

# SOUTH INDIAN BANK LTD.

## ON-LINE EXAMINATION - RECRUITMENT OF CLERKS FOR TAMILNADU STATE

### 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.	Test	No. of Question	Marks	Time
I	Reasoning	40	40	Composite time of 120 minutes for all tests together
II	English Language	40	40	
III	Numerical Ability	40	40	
IV	General Awareness (with special reference to the Banking Industry)	40	40	
V	Computer Knowledge	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 from 1 to 200 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 and saved (or marked for review) 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

#### TEST I : REASONING

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

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

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

**Q.3.** "Foot" is related to "Man" in the same way as "Hoof" is related to \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Leg (2) Horse (3) Dog (4) Boy (5) Shoe

**Q.4.** "Day" is related to "Night" in the same way as "Kind" is related to \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Q.5.** 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.6.** Some leaders are dishonest. Satyapriya is a leader. Which of the following inferences definitely follows from these two statements ?

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

## TEST II : 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.7.** 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.8.** The counsel urged the court to ..... down the obnoxious law.  
(1) enact (2) enforce (3) cancel (4) strike (5) declare
- Q.9.** 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 '5'.

(Ignore errors of punctuations, if any)

- Q.10.** I am twenty / two years old / when I first / joined the bank. No error  
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
- Q.11.** To the Hindus / the Ganga is / holier than / any other river. No error  
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
- Q.12.** 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** of the word given in capitals.

- Q.13.** CENTENARY  
(1) a guard (2) a hundred years (3) a very old man (4) hundred runs (5) hundredth anniversary
- Q.14.** 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.15.** LIVELY  
(1) simple (2) weak (3) dull (4) angry (5) moron
- Q.16.** INADVERTENT  
(1) adequate (2) available (3) sluggish (4) negligent (5) intentional

In addition to the above questions, there may be a passage in English for comprehension. You will be asked questions based on the passage.

## TEST III : NUMERICAL ABILITY

The test is to measure how fast and accurate you are in dealing with numbers

**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.17.**  $42 + 73 + 137 = ?$   
(1) 352 (2) 252 (3) 242 (4) 142 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.18.**  $20 \times \frac{1}{2} = ?$   
(1) 4 (2) 5 (3) 12 (4) 20 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.19.** At 10 rupees each, how many rupees will 6 lemons cost ?  
(1) 6 (2) 10 (3) 60 (4) 61 (5) 610
- Q.20.** 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.21.** 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

#### TEST IV : GENERAL AWARENESS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE BANKING INDUSTRY

This test is designed to measure your awareness about the past and present events, socio economic developments as well as awareness about developments in the Banking Industry etc.

- Q.22.** Which of the following financial institutions has introduced the 'Know Your Customer' guidelines for Banks ?  
(1) IDBI (2) RBI (3) NABARD (4) SIDBI (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.23.** Which of the following sectors contributes the maximum in deciding the growth in income of the states in India ?  
(1) Energy (2) Tourism (3) Service (4) Transport (5) Agriculture
- Q.24.** Headquarters of which of the following nationalised Banks is not situated in Maharashtra state ?  
(1) Dena Bank (2) Central Bank of India (3) Bank of India  
(4) Union Bank of India (5) United Bank of India
- Q.25.** Who among the following is the current Prime Minister of India ?  
(1) Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam (2) Dr. Manmohan Singh (3) Mrs. Sonia Gandhi  
(4) Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee (5) Other than those given as options

#### TEST V : COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

This test is designed to measure your computer knowledge.

- Q.26.** -----is an output device of a computer.  
(1) Printer (2) CPU (3) Monitor (4) Keyboard (5) CD
- Q.27.** What is the full form of RAM ?  
(1) Random Adaptive Mouse (2) Random Adaptive Memory (3) Random Access Memory  
(4) Random Access Mouse (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.28.** Pick the odd man out.  
(1) Monitor (2) Keyboard (3) Floppy drive (4) Windows (5) Hard-disk drive

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

- (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 most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which he/ she feels is appropriate/ correct. The alternative/ option that is clicked and saved (or marked for review) 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) You can view the entire paper by clicking on the **Question Paper** button.
- (8) To select your answer, click on one of the option buttons
- (9) To change your answer, click the another desired option button
- (10) To save your answer, you **MUST** click on **Save & Next**
- (11) To deselect a chosen answer, click on the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button.
- (12) 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.*
- (13) 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.
- (14) Questions that are saved or marked for review after answering will ONLY be considered for evaluation.**
- (15) 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.
- (16) 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.
- (17) You can move the mouse cursor over the section names to view the status of the questions for that section.
- (18) You can shuffle between sections and questions anytime during the examination as per your convenience.
- (19) 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.
- (20) 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.
- (21) 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.
- (22) 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 the 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) User name and password to enter the on-line exam site will be given at the venue on the day of exam.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Please bring this 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 hand over this 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 Card with a photograph/Employee ID/Bar Council Identity card with photograph. 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.
- (8) 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.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 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.

### **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**