

SBI PO Prelims Memory Based Question Paper PDF (Nov 01, 2023)

(Shift 1)

Directions (Q1–Q6):

Read the passage and fill each numbered blank with the most appropriate word from the options given.

Solar power, once considered too (A) for mass adoption, has become a viable alternative to fossil fuels. Before falling panel costs, rural electrification (B) slow and expensive. Government subsidies now (C) households to install rooftop panels affordably. This shift has (D) led to lower carbon emissions in several states. Consequently, energy access (E) in remote regions, and clean energy adoption is spreading more (F) than expected.

Q1. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?

- (a) reduced
- (b) revolutionised
- (c) ignored
- (d) copied
- (e) delayed

Q2. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?

- (a) dull
- (b) useless
- (c) remarkable
- (d) was
- (e) ordinary

Q3. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?

- (a) refused
- (b) forced
- (c) enables
- (d) prevented
- (e) delayed

Q4. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?

- (a) failure
- (b) mistake
- (c) gradually
- (d) tradition
- (e) innovation

Q5. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?

- (a) stopped
- (b) declined
- (c) vanished
- (d) fell
- (e) rose

Q6. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (F)?

- (a) widely
- (b) rarely
- (c) slowly
- (d) narrowly
- (e) hardly

Directions (Q7–Q11):

Each sentence is split into parts (A), (B), (C), (D). Identify the part that contains an error. If there is no error, mark (e).

Q7. (A) He is senior / (B) than me / (C) by four years / (D) in this department.

- (a) B
- (b) D
- (c) A
- (d) C
- (e) No error

Q8. (A) A large number of / (B) applicants was interviewed / (C) for the post of / (D) probationary officer.

- (a) No error
- (b) A
- (c) B
- (d) C
- (e) D

Q9. (A) The committee / (B) submitted their report / (C) to the finance ministry / (D) yesterday afternoon.

- (a) No error
- (b) D
- (c) A
- (d) C
- (e) B

Q10. (A) One of the most / (B) important policies / (C) announced by the RBI / (D) were welcomed widely.

- (a) No error
- (b) C
- (c) B
- (d) A
- (e) D

Q11. (A) The manager have / (B) approved the proposal / (C) submitted by the / (D) branch staff.

- (a) D
- (b) B
- (c) A
- (d) C
- (e) No error

Directions (Q12–Q15):

Choose the best replacement for the highlighted segment. If no change is needed, mark (e).

Q12. The scenery of the hills were breathtaking.

- (a) have been breathtaking
- (b) were breathtaken
- (c) are breathtaking
- (d) was breathtaking
- (e) No replacement required

Q13. She is more cleverer than her sister.

- (a) most clever
- (b) cleverer
- (c) cleverest
- (d) more clever than
- (e) No replacement required

Q14. He did not knew the answer to the question.

- (a) had not knew
- (b) did not known
- (c) does not knew
- (d) know
- (e) No replacement required

Q15. Each of the branches were audited last month.

- (a) are audited
- (b) No replacement required
- (c) had been audit
- (d) have been audited
- (e) was audited

Directions (Q16–Q23):

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Central banks across the world have spent the past two years walking a tightrope between taming inflation and avoiding a sharp economic slowdown.

In India, the Reserve Bank has largely succeeded in this balancing act, holding the policy repo rate steady through much of the year while inflation gradually eased towards its target band.

Food prices, particularly volatile vegetable costs, have remained the biggest swing factor in headline inflation readings, often overshadowing steadier trends in core inflation.

Meanwhile, robust services exports and resilient domestic consumption have helped cushion the economy against external headwinds such as weaker global demand.

Economists now expect a shift towards a more accommodative policy stance if inflation continues to cool, though they caution that any sudden spike in food prices could delay this shift.

Q16. What has the RBI largely succeeded in doing, as per the passage?

- (a) Ending food price volatility
- (b) Raising rates continuously
- (c) Reducing exports
- (d) Eliminating inflation completely
- (e) Balancing inflation control with growth

Q17. What is described as the biggest swing factor in headline inflation?

- (a) Interest rates
- (b) Vegetable/food prices
- (c) Core inflation
- (d) Services exports
- (e) Global demand

Q18. What has helped cushion the economy against external headwinds?

- (a) Falling exports
- (b) Weaker rupee
- (c) Higher imports
- (d) Robust services exports and domestic consumption
- (e) Rising food prices

Q19. What could delay a shift to an accommodative policy stance?

