

IBPS SO (Agricultural Field Officer) Exam-2015 Analysis

The Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) conducted **online examination**, for the recruitment of specialist Agriculture field Officers across the country on the January 15, 2015.

There were 200 questions in the paper, which had to be answered in 2 hours. There were four sections in all - Reasoning, English Language, Quantitative Aptitude, Professional knowledge. All the sections except the section on English Language were available bilingually, that is, both in English and in Hindi. Each question had 5 options. One-fourth or 0.25 marks will be deducted for every incorrect answer.

The pattern of the test was as follows:

Section	Total Questions	Max. Marks	Level of Difficulty	Good Attempts	Good Score	Approximate Time Taken (In Minutes)
Reasoning	50	50	Easy to Moderate	32-35	28-32	40 minutes
English Language	50	25	Easy	26-30	12-14	25 minutes
Quantitative Aptitude	50	50	Moderate – High	23-25	20-22	40 minutes
Professional knowledge	50	75	Moderate	22-25	30-34	15 minutes
Total	200	200		105-115	90-105	120

Expected Cutoffs

Subject	General	OBC	SC	ST
Reasoning (out of 50)	12-15	9-12	6-9	6-9
English Language (out of 25)	4-6	3-6	3-6	3-6
Quantitative Aptitude (out of 50)	8-12	6-9	4-6	4-6
Professional knowledge (out of 75)	12-15	6-8	6-8	6-8
Overall cutoff on total score (Out of 200)	75-85	70-80	59-64	42-48

The details of the individual sections are given below:

Reasoning

This section primarily saw questions that were easy to moderate in terms of difficulty. A student should have attempted at least 32-35 questions. Some of the questions were time consuming. There were questions on, Sitting Arrangements (Linear and circular), Directions, Blood Relation, Input-Output, Mathematical Inequality, Statement-Conclusions and Syllogisms. One of the CRs.

Topic	Number of questions
Circular Arrangements	6
Sitting Arrangements (Linear)	6
Height Arrangements	5
Distribution Arrangements	6
Directions	2
Blood relation	3
Input-Output	5
Mathematical Inequality	5
Syllogisms	6
CR	6

Quantitative Aptitude

This section saw pretty difficult questions. The questions were based on Comparing Quantity, Work and Time, Mixtures and Allegations, DS, Puzzle, Percentage, DI-Table, Pie Chart and Line Graph, Time, Speed & Distance, Geometry, Mensuration, Number Series (Odd One Out), Simple and Compound Interest, Algebraic Equation.

Topic	Number of questions
Comparison of Variables	5
Data Interpretation - Pie Chart +table	5
Data Interpretation - Line Graph	5
Data Interpretation – Table	5
Number Series (Missing term)	5
Approximation	5
Data Interpretation – Case Let	5
Data Sufficiency	5
Simple/Compound Interest	1
Work & Time	2
Time, Speed and Distance	2
Geometry and Mensuration	2
Mixtures and Allegations	2
Percentage	1

English Language

The overall difficulty level of this section was easy. There were questions on Para jumbles, Sentence Correction, RC and Cloze Test. Although the cloze test was a difficult read, the words to be filled in the blank were very quiet easy. RC's had a lot of vocab based questions. In order to save time, one could have attempted only the vocab based questions and not read the whole passage.

Topic	Number of questions
Reading Comprehensions	20 (2 sets)
Para jumbles	5
Cloze Test	10
Sentence Correction	5
Fill ups	10

Professional knowledge

In general, the difficulty level of this section was moderate. In this section most of questions were one liner. The paper was mostly dominated by topics like Variety/breed of crops and poultry, Different types of tillage and equipment used in tillage, Types of cultivation, name of the science for the growth of different types of crops, Types of irrigation and its advantages, Poultry and crop diseases, soil erosion, and government bodies related to agriculture.

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