

IBPS SO Prelims Memory-Based Paper (Aug 29, 2026) (Shift 2)

Section 1: Quantitative Aptitude

Directions (Q. 1 - 5): What will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following number series?

Q1. 12, 12, 24, 72, 288, ?

- A. 1440
- B. 1560
- C. 1280
- D. 1152
- E. 1340

Q2. 10, 14, 23, 39, 64, ?

- A. 81
- B. 95
- C. 100
- D. 121
- E. 105

Q3. 100, 98, 93, 83, 66, ?

- A. 35
- B. 40
- C. 42
- D. 45
- E. 50

Q4. 5, 6, 14, 45, 184, ?

- A. 915
- B. 920
- C. 925
- D. 930
- E. 945

Q5. 50, 75, 175, 400, 800, ?

- A. 1400
- B. 1425
- C. 1450
- D. 1525
- E. 1600

Directions (Q. 6 - 10): What approximate value should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following equations? (You are not expected to calculate the exact value).

Q6. $23.99 \times 14.98 + 34.02 \times 9.99 = ?$

- A. 580
- B. 620
- C. 700
- D. 740
- E. 810

Q7. $\sqrt{1023.99} \times 12.01 + 45.05 = ?$

- A. 389
- B. 405
- C. 429
- D. 450
- E. 475

Q8. $(4.99)^3 + \frac{(9.98)^2}{4.99} = ?$

- A. 125
- B. 135
- C. 145
- D. 155
- E. 165

Q9. $\frac{119.99}{3.99} + 59.99 \times 3.01 = ?$

- A. 190
- B. 210
- C. 230
- D. 250
- E. 270

Q10. $34.99\% \text{ of } 399.98 + \sqrt{224.99} = ?$

- A. 125
- B. 140
- C. 155
- D. 170
- E. 185

Directions (Q. 11 - 15): Study the following table carefully and answer the questions given below. The table shows the production of two items A and B (in hundreds) by a company in four different months.

Month	Item A	Item B
-------	--------	--------

<i>January</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>150</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>140</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>220</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>190</i>

Q11. What is the ratio of the production of Item A in January to the production of Item B in April?

- A. 11:15
- B. 12:19
- C. 13:17
- D. 14:19
- E. 15:19

Q12. What is the average production of Item A over all the given months?

- A. 145
- B. 155
- C. 160
- D. 165
- E. 175

Q13. The production of Item B in March is approximately what percent more than the production of Item A in January?

- A. 75.5%
- B. 80%
- C. 83.33%
- D. 88%
- E. 92%

Q14. The total production of both items in February is what percent of the total production of both items in March?

- A. 76.19%
- B. 78.5%
- C. 81.25%
- D. 84.4%
- E. 88.8%

Q15. What is the difference between the total production of Item A and the total production of Item B across all four months?

- A. 20
- B. 30
- C. 40
- D. 50
- E. 60

Directions (Q. 16 - 17): Read the following Caselet DI carefully and answer the questions.

In a class of 100 students, the ratio of boys to girls is 3:2. Out of the total boys, 40% play cricket. Out of the total girls, 50% play cricket. Each student either plays cricket or does not play cricket.

Q16. Find the ratio of the number of boys who do not play cricket to the number of girls who play cricket.

- A. 7:4
- B. 8:5
- C. 9:5
- D. 9:7
- E. 11:6

Q17. The total number of students who do not play cricket is what percent of the total number of students in the class?

- A. 44%
- B. 52%
- C. 56%
- D. 60%
- E. 64%

Directions (Q. 18 - 24): Arithmetic Word Problems.

Q18. A boat can travel 60 km downstream in 3 hours and 40 km upstream in 4 hours. What is the speed of the stream?

- A. 4 km/hr
- B. 5 km/hr
- C. 6 km/hr
- D. 8 km/hr
- E. 10 km/hr

Q19. P and Q started a business investing Rs. 4000 and Rs. 6000 respectively. After 6 months, R joined them with an investment of Rs. 8000. If the total profit at the end of the year is Rs. 14000, find the profit share of Q.