- (a) Rising exports
- (b) Lower interest rates
- (c) Stronger rupee
- (d) Falling global demand
- (e) A sudden spike in food prices

Q20. Choose the word most similar in meaning to 'accommodative' as used in the passage.

- (a) Restrictive
- (b) Neutral
- (c) Harsh
- (d) Aggressive
- (e) Supportive/flexible

Q21. Choose the word most similar in meaning to 'resilient' as used in the passage.

- (a) Fragile
- (b) Weak
- (c) Declining
- (d) Able to recover/withstand pressure
- (e) Unstable

Q22. Choose the word most opposite in meaning to 'volatile' as used in the passage.

- (a) Erratic
- (b) Fluctuating
- (c) Unpredictable
- (d) Stable
- (e) Unstable

Q23. Which best describes the overall tone of the passage?

- (a) Cautiously optimistic
- (b) Indifferent
- (c) Alarmed
- (d) Dismissive
- (e) Hostile

Directions (Q24–Q27):

Pick the pair of words that fits both blanks.

Q24. The government has ____ several measures to ____ the spread of the disease.

- (a) ignored / stop
- (b) introduced / curb
- (c) taken / increase
- (d) removed / spread
- (e) delayed / boost

Q25. The bank's ____ decision could ____ the way customers save money.

- (a) old / delay
- (b) landmark / transform
- (c) minor / stop
- (d) small / end
- (e) failed / ruin

Q26. The manager ____ the team for their ____ performance during the audit.

- (a) blamed / poor
- (b) ignored / bad
- (c) praised / outstanding
- (d) fired / great
- (e) scolded / weak

Q27. The RBI's ____ stance was seen as an attempt to ____ market volatility.

- (a) hawkish / reduce
- (b) aggressive / spread
- (c) careless / ignore
- (d) weak / boost
- (e) vague / increase

Directions (Q28–Q30):

Five sentences (A–E) form a paragraph on the given topic. Rearrange them in the correct order and answer the questions.

- A. India has signed rupee-settlement arrangements with a handful of trading partners.
- B. Analysts remain divided on how quickly this trend could reshape global trade finance.
- C. Cross-border trade settlements have traditionally relied on the US dollar as an intermediary currency.
- D. This shift is partly driven by a desire to reduce exposure to dollar volatility.
- E. Several countries are now exploring bilateral local-currency settlement mechanisms.

Q28. Which is the FIRST sentence?

- (a) E
- (b) D
- (c) A
- (d) B
- (e) C

Q29. Which is the SECOND sentence?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) A

Q30. Which is the THIRD sentence?

- (a) E
- (b) A
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) B

Directions (Q31–Q35):

Study the number series and answer the questions that follow.

Q31. Find the missing number in the series: 6, 13, 27, 55, 111, ?

- (a) 227
- (b) 221
- (c) 225
- (d) 219
- (e) 223

Q32. Find the missing number in the series: 4, 9, 20, 42, 86, ?

- (a) 174
- (b) 172
- (c) 170
- (d) 176
- (e) 178

Q33. Find the missing number in the series: 79, 73, 65, 55, 43, ?

- (a) 41
- (b) 39
- (c) 35
- (d) 33
- (e) 37

Q34. Find the missing number in the series: 5, 10, 21, 43, 87, ?

- (a) 171
- (b) 173
- (c) 175
- (d) 179
- (e) 177

Q35. Find the missing number in the series: 230, 200, 170, 140, 110, ?

- (a) 80
- (b) 78
- (c) 84
- (d) 76
- (e) 82

Directions (Q36–Q40):

Study the data carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The monthly sales (in units) of five car models are: A = 930, B = 1230, C = 630, D = 1130, E = 730. (Total = 4650 units.)

Q36. Sales of model B are what percent of the total sales?

- (a) 31.45%
- (b) 26.45%
- (c) 24.45%
- (d) 28.45%
- (e) 21.45%

Q37. What is the ratio of the sales of model A to model D?

- (a) 2:3
- (b) 3:2
- (c) 93:113
- (d) 113:93
- (e) 1:1

Q38. Sales of model A are what percent more than sales of model E?

- (a) 32.4%
- (b) 22.4%
- (c) 24.4%
- (d) 27.4%
- (e) 30.4%

Q39. In a pie chart of this data, what is the central angle for model D?

- (a) 81°
- (b) 93°
- (c) 75°
- (d) 87°
- (e) 99°

Q40. What is the average monthly sales of all five models?

