

IBPS CLERK 2026

EX-SERVICEMEN PREPARATION PLAN

33-Day Current Plan + Complete 90-Day Roadmap

CRP-CSA-XVI | Prelims: 10-11 October 2026 | Mains: 27 December 2026

What this PDF includes	Current Status
33-day preparation schedule	11,403 vacancies
90-day concept-to-mock roadmap	Application closed
Subject-wise targets and daily timetable	Prelims scheduled
Mock analysis and final checklist	Official notification released

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A focused preparation guide for Ex-Servicemen returning to competitive-exam study. The plan emphasizes consistency, speed, accuracy, question selection and systematic revision.

Important: This is independent educational material. Recruitment rules and dates must always be confirmed from the official IBPS notification and website.

1. Latest Recruitment Snapshot

Particular	Details
Recruitment	IBPS CRP-CSA-XVI
Post	Customer Service Associate (commonly called IBPS Clerk)
Total vacancies	11,403 across all categories
Application status	Closed on 28 August 2026
Prelims date	10 and 11 October 2026
Mains date	27 December 2026
Selection	Prelims, Mains and applicable verification; no interview
Negative marking	One-fourth of assigned marks for each wrong answer

Preliminary Examination Pattern

Section	Questions	Marks	Time
English Language	30	30	20 min
Numerical Ability	35	35	20 min
Reasoning Ability	35	35	20 min
Total	100	100	60 min

Main Examination Pattern

Section	Questions	Marks	Time
General/Financial Awareness	40	50	20 min
General English	40	40	35 min
Reasoning Ability	40	60	35 min
Quantitative Aptitude	40	50	35 min
Total	160	200	125 min

2. Current 33-Day Plan: 7 September to 9 October

Candidates starting now should prioritize high-return topics and test analysis. Do not try to master every chapter equally.

Period	Primary Work	Testing
7-16 September	Basics: Simplification, Number Series, Arithmetic, Inequality, Syllogism, Coding-Decoding, grammar and short RC.	One sectional test on alternate days
17-26 September	Timed Arithmetic and DI, seating arrangements, puzzles, Cloze Test, error detection and vocabulary in context.	Three full mocks plus sectional tests
27 September-5 October	Mixed sets, question selection, weak-topic repair, formulas and repeated-error removal.	Full mock on most days with analysis
6-9 October	Light revision, error notebook, familiar puzzle types and exam-day planning. Avoid new resources.	One or two controlled mocks

Daily Plan for the Remaining Month

Activity	Daily Time	Goal
Quantitative Aptitude	60 minutes	Calculation + Arithmetic/DI
Reasoning Ability	60 minutes	Scoring topics + puzzles
English Language	40 minutes	Reading + grammar + exam questions
Sectional/full test	60 minutes	Timed practice
Error revision	20 minutes	Remove repeated mistakes

Current Priority Formula

Revise basics → Timed practice → Mock → Analyse → Repair weak areas → Repeat

3. Complete 90-Day Roadmap

Use this plan if you started early or want a reusable framework for future attempts.

Phase	Days	Main Target	Output
Phase 1	1-30	Concepts and fundamentals	Correct methods and confidence
Phase 2	31-60	Speed, accuracy and mixed practice	Timed question-solving ability
Phase 3	61-90	Mocks, PYQs and revision	Exam-ready strategy

Phase 1: Build Fundamentals

- Learn concepts before chasing speed.
- Complete core Arithmetic, basic Reasoning and grammar.
- Develop daily reading and calculation habits.
- Solve topic-wise questions without guesswork.

Phase 2: Improve Speed and Accuracy

- Start mixed and timed practice.
- Move to DI, seating arrangements and puzzle varieties.
- Track accuracy, time taken and question selection.
- Begin regular sectional tests.

Phase 3: Convert Preparation Into Marks

- Attempt full-length and sectional mocks.
- Solve and analyse previous-year questions.
- Maintain and revise an error notebook.
- Revise formulas, weak chapters and current affairs.