- A. Rs. 4000
- B. Rs. 5000
- C. Rs. 6000
- D. Rs. 7000
- E. Rs. 8000

Q20. A shopkeeper sells an article at a 20% profit. If he had bought it at 10% less and sold it for Rs. 18 less, he would have gained 30%. Find the original cost price of the article.

- A. Rs. 400
- B. Rs. 500
- C. Rs. 600
- D. Rs. 750
- E. Rs. 800

Q21. The radius of the base of a cylinder is equal to the side of a square whose area is 196 sq. cm. If the height of the cylinder is 10 cm, find the volume of the cylinder. (Take $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$)

- A. 5840 cm³
- B. 6160 cm³
- C. 6280 cm³
- D. 6420 cm³
- E. 6800 cm³

Q22. A train running at a speed of 72 km/hr crosses a vertical pole in 15 seconds. How much time will it take to cross a platform 200 meters long?

- A. 20 seconds
- B. 22 seconds
- C. 25 seconds
- D. 28 seconds
- E. 30 seconds

Q23. A can complete a piece of work in 20 days, and B can complete the same work in 30 days. They start working together, but A leaves after 6 days. In how many days will B complete the remaining work alone?

- A. 10 days
- B. 12 days
- C. 15 days
- D. 18 days
- E. 20 days

Q24. A sum of money invested at simple interest amounts to Rs. 7200 in 2 years and Rs. 8700 in 5 years. Find the principal sum.

- A. Rs. 5000
- B. Rs. 5500
- C. Rs. 6000
- D. Rs. 6200
- E. Rs. 6500

Section 2: Reasoning Ability

Directions (Q. 25 - 29): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Seven persons P, Q, R, S, T, U, and V are sitting in a straight line. Some of them are facing North and some are facing South. Not more than two adjacent persons face the same direction. S sits third to the right of P. P faces North. Only two persons sit between S and V. R sits to the immediate right of V. T sits second to the left of R. Both T and R face the same direction. Q sits at one of the extreme ends of the line. U sits to the immediate right of Q. U faces South. V is not an immediate neighbour of P.

Q25. Who among the following sits third to the right of T?

- A. P
- B. U
- C. V
- D. S
- E. None of these

Q26. How many persons in the given arrangement face North?

- A. Two
- B. Three
- C. Four
- D. Five
- E. Cannot be determined

Q27. What is the position of R with respect to U?

- A. Third to the left
- B. Second to the right
- C. Fourth to the left
- D. Third to the right
- E. Immediate right

Q28. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on their seating positions and thus form a group. Which one does not belong to the group?

- A. Q
- B. S
- C. V
- D. R
- E. P

Q29. Which of the following statements is true regarding V?

- A. V sits at one of the extreme ends of the line.
- B. V faces the South direction.
- C. Only two persons sit between V and P.
- D. T is an immediate neighbour of V.
- E. None of the given statements is true.

Directions (Q. 30 - 34): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Seven people A, B, C, D, E, F, and G live on seven different floors of a building but not necessarily in the same order. The lowermost floor is numbered 1, the floor above it is numbered 2, and so on until the topmost floor is numbered 7. Each of them likes a different color: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Black, White, and Pink.

A lives on an odd-numbered floor but not on floor number 3. The one who likes Yellow lives immediately above A. Only two people live between D and the one who likes Yellow. The one who likes Pink lives on one of the odd-numbered floors above D. Only three people live between C and the one who likes Pink. The one who likes Blue lives immediately above C. F likes White and lives on an even-numbered floor. G lives immediately below E. E does not like Yellow. The one who likes Green lives immediately above the one who likes Black. B does not like Green.

Q30. Who among the following lives on the topmost floor (Floor 7)?

- A. The one who likes Pink
- B. A
- C. The one who likes Blue
- D. E
- E. C

Q31. Which color does G like?

