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SBI PO Prelims 2017: Difficulty level moderate, see complete analysis

The State Bank of India (SBI) conducted the first round of the Probationary Officer (PO) preliminary examination on Saturday, April 29, 2017 and experts considered the paper to be of moderate level of difficulty. Candidates can expect the cut off to be between 48 and 53.

The exams are scheduled to be held April 29 and 30 and May 6 and 7, 2017. The paper is divided into three parts— English Language, Quantitative Aptitude and Reasoning Ability. This year, the Reasoning ability section was considered to be quite difficult, but the other two sections were of average difficulty.

While the Quantitative Aptitude and Reasoning Ability contained 35 questions of one mark each, the English Language portion contained 30 question with a total of 30 marks. There were no questions asked on Syllogism for Reasoning.

The bank had released a notification in February informing that it was looking to recruit 2313 candidates for the post of Probationary Officers. Those who clear the preliminaries will then have to appear for the main exam. Once the main exam has been successfully cleared, there will be group exercises and interviews through which candidates will be finally selected.

Here are some of the questions that were asked during the paper on Saturday:

English Language-

Name of topic	Number of questions
Reading Comprehension	10 Questions (based on Technology based on Hacking)
Cloze test	10 Questions (based on new pattern) (Passage was based on Technology)
Sentence Correction	10 Questions

Quantitative Aptitude-

Name of topic	Number of questions
Number Series	5 Questions
Data Interpretation	2 sets (Tabular and line graph) (Tabular graph based on based on visitors (Days, male and female : ratio and percentages))
Approximation	5 Questions (Moderate level)
Quadratic Equation	5 Questions
Miscellaneous	10 Question

Reasoning Ability-

Name of topic	Number of questions
Puzzles and Arrangements	3 puzzles
Inequality	5 Questions (3 direct and 2 individual questions)
Miscellaneous	1 from coding-decoding, 1 from alphanumeric, 2 ranking based etc