- (a) 1080
- (b) 780
- (c) 930
- (d) 1030
- (e) 830

Directions (Q41–Q44):

Study the information carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Out of 410 students, three sports — cricket, football and tennis — are surveyed. Only cricket = 81, only football = 61, only tennis = 51. Cricket & football only = 40, football & tennis only = 30, cricket & tennis only = 20, all three = 25.

Q41. How many students like cricket (in total)?

- (a) 156
- (b) 176
- (c) 181
- (d) 166
- (e) 151

Q42. How many students like exactly two of the three sports?

- (a) 85
- (b) 100
- (c) 80
- (d) 95
- (e) 90

Q43. How many students like football (in total)?

- (a) 156
- (b) 151
- (c) 166
- (d) 161
- (e) 146

Q44. How many students like none of the three sports?

- (a) 102
- (b) 112
- (c) 97
- (d) 92
- (e) 107

Directions (Q45–Q50):

Study the bar graph data carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Number of Male (M) and Female (F) employees in five firms: P: M=121, F=81 | Q: M=151, F=101 | R: M=201, F=151 | S: M=91, F=111 | T: M=161, F=141.

Q45. What is the total number of employees in firm R?

- (a) 352
- (b) 312
- (c) 372
- (d) 332
- (e) 392

Q46. What is the ratio of males in firm P to females in firm Q?

- (a) 5:4
- (b) 4:5
- (c) 3:2
- (d) 6:5
- (e) 121:101

Q47. What is the total number of female employees across all five firms?

- (a) 595
- (b) 605
- (c) 565
- (d) 585
- (e) 575

Q48. In which firm is the number of females greater than the number of males?

- (a) R
- (b) Q
- (c) S
- (d) P
- (e) T

Q49. What is the average number of male employees per firm?

- (a) 149
- (b) 143
- (c) 141
- (d) 147
- (e) 145

Q50. Males in firm Q are what percent of the total employees in firm Q?

- (a) 62.9%
- (b) 64.9%
- (c) 54.9%
- (d) 59.9%
- (e) 56.9%

Directions (Q51–Q53):

Read each question carefully and choose the correct answer.

Q51. A shopkeeper mixes 30 kg of rice costing Rs 41/kg with 20 kg of rice costing Rs 61/kg. Find the average price of the mixture per kg.

- (a) 51
- (b) 44
- (c) 49
- (d) 54
- (e) 47

Q52. A can complete a work in 12 days and B in 18 days. Working together, in how many days will they finish it?

- (a) 6.7
- (b) 7.7
- (c) 7.2
- (d) 8
- (e) 6

Q53. The population of a town is 15100. It increases by 10% in the first year and decreases by 10% in the second year. Find the population after two years.

- (a) 15149
- (b) 14849
- (c) 14949
- (d) 15049
- (e) 15100

Directions (Q54–Q56):

Solve equations I and II and choose the correct relation between x and y.

Q54. I. $x^2 - 8x + 13 = 0$ II. $y^2 - 9y + 15 = 0$. Find the relation between x and y.

- (a) Cannot be determined / no fixed relation
- (b) $x \leq y$
- (c) $x > y$
- (d) $x < y$
- (e) $x \geq y$

Q55. I. $x^2 - 9x + 20 = 0$ II. $y^2 - 10y + 22 = 0$. Find the relation between x and y.

- (a) $x > y$
- (b) $x \leq y$
- (c) $x < y$
- (d) Cannot be determined / no fixed relation
- (e) $x \geq y$

Q56. I. $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ II. $y^2 - 6y + 8 = 0$. Find the relation between x and y.

- (a) $x \leq y$
- (b) $x > y$
- (c) $x < y$
- (d) $x \geq y$
- (e) Cannot be determined / no fixed relation

Directions (Q57–Q65):

Read each question carefully and choose the correct answer.

Q57. The ratio of the present ages of A and B is 5:7. After 6 years the ratio becomes 3:4. Find A's present age.

- (a) 40
- (b) 25
- (c) 20
- (d) 35
- (e) 30

Q58. A boat covers 37 km downstream in 3 hours and the same 37 km upstream in 6 hours. Find the speed of the boat in still water.

- (a) 7.699999999999999
- (b) 10.7
- (c) 9.2
- (d) 12.2
- (e) 6.199999999999999

Q59. A invests Rs 8000 and B invests Rs 12100 for one year. If the total profit is Rs 5000, find B's share.

- (a) 3510
- (b) 3010
- (c) 2510
- (d) 2710
- (e) 3310

Q60. A train 150 m long running at 54 km/h crosses a platform 240 m long. How long does it take?

