OFFICIAL EXAMINATION SYLLABUS

IBPS Agriculture Field Officer — Preliminary Examination Syllabus

A complete, verified breakdown of the exam pattern, section-wise syllabus, marking scheme, and preparation priorities for the IBPS AFO (Scale I) Prelims 2026–27 recruitment cycle.

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QUICK FACTS

- ✓ 100 Questions
- ✓ 125 Marks
- ✓ 80 Minutes
- ✓ 4 Sections
- ✓ −0.25 Negative Marking
- ✓ Professional Knowledge Added

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SECTION 01

Overview

The IBPS AFO Preliminary Examination is the first stage of the recruitment process for Agriculture Field Officer (Scale I), conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS), followed by the Main Examination and Interview. It is a qualifying round for the Main Examination and is designed to assess candidates' aptitude in English, Reasoning, Quantitative Aptitude, and Professional Knowledge. The exam comprises 100 objective-type questions carrying a total of 125 marks, to be completed in 80 minutes, across four sections: English Language, Reasoning Ability, Quantitative Aptitude, and Professional Knowledge.

The key change for the IBPS AFO Prelims 2026 cycle is the introduction of a Professional Knowledge section. In previous recruitment cycles, the Preliminary Examination followed a different pattern without the Professional Knowledge section. Candidates should verify these changes against the latest official notification, as the exam pattern remains subject to revision by IBPS.

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IBPS Official Notification 2026 — www.ibps.in

WHO SHOULD READ THIS

- ✓ First-time aspirants
- ✓ Agriculture graduates
- ✓ Repeat candidates
- ✓ Final-year students

SECTION 02

Exam Pattern

SECTION	QUESTIONS	MARKS	DURATION
English Language	25	25	20 Minutes
Reasoning Ability	25	25	20 Minutes
Quantitative Aptitude	25	25	20 Minutes
Professional Knowledge	25	50	20 Minutes
Total	**100**	**125**	**80 Minutes**

- **Language Medium:** The English Language section is conducted in English only; Reasoning Ability, Quantitative Aptitude, and Professional Knowledge are available in both English and Hindi.
- **Negative Marking:** 0.25 marks are deducted for every incorrect answer.
- **Sectional Timing:** Each section has a fixed, non-transferable time limit of 20 minutes; candidates cannot move between sections during the exam.
- **Sectional Cut-off:** Candidates should satisfy the qualifying criteria prescribed by IBPS, including any sectional and overall cut-offs, if applicable.

SECTION 03

Section-wise Syllabus

English Language

- Reading Comprehension 8–10Q
- Cloze Test
- Para Jumbles
- Error Detection / Spotting Errors
- Fill in the Blanks
- Column Based Questions
- Word Swap
- Sentence Correction

Reasoning Ability

- Seating Arrangement (Linear & Circular) 8–10Q
- Puzzles (Floor, Box, Scheduling) 8–10Q
- Inequalities
- Syllogism
- Input–Output
- Blood Relations
- Coding–Decoding
- Order & Ranking
- Distance & Direction
- Logical Reasoning (Statement / Assumptions)
- Alphanumeric Series
- Data Sufficiency (Reasoning)

Quantitative Aptitude

- Data Interpretation (Table / Bar / Pie / Line) 8–10Q
- Simplification & Approximation
- Missing / Wrong Number Series
- Quadratic Equations
- Data Sufficiency
- Percentage
- Ratio, Proportion, Partnership & Mixture
- Average & Problems on Ages
- Profit & Loss
- Simple & Compound Interest
- Time & Work
- Pipes & Cistern
- Time, Speed & Distance
- Boats & Streams
- Mixture & Alligation
- Mensuration (2D / 3D)
- Probability
- Permutation & Combination

SECTION 03 · CONTINUED

Professional Knowledge

NEW FOR 2026

This section is new for Prelims in 2026, introduced as part of the revised exam pattern; each question carries 2 marks, the highest per-question value in the Preliminary Examination.

AGRIPREP TOPIC PRIORITY ANALYSIS

Based on the topic-wise weightage data reviewed for this section — not an official IBPS weightage disclosure. Use this to sequence your revision.

HIGH WEIGHTAGE

Agronomy | Soil Science | Animal Husbandry | Fisheries | Government Schemes & Current Affairs in Agriculture

MODERATE WEIGHTAGE

Horticulture | Agricultural Engineering

SUPPORTING TOPICS

Plant Pathology | Entomology | Genetics & Plant Breeding | Agricultural Extension | Plant Physiology | Forestry | Agricultural Economics | Sustainable & Organic Farming | Sericulture | Mushroom Cultivation | Apiculture | General Agriculture (Others)

SECTION 04

Marking Scheme

SECTION	QUESTIONS	MARKS PER CORRECT	NEGATIVE PER WRONG
English Language	25	1	0.25
Reasoning Ability	25	1	0.25
Quantitative Aptitude	25	1	0.25
Professional Knowledge	25	2	0.25

- Professional Knowledge carries 2 marks per question — double the 1 mark per question of the other three sections — making it the highest-weighted section in the Preliminary Examination.

