

Written Examination is considered as Phase 1. Generally SBI Associate Probationary Officer (PO) Exam Phase 1 will be of two parts where 1st part is completely objective for 200 marks and second part is a descriptive paper for 50 marks. Objective paper is totally designed in 4 sections with High Level Reasoning, Data Interpretation, English language, and General Awareness + Computer Knowledge + Marketing Awareness. Each section is conducted for 50 marks and all these four sections are objective based. And the descriptive paper will be a test to know your English writing and analytical skills.

As we have said, the Objective paper will consist of 200 questions and you will be allotted 120 minutes of time to complete the paper. And the exam will be held online this time. We will have a detailed view of the syllabus and pattern of the exam.

SBI Associate Banks PO Reasoning Syllabus:

The Reasoning asked in this exam will be of very high level and one can expect it to be the highest of CAT level too. The questions in this section will come may come from the following sections: Syllogism, Input-Output sequences, Logical Reasoning, Directions, Data Sufficiency, Puzzle/Seating Arrangement; Coding-Decoding, Blood Relations, Statement & Arguments, Conclusions, Interferences are some other topics from which there are less chances of questions being asked. If you ultimately need to be a PO in the organization, studying some more extra topics will be beneficial for you always.

SBI Associate Banks PO English Syllabus:

This section will also be of high level. You will get two big fat passages, which will be really time killing ones. At least one of the passages will be from the Economics Background. So, definitely it will take time to read them and then understand them. Some more topics on which questions will be covered will be: Cloze Test, Fill in the Blanks, Correction of Sentences, and Para Jumbled Sentences. Try to read some of the best newspapers everyday and that too mainly the editorial and the Financial/Business/Economic pages. This will be for sure a beneficial during your exam.

SBI Associate Banks PO Quantitative Aptitude Syllabus:

This section will also be of the CAT level. All the questions you will get may be on Data Interpretation alone!! We are not pretty sure, yet from the research from the previous papers we came to this conclusion. It's difficult to attempt all the questions in the Data Interpretation section due to the time constraints. Well, the questions in DI may also be based upon the different topics. Hence, we do have to cover the following topics too: Averages, Ratios & Proportions, Mixtures & Allegations, Profit & Loss, Simple & Compound Interest, and Percentages. In addition to these, once go through: Simplifications, Boats & Streams, Probability, and Permutations & Combinations; all of these have fewer chances of being asked in the exam.

GENERAL AWARENESS+COMPUTER AWARENESS+MARKETING: Marketing is the favorite or most targeted subject in the SBI exams. Yet in this exam, you can't expect more from this topic because, there are three more topics to be covered under this section of 40 questions. Current Affairs & Banking Awareness and Computer Awareness are the remaining topics on which questions will be covered. Computer Awareness questions will be from: Basics of Computers, Networking, Databases, Memory, Peripherals of the Computer, MS-Office, and Internet. Coming to Banking Awareness, the questions will be asked from: Banking Abbreviations, Banking Terminologies, Banking Acts, RBI, and Recent banking News. And finally the Current Affairs section will contain topics like: Recently appointed heads of different organizations, Persons in News, Sports, Awards, Capitals & Currencies, and Head Quarters of Important Organizations.

SBI Associate Bank Po Descriptive Paper Syllabus:

This paper will be for 1 hour and the total marks allotted for this paper is 50 marks. You will notice five different sections under this paper. There will be one Letter Writing, which will be of formal type and question may be something like: writing letter to Bank Manager to close your saving account or something similar. This letter writing will be for 10 marks. And then you will find Precise writing, this will also be 10 marks, a couple of big paragraphs will be given out of which you have to make some changes and cut short them to one-third of its length. Then, one will be Reading Comprehension; there will be a passage below that you will be asked 5 questions and each one carries 2 marks. Another question will be essay writing on one of the given topics and this carries 12 marks. And the last topic will be paragraph writing, this is also similar to essay writing and the difference is that you must have a look at the number of words you have to use in them. Paragraph writing needs to have fewer words than that of the Essay writing; this is for 8 marks.