



**INFORMATION HANDOUT FOR CANDIDATES APPEARING FOR THE
ONLINE EXAMINATION FOR SELECTION OF HINDI OFFICER**

This handout is meant to give the candidates information about the selection process in respect of the online examination, Skill Test and Item Writing Exercise, Group Exercise and Personal Interview.

Part-I of this handout gives you broad outline about the structure of the examination and some sample questions.

Part-II of this handout describes the details of online objective type test and details of method of indicating answers, revising answers etc.

Part-III of this handout gives you a broad outline about the Skill Test and Item Writing Exercise, Group Exercise & Personal Interview.

PART I

The structure of examination will be as follows :

Test No.	Name of the Test	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Duration	Version
I	Reasoning	50	25	35 minutes	English
II	English Language	50	50	35 minutes	English
III	General Awareness	50	50	20 minutes	English
IV	Hindi Language	50	75	50 minutes	Hindi
	Total	200	200	140 minutes	

Tests are separately timed and will be administered one after the other. Candidates have to attempt each test in the time allotted to that particular test only.

For Test I - IV : All the questions will be of objective type with multiple choices. Out of the five answers to each question only one will be correct answer. You have to find out the correct answer and indicate it by 'Mouse-clicking' on the computer. You are advised not to answer questions by guessing. There will be penalty for wrong answers. For each wrong answer **0.25** of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

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

Now try to solve the following question.

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

Following are the questions based on analogy.

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

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

- Q.5.** 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.6.** 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

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.7.** He quickly glanced the book to find what it said about the Indian economy.
 (1) at (2) through (3) in (4) to (5) over
- Q.8.** The counsel urged the court to down the obnoxious law.
 (1) enact (2) enforce (3) cancel (4) strike (5) declare
- Q.9.** 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.10.** I am twenty / two years old / when I first / joined the bank. No error
 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
- Q.11.** To the Hindus / the Ganga is / holier than / any other river. No error
 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
- Q.12.** 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** to the word given in capitals.

- Q.13.** CENTENARY
 (1) a guard (2) a hundred years (3) a very old man (4) hundred runs (5) hundredth anniversary
- Q.14.** 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.15.** LIVELY
 (1) simple (2) weak (3) dull (4) angry (5) moron
- Q.16.** 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.

There may be some other types of questions also.

GENERAL AWARENESS

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 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 situated in Mumbai city ?
(1) Punjab National Bank (2) Bank of Maharashtra (3) Bank of Baroda
(4) Union Bank of India (5) Indian Bank
- Q.20.** Who among the following is the current President of India ?
(1) Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu (2) Shri Ram Nath Kovind (3) Shri Mohammed Hamid Ansari
(4) Shri Amit Shah (5) Other than those given as options

HINDI LANGUAGE

This is a test to see how well you 'Know' Hindi. Your Hindi Language ability would be tested through questions on grammar, vocabulary, sentence completion, synonyms, antonyms, comprehension of a passage, etc.

प्र.21-23. नीचे दिये गये प्रश्नों में से हरेक में एक वाक्य दिया गया है जिसे (1), (2), (3) और (4) भागों में बाँटा गया है। वाक्य को पढ़ कर ज्ञात कीजिये कि वाक्य में शब्दों के गलत प्रयोग, वर्तनी या व्याकरण की कोई त्रुटि तो नहीं है। त्रुटि अगर होगी तो वाक्य के किसी एक ही भाग में होगी। इस भाग का क्रमांक ही आपका उत्तर है। अगर वाक्य त्रुटिहीन है तो उत्तर (5) दीजिये अर्थात् त्रुटि नहीं।

प्र.21. चालीस लडकों का एम मिला जुला / ठहाका उठा था और / कक्षा की छत पे टकरा कर /
(1) (2) (3)
सब का सब एकदम मेरे भीतर उतर गया था। त्रुटि नहीं
(4) (5)

प्र.22. सेठ पुरुषोत्तम दास पूना की सरस्वती पाठशाला / का मुआयना करने के बाद मैं /
(1) (2)
बाहर निकले तो एक लड़की ने / दौड़ कर उनका दामन पकड़ लिया। त्रुटि नहीं
(3) (4) (5)

प्र.23. वह झपट कर कुरसी से उठी / और बड़े वेग से कई कमरों / और बरामदों को पार करती /
(1) (2) (3)
मैनेजर के सामने को आकर खड़ी हो गई। त्रुटि नहीं
(4) (5)

प्र.24-25. नीचे दिए गए प्रश्नों में से एक शब्द समूह या वाक्यांश दिया गया है और फिर उसके बाद पाँच ऐसे शब्द सुझाए गए हैं जो कि इस पूरे वाक्यांश या शब्द समूह का अर्थ एक शब्द में स्पष्ट कर देते हैं। आपको वह शब्द ज्ञात कर उसको उत्तर के क्रम में दर्शाना है।

प्र.24. जिसका कभी नाश न हो
(1) अपनाश (2) निरामिष (3) अटल (4) अविनाशी (5) सर्व व्यापक

प्र.25. कम बोलने वाला
(1) मिठबोला (2) समदर्शी (3) मृदुभाषी (4) संयमित (5) मितभाषी

In addition to the above questions, there will be a passage in Hindi Comprehension. You will be asked question based on the passage.