- (a) 30 s
- (b) 18 s
- (c) 22 s
- (d) 34 s
- (e) 26 s

Q61. Find the compound interest on Rs 10100 at 10% per annum for 2 years.

- (a) 2221
- (b) 2021
- (c) 2321
- (d) 1921
- (e) 2121

Q62. The average of 5 numbers is 28. If the number 35 is removed, what is the average of the remaining numbers?

- (a) 26.2
- (b) 25.2
- (c) 24.2
- (d) 28.2
- (e) 27.2

Q63. Find the surface area of a sphere whose radius is 7 cm. (Take $\pi = 22/7$.)

- (a) 416
- (b) 516
- (c) 616
- (d) 816
- (e) 716

Q64. A man buys an article for Rs 410 and sells it for Rs 510. Find his profit percent.

- (a) 14.399999999999999%
- (b) 19.4%
- (c) 29.4%
- (d) 24.4%
- (e) 34.4%

Q65. Rs 1210 is divided among A, B and C in the ratio 2:3:5. Find C's share.

- (a) 605
- (b) 405
- (c) 705
- (d) 505
- (e) 805

Directions (Q66–Q70):

Read each question carefully and choose the correct answer.

Q66. Pointing to a photograph, Rani said, 'She is the daughter of my grandfather's only son.' How is the girl related to Rani?

- (a) Daughter
- (b) Sister
- (c) Niece
- (d) Mother
- (e) Cousin

Q67. A introduces B saying, 'His mother is the only daughter of my mother.' How is B related to A?

- (a) Father
- (b) Nephew
- (c) Brother
- (d) Cousin
- (e) Son

Q68. P is the brother of Q. Q is the sister of R. R is the father of S. How is P related to S?

- (a) Brother
- (b) Uncle
- (c) Grandfather
- (d) Cannot be determined
- (e) Father

Q69. Pointing to a man, a woman said, 'His wife is the only daughter of my father.' How is the woman related to the man?

- (a) Daughter
- (b) Mother
- (c) Sister
- (d) Wife
- (e) Cousin

Q70. Introducing a boy, a woman said, 'He is the son of my husband's sister.' How is the boy related to the woman?

- (a) Nephew-in-law
- (b) Cousin
- (c) Brother
- (d) Son
- (e) Nephew

Directions (Q71–Q72):

Study the coding pattern carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Q71. In a certain code, 'LOAN' is written as 'NQCP' (each letter shifted forward by 2 place(s) in the alphabet). Using the same logic, how is 'NAOL' written?

- (a) None of these
- (b) LOAN
- (c) PCQN
- (d) PCQX
- (e) NQCP

Q72. In the same code language, 'TRAIN' is written as 'VTCKP'. How many letters in 'TRAIN' will remain at the same position when written in reverse order?

- (a) One
- (b) Three
- (c) Zero
- (d) 1
- (e) Four

Directions (Q73–Q75):

Take the statements as true even if they seem at variance with common knowledge, and decide which conclusion(s) follow.

Q73. Statements: Only a few pens are books. All books are copies. Conclusions: I. Some pens are copies. II. All pens can never be copies.

- (a) Either follows
- (b) Only I follows
- (c) Only II follows
- (d) Both I and II follow
- (e) Neither follows

Q74. Statements: Only a few cats are dogs. No dog is a rat. Conclusions: I. Some cats are not rats. II. All rats being cats is a possibility.

- (a) Only I follows
- (b) Either follows
- (c) Neither follows
- (d) Only II follows
- (e) Both I and II follow

Q75. Statements: Only a few phones are laptops. Some laptops are tablets. Conclusions: I. All phones are tablets. II. Some phones are tablets.

- (a) Only I follows
- (b) Neither follows
- (c) Either follows
- (d) Both I and II follow
- (e) Only II follows

Directions (Q76–Q80):

Study the arrangement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Seven people C, A, F, D, G, B, E do seven different activities in seven months — January, March, April, June, August, October, December (in calendar order).

The schedule (month – person – activity), fixed from the given clues, is: January–C–Reading, March–A–Painting, April–F–Trekking, June–D–Singing, August–G–Cooking, October–B–Dancing, December–E–Writing.

Q76. Who is scheduled in April?

- (a) A
- (b) D
- (c) C
- (d) G
- (e) F

Q77. Which activity is done by the person scheduled in August?

- (a) Singing
- (b) Writing
- (c) Dancing
- (d) Reading
- (e) Cooking

Q78. How many people are scheduled between A and B?

