

Sample Questions for Preliminary and Main Examination

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 :

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) intimidated

Directions : Read each sentence 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).

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; therefore the right answer to this question is '5'.

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 to the word given in capitals.

Q.7. LETHAL
(1) light (2) dangerous (3) deadly (4) cruel (5) thoughtless

Q.8. CENTENARY
(1) a guard (2) a hundred years (3) a very old man (4) hundred runs (5) hundredth anniversary

Q.9. 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.10. LIVELY
(1) simple (2) weak (3) dull (4) angry (5) moron

Q.11. INADVERTENT
(1) adequate (2) available (3) sluggish (4) negligent (5) intentional

Q.12. INEPT
(1) accurate (2) skilful (3) sensible (4) artistic (5) apt

In addition, there will be questions based on passage, to test your comprehension.

Quantitative Aptitude / Data Analysis and Interpretation

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 etc.

Q.13-15. Study the following table carefully and answer the questions given below —

Distribution of 1000 candidates as regards their marks in written examination out of 300 and interview out of 100 in a selection examination

Written Examination Marks	INTERVIEW MARKS					
	Below 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70 & above
260 & above	8	18	26	18	26	4
210 to 259	5	4	30	22	10	9
160 to 209	16	10	45	56	18	9
110 to 159	28	42	100	190	15	5
60 to 109	35	115	20	8	7	5
Below 60	32	32	20	4	6	2

- Q.13.** How many candidates did obtain more than 69 percent marks and above in both written examination and interview ?
 (1) 22 (2) 49 (3) 13 (4) 9 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.14.** If approximately 325 candidates were to be qualified in the written examination, what should be the percentage of the qualifying marks ?
 (1) above 20 (2) above 70 (3) above 36 (4) above 63 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.15.** About 42 percent of the candidates fall in which of the following ranges of the interview marks ?
 (1) 110-159 (2) 110 & below (3) 50 to 70 (4) 50 & above (5) Other than those given as options

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

- Q.16.** At 10 paise each, how many paise will 6 lemons cost ?
 (1) 6 (2) 10 (3) 60 (4) 610 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.17.** 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.18.** 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.

Q.19-21. 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 the 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.19.** 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.20. 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.21. Which attribute is considered the least important for promotion ?

- (1) Honesty (2) Intelligence (3) Perseverance (4) Efficiency (5) Sociability

Referring to the percentage for VI rank, you find that intelligence is the attribute which receives the highest percentage. In other words, a majority of people consider it as the least important and give it the last rank. Therefore your answer is (2).

Reasoning

This is a test to see how well you can think and also to judge your aptitude/ knowledge for working with computer. It contains questions of various kinds. Here are some sample questions.

Directions : In each of the following questions, there are five letter groups or words in each question. Four of these letter groups or words are alike in some way, while one is different. Find the one which is different.

Q.22. (1) black (2) red (3) green (4) paint (5) yellow

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, (4) is the answer.

Now try to solve the following questions.

Q.23. (1) BC (2) MN (3) PQ (4) XZ (5) ST

Q.24. (1) Mango (2) Apple (3) Orange (4) Guava (5) Rose

Directions : In each of the following questions, there is a question mark in which only one of the five alternatives given under the question satisfies the same relationship as is found between the two terms to the left of the sign :: given in the question. Find the correct answer.

Q.25. Foot : man : : hoof : ?

- (1) leg (2) dog (3) horse (4) boy (5) shoe

In the above example, 'hoof' has the same relationship with 'horse' as 'foot' has to 'man'. Hence the answer is (3).

Now study to solve the following questions.

Q.26. Day : Night : : Kind : ?

- (1) Dark (2) Bright (3) Cruel (4) Generous (5) Gratitude

Q.27. Hut : Mansion : : Rabbit : ?

- (1) Hole (2) Carrot (3) Elephant (4) Small (5) Rat

Now try the following questions.

Q.28. 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.29. 'Some leaders are dishonest. Satyapriya is a leader.' Which of the following inferences definitely follows from these statements ?

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

Q.30. If 'A " B' means 'add B to A', 'A ' B' means 'subtract B from A', 'A # B' means 'divide A by B' and 'A V B' means 'multiply A by B'; which of the following gives the average sales of two days where S₁ and S₂ are the sales of the first and the second day respectively ?

- (1) (S₁ ' S₂) # 2 (2) 2 # (S₁ " S₂) (3) (S₁ " S₂) # 2
(4) (S₁ V S₂) # (S₁ " S₂) (5) Other than those given as options

- Q.31.** Every person above eighteen years of age who is registered as a voter, can vote. To find out whether Madhu, who was born twenty years ago, can vote, which of the following further information is needed ?
- (I) Madhu's date of birth (II) Whether Madhu is registered as a voter
 (1) Only I (2) Only II (3) Either I or II
 (4) Neither I nor II (5) Both I and II

- Q.32.** In each question below are given two statements followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the two given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts, consider the two conclusions; together and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the two given statements, disregarding commonly known facts.

Statements : I. All machines are windows. All windows are clouds.
 Conclusions : I. All machines are clouds.
 II. All clouds are machines.

- (1) None follows (2) Only I follows (3) Both I & II follow
 (4) Only II follows (5) Either I or II follows

General Awareness, Marketing and Computers

This test is intended to give an index of your awareness of people and events past and present in different walks of life.