- A. Red
- B. Green
- C. Black
- D. Blue
- E. Pink

Q32. How many people live between B and the one who likes White?

- A. None
- B. One
- C. Two
- D. Three
- E. More than three

Q33. Four of the following five are alike based on the given arrangement. Which one does not belong to the group?

- A. A - Red
- B. D - White
- C. E - Pink
- D. C - Black
- E. B - Blue

Q34. On which floor does the one who likes Green live?

- A. Floor 1
- B. Floor 3
- C. Floor 5
- D. Floor 4
- E. Floor 2

Directions (Q. 35 - 39): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Six boxes labeled U, V, W, X, Y, and Z are placed one above another in a stack but not necessarily in the same order.

Box W is placed immediately above Box Y. Only two boxes are placed between Box Y and Box U. Box X is placed above Box U but not immediately above. Only one box is placed between Box X and Box V. Box Z is placed below Box V. Box U is not placed at the bottommost position.

Q35. Which box is placed at the topmost position?

- A. W
- B. X
- C. V
- D. Y
- E. U

Q36. How many boxes are placed between Box W and Box Z?

- A. None
- B. One
- C. Two
- D. Three
- E. Four

Q37. Which of the following boxes is placed immediately below Box X?

- A. U
- B. W
- C. V
- D. Y
- E. Z

Q38. What is the position of Box V with respect to Box Y?

- A. Immediately above
- B. Immediately below
- C. Second above
- D. Second below
- E. Third above

Q39. If Box U is related to Box W, and Box V is related to Box Y in a certain way, then following the same pattern, Box X is related to which box?

- A. U
- B. V
- C. Y
- D. Z
- E. None of these

Directions (Q. 40 - 42): In each of the questions below, some statements are given followed by two conclusions. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements.

Q40. Statements:

Only a few Laptops are Computers.

All Computers are Mobiles.

No Mobile is a Tablet.

Conclusions:

I. Some Laptops are Tablets.

II. All Laptops being Computers is a possibility.

- A. Only Conclusion I follows
- B. Only Conclusion II follows
- C. Either Conclusion I or II follows
- D. Neither Conclusion I nor II follows
- E. Both Conclusions I and II follow

Q41. Statements:

Only a few Rivers are Lakes.

Some Lakes are Oceans.

All Oceans are Seas.

Conclusions:

I. Some Rivers are not Lakes.

II. Some Seas are Lakes.

- A. Only Conclusion I follows
- B. Only Conclusion II follows
- C. Either Conclusion I or II follows
- D. Neither Conclusion I nor II follows
- E. Both Conclusions I and II follow

Q42. Statements:**No Pen is a Pencil.****Only a few Pencils are Erasers.****All Erasers are Markers.****Conclusions:****I. Some Pencils are Markers.****II. All Markers can never be Pens.**

- A. Only Conclusion I follows
- B. Only Conclusion II follows
- C. Either Conclusion I or II follows
- D. Neither Conclusion I nor II follows
- E. Both Conclusions I and II follow

Directions (Q. 43 - 45): In these questions, the relationship between different elements is shown in the statements. The statements are followed by two conclusions. Find out which conclusion is true.

Q43. Statements: $A > B \geq C = D < E \leq F$ **Conclusions:****I. $A > D$** **II. $B \geq E$**

- A. Only Conclusion I follows
- B. Only Conclusion II follows
- C. Either Conclusion I or II follows
- D. Neither Conclusion I nor II follows
- E. Both Conclusions I and II follow

Q44. Statements: $P \leq Q = R > S \geq T > U$

Conclusions:

- I. $P \leq R$
- II. $R > T$

- A. Only Conclusion I follows
- B. Only Conclusion II follows
- C. Either Conclusion I or II follows
- D. Neither Conclusion I nor II follows
- E. Both Conclusions I and II follow

Q45. Statements: $M = N < O \leq P > Q \geq R$

Conclusions:

- I. $M < P$
- II. $P > N$

- A. Only Conclusion I follows
- B. Only Conclusion II follows
- C. Either Conclusion I or II follows
- D. Neither Conclusion I nor II follows
- E. Both Conclusions I and II follow

Directions (Q. 46 - 48): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Point A is 8m North of Point B. Point C is 12m East of Point B. Point D is 5m South of Point C. Point E is 8m West of Point D. Point F is 4m North of Point E.

