

# IBPS PO Prelims Shift 2 Exam Analysis 2026

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

| SHIFT 2 QUICK SUMMARY  |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Exam Time              | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM |
| Overall Difficulty     | Moderate            |
| Expected Good Attempts | 65-72               |

## IBPS PO Shift 2 Overview

The second shift of the IBPS PO Prelims 2026 on 22 August was conducted from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**, with reporting at **10:30 AM**. 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 2 Details        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Exam                   | IBPS PO Prelims 2026   |
| Exam Date              | 22 August 2026         |
| Reporting Time         | 10:30 AM               |
| Gate Closing Time      | 11:00 AM               |
| Exam Time              | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM    |
| 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   | 23-27         |
| Quantitative Aptitude | 35        | Moderate   | 18-20         |
| Reasoning Ability     | 35        | Moderate   | 23-26         |
| Overall               | 100       | Moderate   | 65-72         |

## Reasoning Ability - Questions Asked

Reasoning was puzzle-heavy. Candidate recall reported multiple variable-based arrangements along with coding, syllogism, inequality and blood relation questions.

| Topic                                                                    | Reported Questions |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Floor-Based Puzzle (6 Floors + Dessert Variable)                         | 5                  |
| Month + Date Puzzle (April, May, June; dates 13 & 26 + Cuisine Variable) | 5                  |
| Selection-Based Arrangement (3 Countries)                                | 5                  |
| Circular Seating Arrangement (Inside/Outside)                            | 5                  |
| Syllogism (3 statements, 2 conclusions reported)                         | 2                  |
| Inequality (comma-based format reported)                                 | 3                  |
| Blood Relation (3 Generation)                                            | 3                  |
| Chinese Coding                                                           | Around 4-5         |
| Pair Formation                                                           | 1                  |
| Word-Based Question                                                      | 1                  |
| Meaningful Word                                                          | 1                  |
| Section Total                                                            | 35                 |

## Quantitative Aptitude - Questions Asked

Quantitative Aptitude included three Data Interpretation formats, approximation, wrong number series and a sizeable arithmetic component. Some memory-based sources show minor variation in the exact breakup of a few questions.

| Topic                                | Reported Questions |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Caselet DI - Table Based             | 3                  |
| Table Data Interpretation            | 6                  |
| Double Line Graph DI                 | 6                  |
| Approximation                        | 4                  |
| Wrong Number Series                  | 3                  |
| Arithmetic                           | 11                 |
| Other Reported Calculation Questions | 2                  |
| Section Total                        | 35                 |

## English Language - Questions Asked

English Language was reported around the Moderate level. Reading Comprehension, grammar and vocabulary-based questions formed the core of the section.

| Topic                 | Reported Questions / Detail                                                  |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reading Comprehension | 10   Pandemic research theme; synonym/antonym and filler-type items reported |
| Error Detection       | 3   2 incorrect, 1 correct pattern                                           |
| Word Swap             | 4                                                                            |
| Word Usage            | 1   "Graze" reported                                                         |
| Phrase Replacement    | 4                                                                            |
| Double Fillers        | 3                                                                            |
| Para Jumble           | 5   6 sentences                                                              |
| Section Total         | 30                                                                           |

## Key Takeaways for Upcoming Shifts

- Prioritise quick questions before lengthy puzzles or DI sets.
- Revise variable-based floor, month-date, selection and circular seating puzzles.
- Practise table DI, line graph DI, approximation, number series and arithmetic under time pressure.
- For English, focus on RC, error detection, word swap, phrase replacement and fillers.
- 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, puzzle variables and section-wise good-attempt estimates may show minor variation across candidate recalls. Candidates should use the official IBPS website for notifications, dates, call letters and results.

**ExamTune:** <https://blog.examtune.com/ibps-po-exam-analysis/>

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