- Q.33.** To combat the menace of money laundering, which of the following financial institutions has introduced the 'Know Your Customer' Scheme ?
 (1) IDBI (2) RBI (3) NABARD (4) SIDBI (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.34.** Which of the following sectors contributes maximum in deciding the growth in income of the states in India ?
 (1) Energy (2) Tourism (3) Service (4) Transport (5) Agriculture
- Q.35.** Which of the following is the state where the number of people living below poverty line is maximum ?
 (1) Bihar (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Rajasthan (5) Orissa
- Q.36.** Who is the person closely associated with operation flood programmes and was honoured by Padma Vibhushan recently ?
 (1) Dr. V. Kurien (2) Dr. M. S. Swaminathan (3) Dr. Amartya Sen
 (4) Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.37.** Which of the following factors influences buyer's behaviour ?
 (1) Cultural and Social factors (2) Economical and external factors
 (3) Personal and Psychological factors (4) both (1) & (2) (5) both (1) & (3)
- Q.38.** Marketing for promotion of business in Banks involves :
 (1) Better Customer Service (2) Customer need identification
 (3) Customised products (4) both (1) & (3) (5) All (1), (2) & (3).
- Q.39.** 1010, 0101, 1100, 0011, 11100 — what is next ?
 (1) 00100 (2) 00111 (3) 11100 (4) 10111 (5) 01010
- Q.40.** The function of CPU is —
 (1) to provide external storage of text (2) to create a hard copy
 (3) to create a new software (4) to read, interpret and process the information and instruction
 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.41.** Pick the odd man out.
 (1) Monitor (2) Keyboard (3) Floppy drive (4) Windows (5) Hard-disk drive
- Q.42.** The full form of LAN is —
 (1) Local Access Network (2) Local Area Network (3) Long Area Node
 (4) Local Area Node (5) Other than those given as options

The correct answers to all these 42 questions are as follows –

Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers
1	2	11	5	21	2	31	4	41	1
2	4	12	2	22	4	32	2	42	2
3	3	13	3	23	4	33	2		
4	1	14	5	24	5	34	3		
5	5	15	4	25	3	35	5		
6	4	16	3	26	3	36	1		
7	3	17	2	27	3	37	5		
8	5	18	2	28	4	38	5		
9	1	19	2	29	3	39	5		
10	5	20	2	30	5	40	5		

Details about On-line Test Pattern

1. 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.
2. After logging in Candidate's profile (Name, Roll No. & photograph etc.) will be displayed and the candidate has to confirm the same by clicking on the 'I confirm' button confirming the profile is correct.
3. Thereafter the instructions will be displayed on the screen.
4. 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.
5. After clicking on the 'I am ready to begin' button the actual **test time** will begin.
6. In Preliminary Examination, there will be 100 Questions and in Main Examination there will be 200 Questions and each question is followed by 5 alternatives/options.
7. The questions except those on English Language will be available in Hindi and in English. In order to view a given question in the other language, a candidate can click on the 'view in' drop down box and select the desired language.
8. Only one question will be displayed at a time.
9. In order to answer a question, the candidate has to 'mouse click' the option he/she thinks is appropriate/ correct. **The alternative which has been clicked on will be highlighted and shall be treated as the answer given by the candidate for the question.**
10. After selecting an answer for a question the candidate should click on the '**SAVE & NEXT**' button to save his answer and proceed to the next question. **Note that without clicking on 'Save & Next' button the answer selected for a question will not be saved.**
11. In case a candidate does not wish to attempt the question then he/ she should not click on any option for that question. A candidate can choose to deselect his/her answer for a particular question by clicking on the '**CLEAR RESPONSE**' button provided against each question.
12. In case a candidate wants to skip a particular question and return to it later before submitting his/her test or a candidate 'clicks' (selects) an answer for a particular question but wishes to review it later, he/she may note down the question number on the sheet provided.

In such cases the candidate may also click on the '**MARK FOR REVIEW & NEXT**' button. In case an answer has been selected for a particular question which has been marked as '**MARK FOR REVIEW & NEXT**', the answer marked will be taken for final evaluation.
13. The question numbers of attempted and unattempted questions are also shown to the right of the screen. A candidate can then click on any of the question numbers to view the question, in order to attempt/ revise his/her answer to the question.
14. Each question number will be displayed in a particular colour depending on the status of the question:

White : Not visited : Question has not been viewed/ attempted

Red : Not Answered : Question has been viewed but not answered

Green : Answered : Question has been answered

Violet : Marked : Question has been marked for review later

15. **Candidates are not permitted to submit their answers before the entire test time i.e 60 minutes for preliminary exam and 120 minutes for main exam, is over.**
16. **A candidate can navigate between questions by clicking on the question number displayed to the right of the screen.**
17. When a candidate clicks on a particular question, it takes some time for the question to appear. The time lost is not deducted from the total time allotted for the test.
18. **Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the 'keyboard keys' once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.**

About the Submission

1. Candidates are not permitted to submit their answers before the entire test time is over.
2. **A candidate can only change his/ her answer before clicking the 'Submit' button.**
3. After the expiry of the exam duration, candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. A candidate's answers would be automatically saved by the computer system even if he has not clicked the 'Submit' button.

Details about Descriptive Paper

1. Immediately after online objective test, Descriptive Paper will be administered online.
2. Candidates will have to answer Descriptive Paper by typing on the computer.
3. Candidates are allowed to use key board to type their answer.
4. Spellcheck facility will not be available for candidates.
5. Candidates can submit their answer paper only after completion of test time i.e. 60 minutes only.
