is the highest. Study the table carefully and answer questions that follow :

Attribute	Percent of Employees Giving Different Ranks					
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Seniority	32	17	22	19	5	5
Perseverance	14	19	17	9	27	14
Efficiency	15	19	21	14	14	17
Intelligence	10	14	10	14	17	35
Honesty	24	17	7	9	27	16
Sociability	5	14	23	35	10	13

Q.26. Which attribute for promotion has received the highest rank ?
 (1) Perseverance (2) Seniority (3) Honesty (4) Sociability (5) Efficiency

Notice the percentage for rank I given in the table. You observe that seniority is the attribute with the highest percentage. So your answer is "Seniority", which is answer No. (2).

Q.27. How many employees gave rank III to intelligence ?
 (1) 119 (2) 98 (3) 77 (4) 70 (5) 10

Look at the intersection of the column giving percentage for rank III and the row giving percentage for intelligence. You find that 10 percent of the 700 employees have given rank III to this attribute. 10% of 700 is 70. So your answer should be (4).

Q.28. Which attribute is considered the least important for promotion ?
 (1) Honesty (2) Intelligence (3) Perseverance (4) Efficiency (5) Sociability

DETAILS OF THE ONLINE EXAMINATION PATTERN

1. Total duration of examination is 120 minutes. [20 minutes extra for every 60 minutes (1 hour) of the examination time for candidates with disability eligible for compensatory time.]
2. The clock will be set at the server. The countdown timer in the top right corner of screen will display the remaining time available for you to complete the examination. When the timer reaches zero, the examination will end by itself. You will not be required to end or submit your examination.
3. The Question Palette displayed on the right side of screen will show the status of each question using one of the following symbols:



You have not visited the question yet.



You have not answered the question



You have answered the question





You have NOT answered the question, but have marked the question for review



The question(s) "Answered and Marked for Review" will be considered for evaluation.

The Marked for Review status for a question simply indicates that you would like to look at that question again. *If a question is answered and Marked for Review, your answer for that question will be considered in the evaluation.*

4. You can click on the ">" arrow which appears to the left of question palette to collapse the question palette thereby maximizing the question window. To view the question palette again, you can click on "<" which appears on the right side of question window.
5. You can click on your "Profile" image on top right corner of your screen to change the language during the exam for entire question paper. On clicking of Profile image you will get a drop-down to change the question content to the desired language.
6. You can click on  to navigate to the bottom and  to navigate to the top of the question area, without scrolling.

Navigating to a Question:

7. To answer a question, do the following:
 - a. Click on the question number in the Question Palette at the right of your screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option does NOT save your answer to the current question.
 - b. Click on **Save & Next** to save your answer for the current question and then go to the next question.
 - c. Click on **Mark for Review & Next** to save your answer for the current question, mark it for review, and then go to the next question.

Answering a Question :

8. Procedure for answering a multiple choice type question:
 - a. To select your answer, click on the button of one of the options
 - b. To deselect your chosen answer, click on the button of the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button
 - c. To change your chosen answer, click on the button of another option
 - d. To save your answer, you MUST click on the **Save & Next** button
 - e. To mark the question for review, click on the **Mark for Review & Next** button. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, that answer will be considered in the evaluation.*

9. To change your answer to a question that has already been answered, first select that question for answering and then follow the procedure for answering that type of question.
10. Note that ONLY Questions for which answers are saved or marked for review after answering will be considered for evaluation.

Navigating through sections:

11. Sections in this question paper are displayed on the top bar of the screen. Questions in a section can be viewed by clicking on the section name. The section you are currently viewing is highlighted.
12. After clicking the Save & Next button on the last question for a section, you will automatically be taken to the first question of the next section.
13. You can shuffle between tests and questions anytime during the examination as per your convenience only during the time stipulated
14. Candidate can view the corresponding section summary as part of the legend that appears in every section above the question palette.

Submitting the exam:

15. After the expiry of time the candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. On completion of test time, answers of the candidates would be saved automatically by the computer system even if they have not clicked the "Submit" button.
16. Please note :
 - a) Candidates will not be allowed to "finally submit" unless they have exhausted the actual test time of the examination.
 - b) Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the 'keyboard keys' during the test once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Please note date, time and venue address of the examination given in the call letter.
- (2) You may visit the venue one day before the Examination to confirm the location so that you are able to report **on time** (as printed on the call letter) on the day of the examination. Late comers will not be allowed.
- (3) The call letter should be brought with you to the examination venue along with your recent passport size photograph duly pasted on it. (Preferably the same photograph as was uploaded).
- (4) You must scrupulously follow the instructions of the Test Administrator and Bank Representative at the examination venue. If you violate the instructions you will be disqualified and will be asked to leave the examination venue.
- (5) No use of calculators (separate or with watch), books, note books or written notes, cell phones (with or without camera facility), or any other electronic device will be allowed during the examination.
- (6) Please bring the call letter with your photograph affixed thereon, a photocopy of photo identity proof stapled with it and same (currently valid) photo ID in original - **THIS IS ESSENTIAL**. Please submit the call-letter alongwith photocopy of photo identity proof duly stapled together by putting it in the designated drop box. Currently valid photo identity proof may be PAN Card/Passport/Permanent Driving License/Voter's Card with photograph/Bank Passbook with photograph/Photo Identity proof with photograph issued by a Gazetted Officer (on official letterhead)/Photo Identity proof issued by a People's Representative along with a photograph (on official letterhead)/Identity Card issued by a recognised College/University/Aadhar/E-Aadhar Card with a photograph / Bar Council Identity card with photograph /Employee ID). **Please Note - Ration Card and Learner's Driving License will NOT be accepted as valid ID proof.** Please note that your name as appearing on the call letter (provided by you during the process of registration) should exactly match the name as appearing on the photo identity proof. Female candidates who have changed first/last/middle name post marriage must take special note of this. If there is any mismatch between the name indicated in the Call Letter and Photo Identity Proof you will not be allowed to appear for the examination. In case of candidates who have changed their name will be allowed only if they produce Gazette notification/their marriage certificate/affidavit. Photo ID should be valid as on the day of the examination.

- (7) Do not leave your seat unless you are allowed.
- (8) Travelling Allowance not admissible. No travelling allowance or other expenses in connection with the examination will be paid.
- (9) IBPS would be analyzing the responses (answers) of individual candidates with other candidates to detect patterns of similarity of right and wrong answers. If in the analytical procedure adopted by IBPS in this regard, it is inferred/ concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine/ valid, IBPS reserves right to cancel the candidature of the concerned candidates without any notice and the result of such candidates (disqualified) will be withheld. No objection in this regard shall be entertained.
- (10) You should bring with you a ball-point pen. Sheets of paper will be provided which can be used for rough work or taking down the question number you would like to review at the end of the test before submitting your answers. After the test is over you MUST submit these sheets of paper by putting them in the designated drop box before leaving the venue. You must write your Registration Number and Roll No. on the rough sheets.
- (11) The possibility of occurrence of some problem in the administration of the examination cannot be ruled out completely which may impact test delivery and/or result from being generated. In that event, every effort will be made to rectify such problem, which may include movement of candidates, delay in test. Conduct of a re-examination is at the absolute discretion of IBPS. Candidates not willing to move or not willing to participate in the delayed process of test delivery shall be summarily rejected from the process.
- (12) Anyone found to be disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of test contents in any form or any information therein in whole or part thereof or by any means verbal or written, electronic or mechanical or taking away the papers supplied in the examination hall or found to be in unauthorised possession of test content is likely to be prosecuted.
- (13) Instances for providing incorrect information and/or process violation by a candidate detected at any stage of the selection process will lead to disqualification of the candidate from the selection process and he/she will not be allowed to appear in any of the common recruitment process in the future. If such instances go undetected during the current selection process but are detected subsequently, such disqualification will take place with retrospective effect. Clarifications / decisions given / to be given by the Director, IBPS, regarding Common Recruitment process shall be final and binding.
- (14) The PWBD candidates, who want to use facility of scribe, are required to submit a Declaration form (Scribe declaration form) that can be downloaded from authorised IBPS website.
- (15) Following items will not be allowed inside the examination hall (Lab) :-
- Any stationery item like textual material (printed or written), bits of papers, Geometry/Pencil Box, Plastic Pouch, Calculator, Scale, Writing Pad, Pen Drives, Log Table, Electronic Pen/Scanner, Any communication device like Mobile Phone, Bluetooth, Earphones, Microphone, Pager, Health Band etc. Other items like Goggles, Handbags, Hair-pin, Hair-band, Belt, Cap, Any watch/Wrist Watch, Camera, Any metallic item, Any eatable item opened or packed, water bottle (only transparent water bottle is allowed), Any other item which could be used for unfair means for hiding communication devices like camera, bluetooth devices etc. After AarogyaSetu status display at the entry gate, candidates will be required to switch off their mobile phones, and deposit it at the designated location, to be collected while exiting. Any candidate who is found either copying or receiving or giving assistance will be disqualified.
- You are advised to avoid wearing ornaments like Ring, Earrings, Nose-pin, Chain/Necklace, Pendants, Badge, brooch etc.
- (16) Candidates should not furnish any particulars that are false, tampered, fabricated and should not suppress any material information while submitting online application. At the time of examination or in a subsequent selection procedure, if a candidate is (or has been) found guilty of – (i) using unfair means or (ii) impersonating or procuring impersonation by any person or (iii) misbehaving in the examination hall or disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of contents of the test(s) or any information therein in whole or part thereof in any form or by any means, verbal or written, electronically or mechanically for any