Q46. What is the shortest distance between Point A and Point C?

- A. $\sqrt{144}$ m
- B. $\sqrt{164}$ m
- C. $\sqrt{208}$ m
- D. 15 m
- E. 20 m

Q47. In which direction is Point F with respect to Point B?

- A. North-West
- B. North-East
- C. South-West
- D. South-East
- E. East

Q48. What is the distance between Point B and Point E?

- A. $\sqrt{41}$ m
- B. $\sqrt{34}$ m
- C. 5 m
- D. 8 m
- E. Cannot be determined

Q49. How many such pairs of letters are there in the word "COMPUTERS" each of which has as many letters between them in the word as in the English alphabetical series (in both forward and backward directions)?

- A. None
- B. One
- C. Two
- D. Three
- E. More than three

Section 3: English Language

Directions (Q. 50 - 54): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

The rise of self-employment and the gig economy has radically transformed the modern labor market. For many, self-employment offers unprecedented flexibility, the autonomy to choose projects, and a departure from the rigid 9-to-5 corporate structure. Freelancers, independent contractors, and small business owners often cite the ability to balance personal and professional life as a primary motivator.

However, this shift is not without significant hurdles. The most pressing challenge is the precarious nature of income. Unlike traditional salaried employees, self-employed individuals do not receive standard benefits such as paid leave, health insurance, or employer-sponsored retirement plans. Furthermore, they are often subjected to fluctuating market demands, leading to periods of financial instability. While policymakers debate over new labor classifications to protect gig workers, the fundamental reality remains: self-employment requires a high degree of financial discipline and resilience. The transition to an independent workforce signals a need for innovative social safety nets designed to support those outside traditional employment paradigms.

Q50. Which of the following best describes the central theme of the passage?

- A. The inevitable collapse of the traditional 9-to-5 corporate structure.
- B. The legal battles surrounding gig worker classifications.
- C. The dual nature of self-employment, encompassing both distinct benefits and structural challenges.
- D. The financial strategies required to become a successful freelancer.
- E. How policymakers are failing the modern workforce.

Q51. According to the passage, which of the following is considered a major challenge for self-employed individuals?

- A. Inability to choose compelling projects.
- B. Lack of autonomy in daily scheduling.
- C. Absence of traditional employment benefits like paid leave and health insurance.
- D. Excessive corporate supervision.
- E. Over-regulation by state policymakers.

Q52. Which of the following is most nearly synonymous with the word "autonomy" as used in the passage?

- A. Dependence
- B. Independence
- C. Coercion
- D. Compliance
- E. Subordination

Q53. Choose the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word "precarious" as used in the passage.

- A. Dangerous
- B. Uncertain
- C. Secure
- D. Erratic
- E. Unpredictable

Q54. What does the author suggest is necessary due to the rise of the independent workforce?

- A. A complete ban on temporary contractual jobs.
- B. Mandatory corporate jobs for all independent contractors.
- C. Innovative social safety nets tailored for non-traditional workers.
- D. Higher tax rates for freelancers to fund national health care.
- E. Stricter working hours for self-employed professionals.

Directions (Q. 55 - 59): In each of the following sentences, a blank is given indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the word that best fits in the blank making the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful.

Q55. The committee decided to _____ the meeting until all crucial members were present.

- A. adjourn
- B. commence
- C. hasten
- D. facilitate
- E. convene

Q56. The manager hopes that the new performance incentives will _____ a significant improvement in overall sales.

- A. bring down
- B. bring up
- C. bring about
- D. bring off
- E. bring round

Q57. Despite facing numerous setbacks during the initial phase, the team remained _____ and successfully completed the project.

