

# THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LIMITED

## ON-LINE EXAMINATION - RECRUITMENT OF PROBATIONARY CLERK

### INFORMATION HANDOUT

This handout contains details pertaining to various aspects of the online 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 Question	Maximum Marks	Duration
1.	General Awareness (with special reference to the Banking Industry)	50	50	Composite Time of 120 minutes
2.	Reasoning	40	40	
3.	English Language	40	40	
4.	Computer Awareness	30	30	
5.	Numerical Ability	40	40	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	

The time for the test is 120 minutes; however you may have to be at the venue for approximately 180 minutes including the time required for logging in, collection of the call letters, going through the instructions etc. The tests will be provided in English. You can attempt any question at any point of time within these 120 minutes. All the 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.**

The Scores of Online Examination will be obtained by adopting the following procedure :

- (i) Number of questions answered correctly by a candidate in each objective test is considered for arriving at the Corrected Score after applying penalty for wrong answers.
- (ii) The Corrected Scores so obtained by a candidate are made equivalent to take care of the minor difference in difficulty level, if any, in each of the objective tests held in different sessions to arrive at the Equated Scores\*

\*Scores obtained by candidates on any test are equated to the base form by considering the distribution of scores of all the forms.

- (iii) Testwise scores and scores on total is reported with decimal points upto two digits.

**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

#### GENERAL AWARENESS (WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE BANKING INDUSTRY)

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

- Q.1.** "Kumbh-Mela" is held in our country after every \_\_\_\_\_  
(1) 6 years (2) 10 years (3) 12 years (4) 14 years (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.2.** Who among the following is the director of the film "Lagaan" ?  
(1) Sanjay Leela Bhansali (2) Vasant Govarikar (3) Karan Johar  
(4) B. R. Chopra (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.3.** Who among the following is the current Finance Minister of India ?  
(1) Shri Arun Jaitley (2) Shri Narendra Modi (3) Shri P. Chidambaram  
(4) Shri Amit Shah (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.4.** Which of the following stands for I in RBI ?  
(1) India (2) International (3) Insurance (4) Income (5) Institute
- Q.5.** R. K. Laxman is famous for \_\_\_\_\_  
(1) Painting (2) Cartoons (3) Screenplay Writing  
(4) Film Direction (5) Other than those given as options

### 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.** 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.2.** Madhav ranks seventeenth in a class of thirty-one. What is his rank from the last ?  
(1) 13 (2) 14 (3) 15 (4) 16 (5) 17
- Q.3.** Sapling is related to Tree as ----  
(1) Horse is related to Mare (2) River is related to Brook (3) Bud is related to Flower  
(4) Student is related to Teacher (5) Tree is related to Furniture
- Q.4.** If the first and the second letters in the word 'DEPRESSION' were interchanged, also the third and the fourth letters, the fifth and sixth letters and so on, which of the following would be the seventh letter from the right ?  
(1) R (2) O (3) S (4) I (5) Other than 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

**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.3.** I am twenty / two years old / when I first / joined the bank. No error  
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
- Q.4.** To the Hindus / the Ganga is / holier than / any other river. No error  
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

### COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

This test is designed to measure your computer knowledge.

- Q.1.** 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.2.** 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.3.** Pick the odd man out.  
(1) Monitor (2) Keyboard (3) Floppy drive (4) Windows (5) Hard-disk drive
- Q.4.** 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

### NUMERICAL ABILITY

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.

**Directions :** In each of the following questions one number is missing. The place where the number is missing is shown by a question mark (?). You have to find out which one of the answers shown against 1, 2, 3 and 4 can replace the question mark. If none of these four can replace the question mark, you will indicate (5) i.e. 'Other than those given as options' as your answer.

- Q.1.**  $\frac{24}{65} \times \frac{13}{56} \times \frac{5}{7} = ?$   
(1)  $\frac{3}{49}$  (2)  $\frac{15}{245}$  (3)  $\frac{3}{77}$  (4)  $\frac{15}{56}$  (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.2.**  $(27 + 498) \div 25 = ?$   
(1) 17 (2) 25 (3) 21 (4) 12 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.3.** 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.4.** 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

**(A) Details of the On-line Examination Pattern**

- (1) The examination would be conducted on-line i.e. on a computer.
- (2) The tests will be provided 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 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”.**
- (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.



You have answered the question but marked it for review.

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) Sections will be displayed on the top bar of the screen. Questions in a section can be viewed by clicking on the section name. The section you will view will be highlighted.

- (15) After clicking the **Save & Next** button on the last question for a section, you will automatically be taken to the first question of the next section.
- (16) You can move the mouse cursor over the section names to view the status of the questions for that section.
- (17) You can shuffle between sections and questions anytime during the examination as per your convenience.
- (18) 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.
- (19) 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.
- (20) After the expiry of 120 minutes, 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.
- (21) **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, 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.
- (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.
- (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. Please handover the call-letter alongwith photocopy of photo identity proof duly stapled together to the invigilator. Currently valid photo identity proof may be PAN Card/Passport/ Driving Licence/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 will NOT be accepted as valid ID proof.** Please note that your name as appearing on the call letter 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) Biometric data (thumb impression and photograph) will be captured at the examination venue. With regards to the same, please note the following :
- (a) If fingers are coated (stamped ink/mehndi/coloured...etc), ensure to thoroughly wash them so that coating is completely removed before the exam day.
  - (b) If fingers are dirty or dusty, ensure to wash them and dry them before the finger print (biometric) is captured.
  - (c) Ensure fingers of both hands are dry. If fingers are moist, wipe each finger to dry it.
  - (d) If the primary finger (thumb) to be captured is injured/damaged, immediately notify the concerned authority in the test centre.
- (Any failure to observe these points will result in non-admittance for the examination)
- (8) A candidate who is or has been declared by Bank guilty of impersonation or of submitting fabricated document/s which have been tampered with or of making statements which are incorrect or false or of suppressing material information or otherwise resorting to any other irregular or improper means of obtaining admission to examination or of using or attempting to use unfair means in the examination hall or misbehavior in the examination hall may be debarred permanently or for a specified period by Bank from admission to any examination or appearance at any interview held by it for selection of the candidates. Bank may take further action against such candidates as deemed fit by it.
  - (9) 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.
  - (10) You should bring with you a ball-point pen. 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 hand over this sheet of paper to the Test Administrator before leaving the venue.
  - (11) The possibility of occurrence 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 movement of candidates, delay in test. Conduct of a re-exam is at the absolute discretion of test conducting body. Candidates will not have any claim for a re-test. Candidates not willing to move or not willing to participate in the delayed process of test delivery shall be summarily rejected from the process.
  - (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.
  - (13) 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.
  - (14) 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 affect.

#### **IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER**

You are advised to bring with you the following:

- (i) Call letter with photo affixed thereon and photo ID card in **Original** and photocopy as mentioned in point 6 above.
- (ii) One Ball point pen.

**WISH YOU GOOD LUCK**