

IBPS PO Prelims Shift 1 Exam Analysis 2026

22 August 2026 | Difficulty Level, Good Attempts & Memory-Based Questions Asked

SHIFT 1 QUICK SUMMARY	
Exam Time	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Overall Difficulty	Moderate
Expected Good Attempts	65-72

IBPS PO Shift 1 Overview

The first shift of the IBPS PO Prelims 2026 on 22 August was conducted in the morning session. The paper had 100 questions across English Language, Quantitative Aptitude and Reasoning Ability, with 20 minutes allotted to each section. The review below is based on post-exam candidate recall and should be treated as a memory-based analysis, not an official IBPS question paper.

Particular	Shift 1 Details
Exam	IBPS PO Prelims 2026
Exam Date	22 August 2026
Reporting Time	8:00 AM
Gate Closing Time	8:30 AM
Exam Time	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Total Questions	100
Total Duration	60 Minutes
Sectional Timing	20 Minutes per Section
Overall Difficulty	Moderate
Expected Good Attempts	65-72

Section-wise Difficulty & Good Attempts

Section	Questions	Difficulty	Good Attempts
English Language	30	Moderate	23-26
Quantitative Aptitude	35	Moderate	18-21
Reasoning Ability	35	Moderate	22-25
Overall	100	Moderate	65-72

Reasoning Ability - Questions Asked

Reasoning was puzzle-heavy. Candidate recall reported multiple arrangements along with direction, blood relation and inequality questions.

Topic	Reported Questions
Parallel Row Seating Arrangement (14 persons)	5
Month + Date + Variable Puzzle	5
Box-Based Puzzle + Variable	5
Selection-Based Arrangement (3 Cities)	5
Comparison Puzzle (6 persons)	3
Blood Relation (3 Generation)	3
Direction	3
Inequality (comma/non-comma based)	3
Pair Formation	1
Meaningful Word	1
Odd One Out (4 letters)	1
Section Total	35

Quantitative Aptitude - Questions Asked

Quantitative Aptitude included approximation, missing number series, two DI sets and a sizeable arithmetic component. Some arithmetic sub-topic counts varied across candidate recalls.

Topic	Reported Questions
Approximation	5
Missing Number Series	5
Table Graph DI	5
Line Graph DI	5
Arithmetic	11-12
Partnership / Mixture & Alligation and other arithmetic	3-4 reported within recalls
Section Total	35

English Language - Questions Asked

English Language was reported as Moderate. Reading Comprehension and grammar/vocabulary questions formed the core of the section.

Topic	Reported Questions / Detail
Reading Comprehension	8-9 Modern town planning / disease-related theme
Cloze Test	5 Crops theme reported
Error Detection	5
Word Swap	3-4
Word Usage	2-3
Sentence Rearrangement	2-3
Word Replacement	2-3
Section Total	30

Key Takeaways for Upcoming Shifts

- Prioritise quick questions before lengthy puzzles or DI sets.
- Revise variable-based puzzles, seating arrangements, inequality and direction questions.
- Practise approximation, number series and arithmetic calculations under time pressure.
- For English, focus on RC, cloze test, error detection, word swap and vocabulary usage.
- Maintain accuracy. Good-attempt numbers are useful only when paired with a strong accuracy rate.

Exam Pattern Reminder

Section	Questions	Marks	Time
English Language	30	30	20 min
Quantitative Aptitude	35	30	20 min
Reasoning Ability	35	40	20 min
Total	100	100	60 min

Important: This is an unofficial memory-based exam analysis prepared for quick reference. Topic-wise question counts may show minor variation across candidate recalls. Candidates should use the official IBPS website for notifications, dates, call letters and results.

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