



ON-LINE EXAMINATION – LATERAL RECRUITMENT OF PROBATIONARY OFFICER

INFORMATION HANDOUT

This handout contains details pertaining to various aspects of the online main exam you are going to undertake and important instructions about related matters. You are advised to study the handout carefully as it will help you in preparing for the examination.

The on-line examination will comprise the following objective type multiple choice tests as stated below :

Sr. No.	Name of Test	No of Questions	Maximum Marks	Version	Duration
1	Reasoning & Computer Aptitude	40	50	Only English	40 Minutes
2	General / Economy / Banking Awareness	40	50		20 Minutes
3	English Language	40	50		40 Minutes
4	Data Analysis & Interpretation	40	50		40 Minutes
TOTAL		160	200		140 minutes

The time for the test is 140 minutes; however you may have to be at the venue for approximately 4 hours including the time required for logging in, collection of the call letters, going through the instructions etc. All tests will be in English. You should attempt questions of each test within the time limit allotted to each test. All the objective questions will have multiple choices. Out of the five answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. **You have to select the most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which you feel is appropriate/correct. The alternative/option that you have clicked on will be treated as your answer to that question. There will be penalty for wrong answers marked by you. For every wrong answer marked by you, 1/4 of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.**

Please note that the types of questions in this handout are only illustrative and not exhaustive. In the actual examination you will find questions of a higher difficulty level on some or all of these types and also questions on the types not mentioned here.

Some sample questions are given below.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

REASONING & COMPUTER APTITUDE

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

- Q.1.** In the series given below count each 5 which is not immediately preceded by 3 but is immediately followed by 7. How many such 5's are there ?
 1 5 7 3 5 7 4 7 3 7 2 5 6 5 8 5 7 4 5 6 5 5 7 1 5 7 7 5 5
 (1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) 5
- Q.2.** The town of Paranda is located on Green lake. The town of Akram is West of Paranda. Tokhada is East of Akram but West of Paranda. Kakran is East of Bopri but West of Tokhada and Akram. If they are all in the same district, which town is the farthest West ?
 (1) Paranda (2) Kakran (3) Akram (4) Tokhada (5) Bopri
- Q.3.** STAMMERING is related to SPEECH in the same way as DEAFNESS is related to which of the following ?
 (1) EAR (2) HEARING (3) DUMB (4) SILENCE (5) TALK

- Q.4.** Every component of your computer is either _____
 (1) software or CPU / RAM (2) hardware or software
 (3) application software or system software (4) an input device or output device
 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.5.** Which of the following is a popular Computer Language ?
 (1) A + (2) BA + (3) C ++ (4) CA + (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.6.** 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

GENERAL / ECONOMY/ BANKING AWARENESS

- Q.1.** The famous Gomateshwar idol is in which of the following states ?
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Orissa (5) Karnataka
- Q.2.** The famous Ayodhya temple is located on the bank of the river _____
 (1) Ganga (2) Godavari (3) Sarayu (4) Ban Ganga (5) Narmada
- Q.3.** 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.4.** Monetary policy is concerned with _____
 (1) the changes in the supply of money (2) buying and selling of financial instruments
 (3) reducing unemployment (4) All (1), (2) & (3).
 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.5.** 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) Shri L. K. Advani (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.6.** Which of the following is NOT a recognised key skill of management ?
 (1) Conceptual skills (2) Human skills (3) Technical skills
 (4) Writing skills (5) None of those given as options

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
- 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 'No error'. (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)
- Q.5.** To the Hindus / the Ganga is / holier than / any other river. No error
 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
- Q.6.** Of all the teachers / in our school / our class teacher / were very strict. No error
 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

DATA ANALYSIS & INTERPRETATION

Q.1-3. 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.1. 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.2. 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.3. 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
- Q.4. 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
- Q.5. $2168 + 3154 + 2369 = ?$
(1) 7791 (2) 7691 (3) 7681 (4) 7781 (5) None of these
- Q.6. If 3 workers collect 48 Kg. Cotton in 4 days, how many kg. Cotton will 9 workers collect in 2 days ?
(1) 216 (2) 32 (3) 108 (4) 72 (5) None of these

Details of the Online Examination

- (1) The examination would be conducted on-line i.e. on a computer.
- (2) All tests will be in English.
- (3) 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 correct answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which he/ she feels is 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".**
- (4) 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.