SECTION 05

Important Topics

AGRIPREP RECOMMENDATION

Based on previous exam trends and the topic-wise weightage data reviewed above — not an official IBPS priority list.

Must-Prepare Topics

MUST PREPARE
★★★★★
Seating Arrangement & Puzzles
Reasoning Ability · 8–10 Qs each

MUST PREPARE
★★★★★
Data Interpretation
Quantitative Aptitude · 8–10 Qs

MUST PREPARE
★★★★★
Arithmetic Topic Cluster
Quantitative Aptitude · 5–6 Qs · Percentage, Ratio, Profit & Loss, SI/CI, Time & Work, Mensuration & more

MUST PREPARE
★★★★★
Reading Comprehension
English Language · 8–10 Qs

MUST PREPARE
★★★★★
Animal Husbandry
Professional Knowledge · 3–5 Qs (6–10 marks)

MUST PREPARE
★★★★★
Agronomy
Professional Knowledge · 2–3 Qs (4–6 marks)

MUST PREPARE
★★★★★
Soil Science
Professional Knowledge · 2–3 Qs (4–6 marks)

MUST PREPARE
★★★★★
Fisheries
Professional Knowledge · 2–3 Qs (4–6 marks)

MUST PREPARE
★★★★★
Govt. Schemes & Current Affairs in Agriculture
Professional Knowledge · 3–5 Qs (6–10 marks)

Quick-Win Topics

QUICK WIN
★★★☆☆
Simplification & Approximation
Quantitative Aptitude · 3–4 Qs · Low difficulty

QUICK WIN
★★★☆☆
Number Series & Quadratic Equations
Quantitative Aptitude · 3–4 Qs combined · Low difficulty

QUICK WIN
★★★☆☆
Syllogism
Reasoning Ability · 2 Qs · Low difficulty

QUICK WIN
★★★☆☆
Inequalities
Reasoning Ability · 2 Qs · Low difficulty

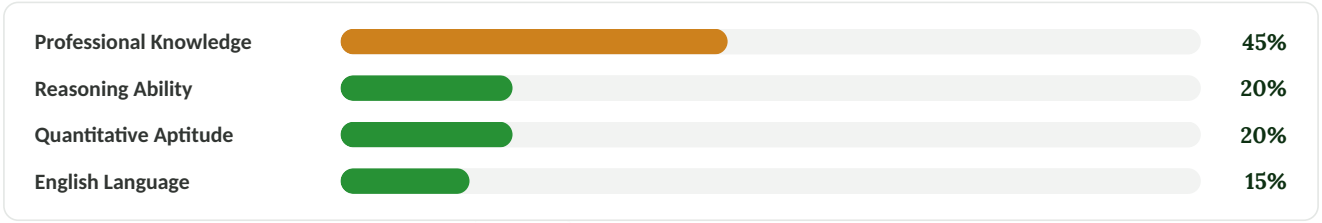
QUICK WIN
★★★☆☆
Fill in the Blanks
English Language · 2 Qs · Low difficulty

QUICK WIN
★★★☆☆
Alphanumeric Series
Reasoning Ability · 1 Q · Low difficulty

SECTION 06

Preparation Strategy

AGRIPREP RECOMMENDED STUDY SPLIT



A suggested time allocation, not an official marks weightage — weighted toward Professional Knowledge given its 2-marks-per-question value.

1 English Language
Focus on Reading Comprehension and Cloze Test / Para Jumbles, the largest share of the section's 25 questions.

2 Reasoning Ability
Prioritize Seating Arrangement and Puzzles (8–10 Qs combined), the highest-weightage topics here.

3 Quantitative Aptitude
Build strength in Data Interpretation and the Arithmetic cluster — the highest expected weightage.

4 Professional Knowledge
Worth 50 of 125 marks at 2 marks/question — prioritize Animal Husbandry, Agronomy, Soil Science, Fisheries, Govt. Schemes.

5 Qualifying Criteria
Prepare to satisfy the qualifying criteria prescribed by IBPS, including any sectional and overall cut-offs — don't concentrate only on high-scoring sections.

6 Mock Tests
Practice full-length mocks replicating the 80-minute, non-navigable sectional format and its fixed 20-minute timings.

SECTION 07

FAQ

Q Is the Prelims exam qualifying in nature?

Yes. The Preliminary Examination is a qualifying round for the Main Examination.

Q How many sections does Prelims 2026 have?

Four — English Language, Reasoning Ability, Quantitative Aptitude, and Professional Knowledge.

Q What's new in the 2026 exam pattern?

Professional Knowledge is a new fourth section — 25 questions for 50 marks, not part of Prelims in earlier cycles.

Q What's the marking scheme for Professional Knowledge?

2 marks per question, vs. 1 mark in the other three sections; 0.25 negative marking applies uniformly.

Q Is there a sectional cut-off?

Candidates should satisfy the qualifying criteria prescribed by IBPS, including any sectional and overall cut-offs, if applicable.

Q In which languages is the exam conducted?

English Language is English-only; the other three sections are available in English and Hindi.

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