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**What is IBPS :** Institute of Banking Personnel Selection is fully responsible for conducting CWE -**Common Written Exam (clerk,PO/MT,RRB,SPL officer)**. IBPS organizes these online exams separately for each cadre. Candidates who have completed their graduation can give this exam. This is the most awaited exam for Banking Sector every year. IBPS Clerk exam is treated as second highly rated exam of Banking Sector after PO/ MT exam. In the recent years level of competition in Banking Sector is interestingly increased. IBPS officially declared that 1.5 crore candidates registered for various IBPS exams. But only a few lakh posts are available. So focused & planned preparation for exam become very necessary for Selection. In this article we are going to discuss the strategy how/ what to prepare to crack IBPS Clerk exam, what topics to focus more.

#### **Exam Process:**

1.preliminary exam(online) 2.mains(online) 3.interview

#### **Preliminary exam**

Sl.no	Name of tests	No.of Qs	Maximum marks	duration
1	English	30	30	Total time of 1hour
2	Numerical ability	35	35	
3	Reasoning ability	35	35	
	Total	100	100	

#### **Main exam**

Sl.no	Name of tests	No.of Qs	maximum marks	duration
1	Reasoning	40	40	Composite time of 2hours
2	English	40	40	
3	Quantitative aptitude	40	40	
4	General awareness and banking industry	40	40	
5	Computer knowledge	40	40	

Total	200	200	
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- Candidates have to attain minimum cut off marks in each section & overall decided by IBPS to become eligible for Interview. Candidates have to do up to mark & goal oriented preparation for this exam.
- It should be noted by candidates is that there is **Negative Marking of 0.25 Marks** in this Exam. So plan for exam in according to the pattern & syllabus of IBPS Clerical Cadre.

**Reasoning:** Reasoning part is very important aspect of this exam. This part is useful because of the pattern of questions ask in this exam.

- This section is very scoring so candidates needs to focus more on this part.
- Most of questions in this sections are **comprehensive type reasoning**. A paragraph is given & 4 to 5 questions asked related to that paragraph.
- So This part is very useful, by solving passage you can answer 4-5 questions within no time. so candidates needs to practice more questions of Comprehension type reasoning. This part take less time if you solve paragraph puzzles with full concentration.
- There is **drawback of comprehension type reasoning**, if you solve puzzle wrong, your all answers will be wrong. so candidates solve passage with Intelligence & Concentration.
- This part play a crucial role in deciding merit of candidates. Marks of candidates also depends on this section. So IBPS Aspirants !  
Make Reasoning your main weapon in the exam for crack upcoming IBPS clerk exam.

**English Language:** Another important & scoring part of IBPS exam is General English. Candidate can score if they make proper time management.

- In this section candidates needs to focus more on selected topics like **Errors, fill in the blanks, vocabulary, Cloze Test**.
- Comprehension in this exam is very lengthy. so candidates have to manage time to read whole passage & answer to the Questions.
- It is often seen that candidates seems this less scoring. But this part is easy to score & less time taking if proper preparation time is given to English.
- Candidates are advised to don't leave English part less prepared as it is very useful in scoring marks in written exam.

**Quantitative Aptitude:** Aptitude is the section which play final role in the marks & Merit List of candidates. Candidates who scores in this section have fare chances to score high in this exam.

- Candidates are advised to save time from Reasoning, English & General Awareness as this part takes more time to solve the problems.
- Questions in this section will be less tough compared to IBPS PO exam.
- Calculation is questions are time taking, so candidates have to manage time for solving questions.
- Don't take much time on one question. Solve question according to their merit.
- Focus on all question related to **Data Interpretation & Simplification**.
- Candidates can make strategy about how many no. of questions to be solve in Aptitude part with giving proper attention to all other sections because it is not practically possible to solve all 40 Questions in given time. Topic oriented scheme is useful for problem solving.

**General Awareness:** Nowadays General Awareness is Key part to score in the exam. Candidates who are upto date about facts & news of everyday aspects score more marks in this section.

- In IBPS exams mostly questions of General Awareness are asked from Current Affairs. Focus mainly on **current affairs related to Banking & Finance Sector**.
- **Current affairs of National & International news, Important dates, Current Science, Technology, Sports & Culture** are topics from which questions will be ask.
- Some questions are related to **Banking & Marketing**.
- Candidates are advised to sharpen their axe on daily current affairs by reading newspaper, magazines related to current affairs.
- Candidates can answer only those questions on which they are fully confident because their is negative marking. Wrong answer lessen your chances for selection.

**Computer Knowledge:** In IBPS exams there is additional part of questions related to Computer Knowledge compare to SSC exam. In this section 40 questions are asked from Computer Knowledge.

- In this section question are asked from topics related to **Basic of Computers, Computer Organization, Generations of computer, Input & Output Device, Shortcuts & Basic knowledge MS word, MS Excel, MS power point, Memory Orientation, Internet, LAN, WAN, Modem, Computer Abbreviations, Modern day Technology.**
- Candidates can easily score in this sections because syllabus is not so vast. Questions ask on operations which a persons generally done on computers.
- This part is less time taking also so it can help in solving more no. of questions in Reasoning & Aptitude.

**CWE Interview:** Candidates who are declared qualify by IBPS & have marks more than cut off prescribed by IBPS can fill forms of various Banks participated in IBPS for Interview. Interview will be of generally **30 marks**. Candidates have to secure minimum qualifying marks. In Interview main focus is on **your personality, confidence, knowledge of Banking Sector, Current Affairs related to Banking, About RRBs, About Applying Bank, RBI Banking Rates & Personal Information.**

Good luck! CHEERS!!

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