

IBPS PO 2026 Prelims Memory Based Paper

(August 22, 2026) (Shift 1)

Reasoning Ability

Directions (1-5): Read the given information carefully and answer the related questions:

Six boxes A, B, C, D, E, and F are placed one above another, not necessarily in the same order. Each box contains a different item, namely Serum, Gel, Oil, Comb, Mirror, and Lipstick, but not necessarily in the same order. The topmost box contains Comb.

Box F is placed immediately above the box containing Lipstick.

Two boxes are placed between the box containing Lipstick and Box A.

Box A is not placed at the topmost position.

The box containing Serum is placed immediately below Box A.

Only one box is placed between the box containing Serum and Box B.

Box C contains Gel and is placed somewhere below Box B.

Three boxes are placed between Box C and the box containing Oil.

Box E is placed above Box D but not immediately above it.

Box E does not contain Oil. Box D does not contain Mirror.

Ques. 1. Which box is placed at the topmost position?

- (a) Box E
- (b) Box containing Oil
- (c) Box B
- (d) Box F
- (e) Box containing Gel

Correct Option - c

Ques. 2. How many boxes are placed between Box A and the box containing Gel?

- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) Four
- (e) None

Correct Option - c

Ques. 3. Which item is contained in Box F?

- (a) Serum
- (b) Mirror
- (c) Comb
- (d) Oil
- (e) Lipstick

Correct Option - b

Ques. 4. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and thus form a group. Which one does not belong to that group?

- (a) B - Oil
- (b) A - Serum
- (c) E - Mirror
- (d) F - Gel
- (e) F - Lipstick

Correct Option - d

Ques. 5. Which of the following statements is true regarding the given arrangement?

- (a) Box D contains Serum
- (b) Box E is immediately above Box F
- (c) Box A is at the 4th position from the bottom
- (d) Box C is immediately below Box D
- (e) Two boxes are placed between Box B and Box E

Correct Option - b

Directions (6-7): In these questions, the relationship between different elements is shown in the statements. The statements are followed by two conclusions. Read the statements and give the answer.

Ques. 6. Statements: $P > Q \geq R = S < T \leq U$; $V = Q \leq W$

Conclusions:

- I. $W > S$
- II. $U > R$
- (a) Only conclusion I is true
- (b) Only conclusion II is true
- (c) Both conclusions I and II are true
- (d) Either conclusion I or II is true
- (e) Neither conclusion I nor II is true

Correct Option - b

Ques. 7. Statements: $A < B \leq C = D$; $E \geq C < F$

Conclusions:

I. $E \geq A$

II. $F > B$

- (a) Only conclusion I is true
- (b) Only conclusion II is true
- (c) Both conclusions I and II are true
- (d) Either conclusion I or II is true
- (e) Neither conclusion I nor II is true

Correct Option - b

Quantitative Aptitude

Directions (8-10): What will come in the place of the question mark (?) in the following number series?

Ques. 8. 5, 4, 6, 15, 56, ?

- (a) 265
- (b) 270
- (c) 275
- (d) 280
- (e) 285

Correct Option - c

Ques. 9. 12, 14, 19, 29, 46, 74, ?

- (a) 105
- (b) 110
- (c) 115
- (d) 120
- (e) 125

Correct Option - c

Ques. 10. 10, 14, 30, 66, 130, ?

- (a) 210
- (b) 220
- (c) 230
- (d) 240

(e) 250

Correct Option - c

Ques. 11. Ram and Shyam started a business. Ram invested Rs. 15000 for 12 months. Shyam invested a certain amount for 9 months. If at the end of the year, Shyam's profit share is Rs. 12000 out of a total profit of Rs. 32000, find Shyam's investment.

(a) Rs. 10000

(b) Rs. 12000

(c) Rs. 15000

(d) Rs. 18000

(e) Rs. 20000

Correct Option - b

Ques. 12. A boat's speed in still water is 20 km/hr. It takes 18 minutes to travel a certain distance upstream, and 12 minutes to travel the same distance downstream. Find the speed of the stream.

(a) 2 km/hr

(b) 3 km/hr

(c) 4 km/hr

(d) 5 km/hr

(e) 6 km/hr

Correct Option - c

Directions (13-14): In the following questions, two quantities (Quantity I and Quantity II) are given. You have to evaluate both the quantities and establish the correct relationship between them.

Ques. 13. A 2-digit number has its unit digit greater than its tens digit by 4. The product of the digits is 45.

Quantity I: The 2-digit number.

Quantity II: 65

(a) Quantity I > Quantity II

(b) Quantity I < Quantity II

(c) Quantity I $\geq$ Quantity II

(d) Quantity I $\leq$ Quantity II

(e) Quantity I = Quantity II or No relation can be established

Correct Option - b

Ques. 14. The cost price of Item A and Item B together is Rs. 700. Both are marked up by 60% above their cost prices. The marked price of Item B is Rs. 160 less than the marked price of

Item A.

Quantity I: The Marked price of Item A.

Quantity II: 600

- (a) Quantity I > Quantity II
- (b) Quantity I < Quantity II
- (c) Quantity I $\geq$ Quantity II
- (d) Quantity I $\leq$ Quantity II
- (e) Quantity I = Quantity II or No relation can be established

Correct Option - a

English Language

Ques. 15. In the following question, a word is given followed by three sentences that use that word. Identify the sentence(s) in which the word "FOIL" has been used correctly.

- I. The police were able to foil the bank robbery before it even began.
- II. She carefully wrapped the leftover pizza in aluminum foil.
- III. His calm demeanor acted as a perfect foil to her erratic and anxious behavior.

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Both II and III
- (e) All I, II, and III

Correct Option - e

Ques. 16. In the following question, a word is given followed by three sentences that use that word. Identify the sentence(s) in which the word "MOOT" has been used correctly.

- I. The point became completely moot once the controversial contract was cancelled.
- II. The cow let out a loud moot in the barn as the farmer approached.
- III. The committee decided to moot the new healthcare proposal at the next board meeting.

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only III
- (c) Both I and III
- (d) Both II and III
- (e) All I, II, and III

Correct Option - c

Directions (17-18): Rearrange the following parts of the sentence (A, B, C, and D) to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence.

Ques. 17.

- (A) to ensure that the rural population
- (B) the government has launched several schemes
- (C) is not left behind in the digital payments revolution
- (D) over the last few years
- (a) BACD
- (b) DBAC
- (c) BCDA
- (d) ADBC
- (e) CBAD

Correct Option - b

Ques. 18.

- (A) the new medical treatment protocol
- (B) by traditional practitioners
- (C) has been heavily criticized
- (D) despite showing promising results
- (a) ADCB
- (b) CDBA
- (c) DACB
- (d) BCDA
- (e) ABDC

Correct Option - c

Directions (19-20): In the following questions, a few sentences are given. Identify the sentences that are grammatically and contextually INCORRECT.

Ques. 19.

- (a) The introduction of digital payments have transformed the retail economy.
- (b) She is one of the brightest students in the entire class.
- (c) Hard work and dedication are essential for long-term success.
- (d) Neither the manager nor the employees were aware of the recent policy change.
- (e) All are correct

Correct Option - a

Ques. 20.

- (a) The committee has issued its final report on the fraud incident.
- (b) There is a lot of misinformations spreading on social media regarding the scheme.
- (c) Scammers often target vulnerable individuals who are new to technology.
- (d) The bank immediately refunded the disputed amount to the customer's account.

(e) All are correct

Correct Option - b

