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SBI Specialist Officer (SO) Syllabus

The SBI Specialist Officer (SO) Examination syllabus is designed to evaluate candidates on both general aptitude and professional knowledge relevant to the specific role. The syllabus mainly consists of four general sections—Reasoning, Quantitative Aptitude, English Language, and General IT Knowledge—along with an additional section covering Role-Based Professional Knowledge depending on the post applied for. Understanding the syllabus helps candidates identify the important topics, the level of difficulty, and the type of questions expected in the examination.

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Preface

The State Bank of India Specialist Officer (SBI SO) examination is one of the most important recruitment processes for candidates aspiring to build a professional career in the banking sector. The examination is conducted to recruit qualified and skilled individuals for various specialist posts such as IT Officer, Chartered Accountant, Finance Officer, Law Officer, and other technical or professional positions within the bank. These roles require not only a strong understanding of banking operations but also specialized knowledge in the respective professional domains. Therefore, the syllabus of the SBI SO examination has been designed in a comprehensive manner to assess both the general aptitude and the technical competence of candidates.

A clear understanding of the syllabus is the first and most crucial step in the preparation process. It helps candidates identify the important topics, understand the nature of questions, and plan a systematic strategy for effective preparation. The syllabus provides an outline of all the subjects and areas from which questions are asked in the examination, enabling aspirants to focus their efforts in the right direction. By studying the syllabus carefully, candidates can allocate sufficient time to each subject and develop a balanced preparation approach.

The SBI SO syllabus broadly covers subjects such as Reasoning Ability, Quantitative Aptitude, English Language, General IT Knowledge, and Role-Based Professional Knowledge depending on the post applied for. The general aptitude sections are intended to evaluate a candidate's logical reasoning, numerical ability, language proficiency, and analytical thinking. On the other hand, the professional knowledge section examines the candidate's expertise in the specialized field related to the particular post. This combination ensures that the selected candidates possess both intellectual aptitude and technical proficiency required for handling complex responsibilities in a modern banking environment. With the rapid growth of digital banking, financial technologies, and regulatory frameworks, banks increasingly require professionals who can handle advanced systems, manage financial operations, and ensure compliance with legal and technological standards. The SBI SO examination therefore focuses on assessing candidates who can contribute effectively to the bank's operational efficiency, technological advancement, and financial management. In conclusion, understanding the SBI SO syllabus in detail enables candidates to build a strong preparation strategy and improves their chances of success in the examination. A structured study plan, consistent practice, and a clear grasp of the syllabus can help aspirants approach the exam with confidence and achieve their goal of becoming a Specialist Officer in the State Bank of India.

Section -I..GENERAL ENGLISH -

Grammar Fundamentals

Subject-Verb Agreement

To dive deep into Subject-Verb Agreement, we must look beyond the basic "singular/plural" rule and examine the complex scenarios where examiners often hide errors.

Here is a detailed breakdown of the advanced rules that frequently appear in Spotting Errors and Sentence Improvement tasks.

1. The Proximity Rule (The "Nearness" Logic)

When two subjects are joined by specific correlative conjunctions, the verb doesn't care about the first subject; it only looks at the one closest to it.

Connectors: Either... or, Neither... nor, Not only... but also, or just Or.

The Logic: Neither the director nor the actors are ready. (Actors is plural → 'are')

Neither the actors nor the director is ready. (Director is singular → 'is')

2. The "Prepositional Phrase" Trap

One of the most common tricks in competitive exams is "sandwiching" a long phrase between the subject and the verb to confuse you.

The Rule: Ignore everything inside the commas or after words like *of*, *with*, *along with*, *together with*, *as well as*, *including*, *in addition to*.

Detailed Example: *The level of tension among the various groups is rising.* The subject is "level" (singular), not "groups."

The level of tension among the various groups is rising.

The subject is "level" (singular), not "groups."

The "As Well As" Rule: *The Prime Minister, as well as his cabinet ministers, has arrived.*

Because "as well as" is used, the verb agrees only with the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister, as well as his cabinet ministers, has arrived.

Because "as well as" is used, the verb agrees only with the Prime Minister.

3. The "Each" and "Every" Absolute

In English grammar, Each and Every are mathematically treated as "1". No matter how many people follow them, the verb remains singular.

Compound Subjects: *Each boy and each girl has (not have) been given a book.*

The "One of" Structure: This is a high-frequency exam question. *One of my friends is a doctor.*

Logic: You are talking about *one* person out of a plural group.

4. Collective Nouns: One Body vs. Divided Members

Words like *Committee*, *Jury*, *Team*, *Family*, *Audience*, *Government* can take either a singular or plural verb depending on the action.

Multiple Choice Questions.

Final Mastery Set

1. The results of the recognition of the newly formed state _____ yet to be seen.

(A) is

(B) are

(C) was