- (5) The question palette at the right of screen shows one of the following statuses of each of the questions numbered:

-  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 simply acts as a reminder that you have set to look at the question again. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.*

- (6) 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.
- (7) To select your answer, click on one of the option buttons.
- (8) To change your answer, click another desired option button.
- (9) To save your answer, you **MUST** click on **Save & Next**.
- (10) To deselect a chosen answer, click on the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button.
- (11) 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.*
- (12) 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.
- (13) Questions that are saved or marked for review after answering will ONLY be considered for evaluation.**
- (14) 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 examinations for a period as decided by Bank.
- (15) 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 examination.
- (16) After the expiry of duration for each test, the candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers.
- (17) 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.**

B] General Instructions:

- (1) Please note Date, Reporting time and Venue address of the examination given in the call letter.
- (2) You may visit the venue one day before the Online 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 as 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. **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.**
- (6) Please bring the call letter with your photograph affixed thereon, currently valid Photo identity proof in original and a photocopy of the same ID proof which you bring in original - THIS IS ESSENTIAL. **The call-letter along with photocopy of photo identity proof duly stapled together are to be submitted at the end of exam by putting it in the designated drop-box.** Currently valid photo identity proof may be PAN Card/Passport/Permanent Driving License/Voter's Card/Bank Passbook with photograph/Photo Identity proof issued by a Gazetted Officer on official letterhead /Photo Identity proof issued by a People's Representative on official letterhead/Valid recent Identity Card issued by a recognised College/University/Aadhar/E-Aadhar Card with a photograph/Employee ID/Bar Council Identity card with photograph. **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 exam. In case of candidates who have changed their name will be allowed only if they produce Gazette notification/their marriage certificate/affidavit.
- (7) Your responses (answers) will be analysed with other candidates to detect patterns of similarity of right and wrong answers. If in the analytical procedure adopted in this regard, it is inferred/concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine/valid, your candidature may be cancelled. Any candidate who is found copying or receiving or giving assistance or engaging in any behaviour unbecoming of a candidate will not be considered for assessment. The Bank may take further action against such candidates as deemed fit by it.
- (8) You must bring a ball point pen and ink stamp pad with you. A sheet 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** drop this sheet of paper, Call Letter along with photocopy of photo identity proof in the designated drop-box.
- (9) The possibility for occurrences 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 the conduct of another examination if considered necessary. Decision of the test conducting body in this regard shall be final. Candidates not willing to accept such change shall lose his/her candidature for this exam.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 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 recruitment process of the Bank 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.
- (12) If the examination is held in more than one session, the scores across various sessions will be equated to adjust for slight differences in difficulty level of different test batteries used across sessions. More than one session are required if the nodes capacity is less or some technical disruption takes place at any centre or for any candidate.

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 at least 15 minutes before the Reporting time indicated on the call Letter.
- 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 (Candidate should bring his / her own water bottle)
 - d. Personal hand sanitizer (50 ml)
 - e. A simple pen & one ink stamp pad
 - f. Exam related documents (Call Letter and Photocopy of the ID card stapled with it, ID Card in Original.)
 - g. Call Letter should be brought with the Photocopy of the Photo ID stapled with it. Original ID (same as Photocopy) is also to be brought for verification. The name on the ID and on the Call Letter should be exactly the same.
 - h. 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° F) or displaying any symptoms of the virus, they will not be allowed entry into the venue.**
- 11 **In candidate registration :**
 - a. Candidate registration will be done through photo capture. Photo captured will be matched with the photo uploaded by you in the application (as printed in the call letter). You must NOT change your appearance from the photo uploaded by you.
 - b. Photograph will be taken while candidate is standing.
 - c. 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 should move out in an orderly manner without crowding as instructed by the venue staff.

WISH YOU GOOD LUCK