purpose or (iv) resorting to any irregular or improper means in connection with his/ her candidature or (v) obtaining support for his/ her candidature by unfair means, or (vi) carrying mobile phones or similar electronic devices of communication in the examination hall – such a candidate may, in addition to rendering himself/ herself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable :

- to be disqualified from the examination for which he/ she is a candidate
- to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period from any examination conducted by IBPS

SOCIAL DISTANCING MODE CONDUCT OF EXAM RELATED INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Candidate is required to report at the exam venue strictly as per the time slot mentioned in the Call Letter AND/OR informed via SMS/Mail on their registered mobile number/mail prior to exam date. It is expected that candidate strictly adhere to this time slot – as entry into the exam venue will be provided based upon the individual's time slot ONLY. Candidates should report atleast 15 minutes before the Reporting time.
- 2 Mapping of 'Candidate Roll Number and the Lab Number' will NOT be displayed outside the exam venue, but the same will be intimated to the candidates individually at the time of entry of the candidate to the exam venue.
- 3 Items permitted into the venue for Candidates
Candidates will be permitted to carry only certain items with them into the venue.
 - a. Mask (WEARING A MASK is COMPULSORY)
 - b. Gloves
 - c. Personal transparent water bottle (Candidates must bring their own water bottle)
 - d. Personal hand sanitizer (50 ml)
 - e. A simple pen
 - f. Exam related documents (Call Letter and Photocopy of the photo ID card stapled with it, same ID Card in Original.) The name on the ID and on the Call Letter should be exactly the same.
 - g. In case of Scribe Candidates - Scribe form duly filled and signed with Photograph affixed.No other Items are permitted inside the venue.
- 4 Candidate should not share any of their personal belonging/material with anyone
- 5 Candidate should maintain safe social distance with one another.
- 6 Candidate should stand in the row as per the instructions provided at venue.
- 7 If candidate is availing services of a scribe, then scribe also should bring their own Gloves, N95 Mask, sanitizer (50ml) and transparent water bottle. Wearing a mask is compulsory. Both candidate and Scribe will require to be wearing N95 Mask.
- 8 A Candidate must have AarogyaSetu App installed on his/her mobile phone. The AarogyaSetu status must show candidate's risk factor. A candidate will have to display this status to the Security Guard at the entry into the exam venue. In case a candidate does not have a smart phone, he/she will have to bring in a signed declaration to this effect (declaration is provided along with this Call Letter) and show the same to the Security Guard at the entry into the exam venue. Candidates with Moderate or High Risk Status on AarogyaSetu App will not be allowed entry. In case any of the responses in declaration suggest COVID 19 infection/symptoms, the candidate will not be permitted inside the exam venue. (If candidate is availing services of a Scribe, then Scribe should also follow the same instructions).
- 9 After AarogyaSetu status display at the entry gate, candidates will be required to switch off their mobile phones, and deposit it at the designated location, to be collected while exiting.

- 10 All candidates (and Scribe, if applicable) will be checked with Thermo guns at the entry point for temperature. In case, any person is observed to be having above normal temperature ($> 99.14^{\circ} \text{ F}$) or displaying any symptoms of the virus, they will not be allowed entry into the venue.
- 11 In candidate registration :
- Candidate registration will be done through photo capture. Photo captured will be matched with the photo uploaded by you in the application. You must NOT change your appearance from the photo uploaded by you.
 - Photograph will be taken while candidate is standing.
 - Seat number will be given to the candidate.
- 12 Rough sheet, call letter and ID proof management
- Rough sheet(s) kept at each candidate desk will be used by candidate.
 - Candidate must follow the instructions related to dropping the call letter with the ID proof copy in the boxes provided at the exit of lab/venue while leaving or at the designated place. Those candidates who avail the services of Scribe should submit Scribe form also along with the Call Letter and ID proof copy
 - Candidate must drop the rough sheets, call letter, ID proof copy in the boxes provided at the exit of lab/venue while leaving or at the designated place indicated by Exam officials.
- 13 Post Examination Controls
- On completion of examination, the candidates will be permitted to move out in an orderly manner one candidate at a time. Please wait for instructions from invigilator and do not get up from your seat until advised.

WISH YOU GOOD LUCK

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