- (a) Five
- (b) One
- (c) 3
- (d) 5
- (e) 4

Q79. Who does Singing?

- (a) G
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) A
- (e) F

Q80. In which month is E scheduled?

- (a) October
- (b) December
- (c) June
- (d) August
- (e) March

Directions (Q81–Q85):

Study the arrangement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Seven people sit in each of two rows. Row 1 (A, B, C, D, E, F, G) faces north; Row 2 (P, Q, R, S, T, U, W) faces south, and members of the two rows face each other position-for-position (position 1 of Row 1 faces position 1 of Row 2, and so on).

Row 1 (positions 1→7, left to right): B, E, A, G, C, F, D.

Row 2 (positions 1→7, left to right): T, P, W, S, R, Q, U.

Facing pairs: B–T, E–P, A–W, G–S, C–R, F–Q, D–U.

Q81. Who faces A?

- (a) P
- (b) W
- (c) R
- (d) S
- (e) U

Q82. Who sits immediately to the right of C in Row 1?

- (a) E
- (b) D
- (c) F
- (d) A
- (e) F

Q83. How many people sit between P and Q in Row 2?

- (a) 3
- (b) Four
- (c) One
- (d) Three
- (e) Five

Q84. Who faces the person sitting at the extreme right end of Row 1?

- (a) U
- (b) R
- (c) U
- (d) Q
- (e) S

Q85. Who faces T?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) G
- (d) B
- (e) A

Directions (Q86–Q90):

Study the arrangement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Seven people P, Q, R, S, T, U, V were born in different years: 1960, 1968, 1972, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1998. (Older = born earlier.)

(Order eldest→youngest, fixed from the given clues: R(1960), U(1968), P(1972), V(1980), S(1985), Q(1990), T(1998).)

Q86. Who is the eldest?

- (a) V
- (b) U
- (c) T
- (d) R
- (e) P

Q87. How many people are younger than V?

- (a) Five
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) 3
- (e) 2

Q88. Who is exactly in the middle in the age order?

- (a) U
- (b) Q
- (c) V
- (d) V
- (e) S

Q89. In which year was S born?

- (a) 1972
- (b) 1985
- (c) 1980
- (d) 1990
- (e) 1968

Q90. How many people are younger than Q?

- (a) 2
- (b) Three
- (c) 0
- (d) Zero
- (e) 1

Directions (Q91–Q95):

Study the arrangement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Seven people A, C, E, B, G, D, F sit around a circular table facing the centre, each from a different city.

Seated clockwise: A, C, E, B, G, D, F.

Cities: A–Delhi, C–Pune, E–Kolkata, B–Mumbai, G–Jaipur, D–Chennai, F–Surat.

(For a person facing the centre, left = clockwise, right = anticlockwise.)

Q91. Who sits to the immediate left of the person from Delhi?

- (a) C (Pune)
- (b) D (Chennai)
- (c) F (Surat)
- (d) C (Pune)
- (e) G (Jaipur)

Q92. Who sits third to the right of E?

- (a) C
- (b) B
- (c) D
- (d) A
- (e) E

Q93. Counting clockwise from B, how many people sit between B and F?

- (a) Zero
- (b) Three
- (c) One
- (d) 2
- (e) Two

Q94. Who sits second to the left of D?

- (a) B
- (b) G
- (c) E
- (d) A
- (e) F

Q95. The person from which city sits to the immediate right of A?

- (a) B (Mumbai)
- (b) E (Kolkata)
- (c) F (Surat)
- (d) C (Pune)
- (e) D (Chennai)

Directions (Q96–Q100):

Study the arrangement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Nine boxes J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R are stacked one above another (bottom to top, as fixed by the given clues): $M \rightarrow K \rightarrow N \rightarrow L \rightarrow O \rightarrow P \rightarrow J \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R$.

Q96. How many boxes are there between box P and box O?

- (a) None
- (b) Three
- (c) 0
- (d) Four
- (e) Two

Q97. Which box is immediately above box K?

- (a) O
- (b) N
- (c) R
- (d) L
- (e) Q

Q98. Which box is fifth from the bottom?

- (a) N
- (b) O
- (c) J
- (d) K
- (e) O

Q99. How many boxes are above box N?

- (a) Three
- (b) Five
- (c) Two
- (d) 6
- (e) Four

Q100. Which box is at the bottom of the stack?

- (a) M
- (b) R
- (c) K
- (d) Q
- (e) J