PART II

Details about On-line Test Pattern:

1. The test would be conducted on-line on a computer.
2. A **login screen** will be displayed to the candidate. The candidate has to log in using his/her User ID and Password which is provided on the Call Letter.
3. After logging in Candidate's profile (Name, Roll No. etc.) will be displayed and the candidate has to confirm the same by clicking on the 'I confirm' button confirming the profile is correct.
4. Thereafter the instructions will be displayed on the screen.
5. A candidate should read the instructions carefully and indicate that he has done so by 'checking' (click) the box at the bottom of the screen, after which the '**I am ready to begin**' button is activated.
6. After clicking on the 'I am ready to begin' button the actual **test time** will begin.
7. In Tests I - IV there will be 200 Questions and each question is followed by 5 alternatives/options.
8. The questions except those on Hindi Language will be available in English Language only.
9. Only one question will be displayed at a time.
10. All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the five answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. **The candidate has to select the most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which he/she feels is appropriate/ correct. The alternative/ option that is clicked on will be treated as the answer to that question. Answer to any question will be considered for final evaluation, only when candidates have submitted the answers by clicking on "Save & Next" or "Mark for Review & Next".**
11. The clock has been set at the server and the countdown timer at the top right corner of your screen will display the time remaining for you to complete the exam. When the clock runs out the exam ends by default - you are not required to end or submit your exam.
12. 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.*

13. To select a question to answer, you can do one of the following :
 - (a) Click on the question number on 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 answer to current question and to go to the next question in sequence.
 - (c) Click on '**Mark for Review and Next**' to save answer to current question, mark it for review, and to go to the next question in sequence.
14. To select your answer, click on one of the option buttons.
15. To change your answer, click another desired option button.
16. To save your answer, you **MUST** click on **Save & Next**.
17. To deselect a chosen answer, click on the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button.
18. To mark a question for review click on **Mark for Review & Next**. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.*

19. To change an answer to a question, first select the question and then click on the new answer option followed by a click on the **Save & Next** button.
20. **Questions that are saved or marked for review after answering will ONLY be considered for evaluation.**
21. You can navigate only within the test during the time allotted for each test. Once the allotted time for the test ends, you will move to the next test. You cannot move back to the earlier test.
22. You can move the mouse cursor over the section names to view the status of the questions for that section.
23. The candidates are requested to follow the instructions of the “Test Administrator” carefully. If any candidate does not follow the instructions / rules, it would be treated as a case of misconduct/adoption of unfair means and such a candidate would be liable for debarment from appearing for tests for a period as decided by IBPS.
24. The candidates may ask the Test Administrator about their doubts or questions only before the commencement of the test. No query shall be entertained after the commencement of the test.
25. After the expiry of Test, the candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. The answers of the candidate would be saved automatically by the computer system even if he/she has not clicked the “Submit” button.
26. **Please note :**
 - (a) **Candidates will not be allowed to “finally submit” unless they have exhausted the actual test time.**
 - (b) **Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the ‘keyboard keys’ once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.**

General

1. You may visit the **test center** at least one day before the test to confirm the location so that you are able to report on time on the day of the test.
2. Carry a pen with you. A sheet of paper will be provided which can be used for rough work and taking down the question number which you may like to review at the end before pressing the ‘Submit’ button.

Please Note : Candidates who are shortlisted after examination will be required to go through a subsequent process of Skill Test, Group Exercise & Personal Interview which will be conducted at IBPS tentatively during the month of May 2024.

PART III

SKILL TEST AND ITEM WRITING EXERCISE, GROUP EXERCISE & PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Candidates will be required to undergo a skill test and item writing exercise to assess the ability to develop test content and to test proficiency in Hindi and in translation. In the skill test candidates will be required to translate material from English to Hindi and vice versa to test proficiency in Hindi. In item writing candidates are advised not to reproduce/copy the items (questions) from any available source. The item written by the candidates should be original. There will also be questions related to item writing at the time of interview.

In **Group Exercises**, you will have to participate in a group of about six to twelve candidates for three different exercises – Topic given for Discussion, Prioritisation Exercise and Case Analysis.

You will be assessed on certain personality characteristics which include leadership quality, interpersonal competence, communication ability, reasoning ability etc. Each candidate is expected to actively participate to enable the observers to assess on the above characteristics. The stimulus material will be provided to the candidates and the candidates will be required to participate based on the information provided in each of the activities.

Skill Test and Item Writing Exercise, Group Exercise & Personal Interview will be conducted at IBPS.

WISH YOU ALL THE BEST!