



SBI Clerk Exam Analysis 2026

Prelims Shift Review, Questions & Attempts

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for the Preliminary Examination being conducted on 26 and 27 September is available here with the latest shift-wise review, difficulty level, good attempts and questions reported by candidates. The 26 September Shift 1 examination has concluded, and initial candidate feedback places the overall paper in the

Easy to Moderate

range. Detailed topic-wise question counts should be treated as provisional until sufficient candidate feedback is available.

Latest Update – 26 September 2026: SBI Clerk Prelims Shift 1 has concluded. Initial feedback indicates an Easy to Moderate paper. This page is being updated shift by shift. Good attempts and topic-wise question counts mentioned on exam-analysis pages are based on candidate feedback and are not official SBI cut-off figures.

SBI Clerk Exam Analysis 2026: Quick Highlights

Particular	Details
Exam	SBI Clerk Prelims 2026
Post	Junior Associate (Customer Support & Sales)
Recruiting Organisation	State Bank of India
Regular Recruitment Advertisement	CRPD/CR/2026-27/17
Exam Dates	26 and 27 September 2026
Mode	Online
Total Questions	100
Total Marks	100
Duration	60 Minutes
Sections	English Language, Numerical Ability and Reasoning Ability
26 September Shift 1 Level	Easy to Moderate – based on initial candidate feedback

Important:

The 26–27 September regular SBI Clerk examination should not be confused with the separate Junior Associate Special Recruitment Drive for backlog vacancies whose preliminary examination was held earlier in September.

SBI Clerk Prelims Exam Analysis 2026 – Shift-Wise Live Status

The table below tracks the regular SBI Clerk Prelims examination. Detailed analysis should be added only after sufficient candidate feedback is received for the respective shift.

Date	Shift	Status	Difficulty Level
26 September 2026	Shift 1	Completed	Easy to Moderate – Initial Feedback
26 September 2026	Shift 2	Awaited	To Be Updated
26 September 2026	Shift 3	Awaited	To Be Updated
26 September 2026	Shift 4	Awaited	To Be Updated
27 September 2026	Shift 1	Upcoming	To Be Updated
27 September 2026	Shift 2	Upcoming	To Be Updated
27 September 2026	Shift 3	Upcoming	To Be Updated
27 September 2026	Shift 4	Upcoming	To Be Updated

SBI Clerk Exam Analysis 2026: 26 September Shift 1

The SBI Clerk Prelims Shift 1 examination on 26 September has concluded. Based on the initial feedback available after the examination, the overall paper was reported to be

Easy to Moderate

. Candidates should remember that difficulty is subjective and can vary according to preparation level, question selection and accuracy. Exact topic-wise question counts and good-attempt figures should be updated only after multiple candidate responses are available. This prevents early estimates from being presented as confirmed exam data.

SBI Clerk Prelims Shift 1 Difficulty Level

Section	Difficulty Level
English Language	Detailed feedback being compiled
Numerical Ability	Detailed feedback being compiled
Reasoning Ability	Detailed feedback being compiled
Overall	Easy to Moderate – Initial Feedback

SBI Clerk Prelims Good Attempts 2026

Good attempts are not an official SBI figure.

They are estimates prepared from candidate feedback after considering the paper level and the number of questions students report attempting accurately.

Section	Total Questions	26 Sept Shift 1 Good Attempts
English Language	30	Being Updated
Numerical Ability	35	Being Updated
Reasoning Ability	35	Being Updated
Overall	100	Being Updated

Important Note: Do not treat a “good attempts” range as the SBI Clerk cut-off. Final performance depends on correct answers, incorrect answers, negative marking and the applicable recruitment process.

SBI Clerk Questions Asked 2026 – Shift 1

The questions reported from Shift 1 are being compiled from candidate feedback. Instead of publishing unverified memory-based counts immediately after the examination, this section should be updated when multiple responses confirm the topic distribution.

SBI Clerk Reasoning Ability Analysis 2026

Reasoning Ability contains

35 questions for 35 marks

with a sectional time limit of 20 minutes. The confirmed Shift 1 topic-wise distribution will be updated here after verification.

Topic	Questions Asked
Puzzles & Seating Arrangement	Being Verified
Syllogism	Being Verified
Inequality	Being Verified
Series / Alphanumeric Series	Being Verified
Direction / Blood Relation	Being Verified
Miscellaneous	Being Verified
Total	35

SBI Clerk Numerical Ability Analysis 2026

Numerical Ability contains

35 questions for 35 marks

. Candidates get 20 minutes for this section. Exact Shift 1 topic counts will be added after the memory-based reports are sufficiently consistent.

Topic	Questions Asked
Simplification / Approximation	Being Verified
Data Interpretation	Being Verified
Arithmetic	Being Verified
Number-Based Questions	Being Verified
Other Topics	Being Verified
Total	35

ExamTune Expert Insight: Candidates appearing in later shifts should not change their complete Quant strategy because one earlier shift contained more questions from a particular topic. Use the analysis to identify the paper level, but continue prioritising quick calculations, familiar DI sets and arithmetic questions that can be solved accurately.

SBI Clerk English Language Analysis 2026

English Language contains

30 questions for 30 marks

with 20 minutes available for the section. The detailed Shift 1 distribution is being verified from candidate feedback.

Topic	Questions Asked
Reading Comprehension	Being Verified

Topic	Questions Asked
Error / Grammar-Based Questions	Being Verified
Fillers / Vocabulary	Being Verified
Sentence Arrangement / Para-Based Questions	Being Verified
Other Questions	Being Verified
Total	30

SBI Clerk Prelims Exam Pattern 2026

SBI Clerk Prelims contains 100 objective questions carrying 100 marks. Each of the three sections has a separate 20-minute timer.

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

There is a penalty for incorrect answers in the objective test. One-fourth of the marks assigned to a question is deducted for a wrong answer. Candidates should therefore compare attempts together with accuracy rather than looking only at the total number attempted.

How to Use SBI Clerk Shift Analysis for the Next Shift

Candidates appearing in a later shift should use the analysis as a trend indicator rather than a prediction of their exact paper. Different shifts can contain different question sets and may vary slightly in difficulty.

- Do not chase an attempt target at the cost of accuracy.
- Use the earlier shift to identify the broad paper level.
- Revise calculation techniques before Numerical Ability.
- Do not spend excessive time on one puzzle or DI set.
- Respect the separate sectional timer.
- Avoid changing your entire strategy immediately before the examination.

Good Attempts vs SBI Clerk Cut Off: Know the Difference

Good attempts and cut-off are not the same thing.

Good attempts are unofficial estimates based on candidate feedback. The cut-off is determined through the official recruitment process and is known only when SBI releases the relevant result/score information. A candidate attempting fewer questions with strong accuracy can score more than a candidate who attempts more questions but makes several errors because incorrect responses attract negative marking.

What After SBI Clerk Prelims 2026?

Candidates shortlisted after the Preliminary Examination move to the Main Examination. Prelims should therefore be treated as the screening stage. Candidates who have completed their examination should begin Mains preparation instead of waiting for the Prelims result. Mains preparation should include Quantitative Aptitude, Reasoning & Computer Aptitude, General English and General/Financial Awareness according to the applicable SBI exam pattern.

ExamTune Expert Advice After the Prelims

Write down the number of questions you attempted in each section immediately after the examination while the details are fresh. Do not repeatedly change your estimated score based on different websites' "safe attempt" ranges. Start Mains preparation and wait for official SBI updates for the result and cut-off.

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