- A. pessimistic
- B. indifferent
- C. vulnerable
- D. resilient
- E. apathetic

Q58. The sudden hike in fuel prices has severely _____ the budget of the common man.

- A. augmented
- B. impacted
- C. elevated
- D. soothed
- E. liberated

Q59. The government is planning to _____ strict laws against cyberbullying to protect young netizens.

- A. abolish
- B. repeal
- C. enact
- D. relinquish
- E. surrender

Directions (Q. 60 - 64): In the following questions, a sentence is given with a phrase highlighted in bold. Select the option that can replace the bold phrase to make the sentence

grammatically correct. If the sentence is correct as it is, select "No correction required"

Q60. She is playing the piano since she was five years old.

- A. was playing
- B. has been playing
- C. had played
- D. will be playing
- E. No correction required

Q61. The jury have submitted its final verdict to the honorable judge.

- A. has submitted
- B. are submitting
- C. has been submitted
- D. were submitted
- E. No correction required

Q62. Scarcely had he entered the room than the lights went out.

- A. then the lights
- B. when the lights
- C. and the lights
- D. but the lights
- E. No correction required

Q63. If he would have worked harder, he would have passed the examination.

- A. had worked
- B. has worked
- C. worked
- D. was working
- E. No correction required

Q64. Neither the students nor the teacher were aware of the new guidelines.

- A. are aware
- B. was aware
- C. has aware
- D. have aware
- E. No correction required

Directions (Q. 65 - 66): Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (E).

Q65. The number of attendees (A) / at the annual conference (B) / were surprisingly low this year (C) / due to the pandemic (D) / No Error (E).

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. E

Q66. The manager, as well as (A) / his subordinate staff members, (B) / are expected to attend (C) / the mandatory training session (D) / No Error (E).

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. E

Directions (Q. 67 - 71): In each sentence below, four words have been printed in bold. One of these words may be misspelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the incorrectly spelt or inappropriate word. If all words are correct, choose 'All correct'.

Q67. The young entrepreneur (A) had a magnificent (B) vision for the futuristic (C) accomodation (D).

- A. entrepreneur
- B. magnificent
- C. futuristic
- D. accomodation
- E. All correct

Q68. He received a massive (A) compensation (B) from the company for his lifelong committment (C) and loyalty (D).

- A. massive
- B. compensation
- C. committment
- D. loyalty
- E. All correct

Q69. The committee (A) decided to postpone (B) the event due to the unforeseen (C) weather conditions (D).

- A. committee
- B. postpone
- C. unforeseen
- D. conditions
- E. All correct

Q70. Her performance (A) in the exhibition (B) was truly mesmerizing (C) and flawless (D).

- A. performance
- B. exhibition
- C. mesmerizing
- D. flawless
- E. All correct

Q71. It is a privilege (A) to work with such an intelligent (B) and dedicated (C) group of professionals (D).

- A. privilege
- B. intelligent
- C. dedicated
- D. professionals
- E. All correct

Directions (Q. 72 - 74): In each of the following sentences, four words are given in bold. These words may or may not be in their correct positions. You need to interchange the words to make the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful.

Q72. The environmental (A) growth of urbanization (B) has led to several rapid (C) challenges (D).

- A. A-B
- B. A-C
- C. B-D
- D. C-D
- E. No arrangement required

Q73. The government measures (A) announced strict authorities (B) to ensure the new implemented (C) were successfully guidelines (D).

- A. A-B only
- B. C-D only
- C. A-B and C-D
- D. A-C and B-D
- E. No arrangement required

Q74. The new technology (A) will significantly enhance (B) the overall productivity (C) of the manufacturing sector (D).

- A. A-C
- B. B-D
- C. A-D
- D. B-C
- E. No arrangement required

Section 4: General Awareness

Q75. Which of the following public sector banks has its headquarters situated in Chennai?