Golden Rule

First learn to solve correctly. Then learn to solve quickly. Finally, learn which questions to leave.

4. Subject-Wise Preparation Targets

Subject	High-Priority Areas	Daily Action
Quantitative Aptitude	Simplification, Approximation, Number Series, Percentage, Ratio, Average, Profit and Loss, SI/CI, Time and Work, TSD, DI	20-30 questions + 10-15 min calculation drill
Reasoning Ability	Inequality, Syllogism, Coding-Decoding, Blood Relation, Direction, Ranking, Alphanumeric Series, seating and puzzles	One scoring-topic set + one puzzle set
English Language	Reading Comprehension, Error Detection, Cloze Test, Fillers, Sentence Improvement, Para Jumbles, contextual vocabulary	10 min reading + 10 min grammar + 10 min questions
General/Financial Awareness	Current affairs, banking and financial awareness, RBI updates, schemes, appointments, reports and indexes	Read, revise, test and revise again

Calculation Checklist

- Tables, squares and cubes
- Fractions and fraction-to-percentage conversions
- Percentage calculations and approximation
- Fast addition, subtraction and multiplication

Mains Preparation Note

Start General and Financial Awareness before Prelims. After the Prelims attempt, immediately begin full Mains-level practice instead of waiting for the result.

5. Mock-Test and Error-Analysis System

A mock is useful only when it reveals why marks were lost.

Mistake Type	What Happened	Corrective Action
Concept error	Method or rule was unclear	Relearn the concept and solve basic examples
Calculation error	Approach was correct but answer was wrong	Daily calculation drill and rechecking habit
Time error	Too much time spent on one question/set	Timed practice and exit rule
Selection error	Difficult question attempted before an easier one	Practice scanning and question selection
Reading error	Condition, sign or keyword was missed	Underline key data and slow down slightly

Error Notebook Format

Topic	Mistake	Correct Approach	Re-test Date
Percentage	Wrong base value used	Identify original/base value first	Within 3 days
Puzzle	Unnecessary cases created	Start from the strongest fixed clue	Next sectional test

Questions to Ask After Every Mock

- Which easy questions did I miss?
- Where did I spend unnecessary time?
- Were wrong answers caused by concepts or carelessness?
- Which two topics need repair tomorrow?
- Did my accuracy improve compared with the previous test?

Mock Principle

Do not attempt the next mock until you understand the mistakes in the previous one.

6. Final 15 Days Strategy

- Take controlled full-length and sectional tests.
- Revise Arithmetic formulas and calculation shortcuts.
- Practice familiar puzzle and arrangement types.
- Revise English grammar rules and vocabulary notes.
- Review the error notebook before every mock.
- Do not collect new books, courses or random PDFs.
- Protect sleep, health and exam-day concentration.

Final Preparation Checklist

Check	Target
Core Prelims concepts	Completed and revised
Arithmetic and calculation	Practised regularly
Puzzle types	Major patterns attempted
English reading	Daily habit developed
Sectional timing	Practised under exam conditions
Full mocks	Attempted and analysed
Previous-year questions	Solved topic-wise and as tests
Error notebook	Updated and revised
Exam-day documents	Checked according to call letter

Special Advice for Ex-Servicemen

Use the discipline developed during service as your preparation advantage. During the first days, rebuild study concentration, computer-based exam comfort and question-solving confidence. Compare your progress with your own previous-week performance, not with another candidate.

Study → Practice → Test → Analyse → Revise

7. Official Sources and Important Note

Official notification:

https://www.ibps.in/wp-content/uploads/Notification_CRP_CSA_XVI-Final.pdf

Official IBPS website:

<https://www.ibps.in/>

CRP updates:

<https://www.ibps.in/index.php/crp-updates/>

Accuracy Note

This PDF reflects information checked on 7 September 2026. IBPS may revise dates, vacancies, examination instructions or administrative requirements. Candidates must rely on the latest official notice and call letter for final instructions.

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