- A. Indian Bank
- B. Punjab National Bank
- C. Bank of Baroda
- D. Canara Bank
- E. State Bank of India

Q76. Which country is recognized as the world's largest archipelago by area and population?

- A. Philippines
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Maldives
- E. New Zealand

Q77. According to RBI guidelines, what is the minimum age for a minor to open and independently operate a savings bank account?

- A. 8 years
- B. 10 years
- C. 12 years
- D. 15 years
- E. 18 years

Q78. Who among the following holds the portfolio for the Ministry of Corporate Affairs in the Government of India?

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Nitin Gadkari
- E. S. Jaishankar

Q79. Which country's men's national football team won the FIFA World Cup 2022?

- A. France
- B. Argentina
- C. Brazil
- D. Croatia
- E. Morocco

Q80. Where is the headquarters of the International Energy Agency (IEA) located?

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Paris, France
- C. Vienna, Austria
- D. New York, USA
- E. London, UK

Q81. Which organization, responsible for issuing Aadhaar, recently rolled out a feature urging citizens to verify their mobile numbers and email IDs?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. NPCI
- C. UIDAI
- D. MeitY
- E. RBI

Q82. The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of which of the following organizations?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- C. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- D. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- E. State Bank of India (SBI)

Q83. Which film won the 'Best Feature Film' award at the 69th National Film Awards?

- A. RRR
- B. Gangubai Kathiawadi
- C. Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
- D. Sardar Udham
- E. Pushpa: The Rise

Q84. Dholavira, an archaeological site that recently received the UNESCO World Heritage tag, is located in which Indian state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Haryana
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Q85. Which Indian city is popularly known as the "White City" due to its numerous Rajput-style palaces made of white marble?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Jodhpur
- C. Jaisalmer
- D. Udaipur
- E. Bikaner

Q86. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), how many documents are officially classified as "Officially Valid Documents" (OVDs) for completing the KYC process?

- A. Four
- B. Five
- C. Six
- D. Seven
- E. Eight

Q87. What fraction of the members of the Rajya Sabha (Council of States) retire every second year?

- A. One-fourth
- B. One-third
- C. Half
- D. Two-thirds
- E. One-fifth

Q88. Which country successfully launched the world's first fleet of fully hydrogen-powered passenger trains?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Germany
- D. France
- E. India

Q89. The 'Dappu' dance, which is performed using a traditional percussion instrument, is a popular folk art form native to which state?

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Karnataka
- E. Odisha

Q90. Which of the following major rivers flows entirely within the borders of a single country (India)?

- A. Brahmaputra
- B. Indus
- C. Sutlej
- D. Godavari
- E. Koshi

Q91. Who is the author of the Man Booker International Prize-winning novel "The Vegetarian"?

- A. Haruki Murakami
- B. Han Kang
- C. Margaret Atwood
- D. Kazuo Ishiguro
- E. Orhan Pamuk

Q92. Shantanu Shukla was recently in the news for an appointment related to 'ISS'. What does ISS stand for in the context of Indian civil services?

- A. Indian Statistical Service
- B. Indian Space Service
- C. Indian Security Service
- D. Indian Soil Service
- E. Indian Social Service

Q93. United Nations Day is observed globally on which of the following dates?

- A. 24 September
- B. 24 October
- C. 10 December
- D. 21 June
- E. 5 June

Q94. Mahesh Dixit was recently appointed to a key leadership position in which of the following sectors?

- A. Banking and Finance
- B. Space Research
- C. Judiciary
- D. Sports Administration
- E. Entertainment

Q95. In banking and financial terminology under Basel III norms, what does the letter 'S' stand for in the abbreviation NSFR?

- A. Systemic
- B. Statutory
- C. Stable
- D. Standard
- E. Secure

Q96. Under the Priority Sector Lending (PSL) norms mandated by the RBI, what is the target percentage of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) that domestic commercial banks must direct towards Agriculture?

- A. 10%
- B. 12%
- C. 15%
- D. 18%
- E. 20%