

ONLINE EXAMINATION - RECRUITMENT OF ASSISTANT MANAGER - IT

INFORMATION HANDOUT

This handout contains details pertaining to various aspects of the online exam you are going to undertake and important instructions about related matters. You are advised to study the handout carefully as it will help you in preparing for the examination.

The online examination will comprise the following objective type multiple choice tests as stated below:

Sr. No.	Name of Tests	No. of questions	Maximum Marks	Version	Total time
1	English Language	20	20		15 minutes
2	Reasoning	40	40	Only	35 minutes
3	Quantitative Aptitude	40	40	English	35 minutes
4	Professional Knowledge	50	50		35 minutes
	Total	150	150		120 minutes

The time for the test is 120 minutes; however, you may have to be at the venue for approximately 180 minutes including the time required for logging in, collection of the call letters, going through the instructions etc. All tests will be provided in English. Tests are separately timed. You can attempt any question in a particular test during the time allotted to that test only. All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the four answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. You have to select the most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which you feel is appropriate/ correct. The alternative/option that you have clicked on will be treated as your answer to that question. There will be no penalty for wrong answers marked by you. However, you are advised, not to mark answers by random guessing.

Cut – off may be applied on sectional as well as total scores. Candidates will have to pass in each of the objective tests in order to obtain the marks satisfying the sectional cut-off. IPPB reserves the right to modify the provision for cut-off.

The Scores of Online Examination will be obtained by adopting the following procedure:

- (i) Number of questions answered correctly by a candidate in each objective test is considered for arriving at the Corrected Score.
- (ii) The Corrected Scores so obtained by a candidate are made equivalent to take care of the minor difference in difficulty level, if any, in each of the objective tests held in different sessions to arrive at the Equated Scores*
- *Scores obtained by candidates on any test are equated to the base form by considering the distribution of scores of all the forms.
- (iii) Testwise scores and scores on total is reported with decimal points upto two digits.

Please note that the types of questions in this handout are only illustrative and not exhaustive. In the actual examination you will find questions of a higher difficulty level on some or all of these types and also questions on the types not mentioned here.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Q.1-3.	Directions: Pick out the most appropriate word from amongst the words given below each sentence to complete it meaningfully.									
Q.1.	He quickly glance (1) at	ed(2) through		and what it said ab (4) to	out the Indian economy.					
Q.2.	The counsel urged (1) enact		(3) cancel	rn the obnoxious l (4) strike	aw.					
Q.3.	The local official (1) explained	t (2) warned		e situation. (4) told						
Q.4-6. Directions: 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 number of that part of the sentence is your answer. If there is no error, the answer is No error.										
Q.4.	I am twenty two y (1)	years old / when (2)	· ·		No error (4)					
Q.5.	To the Hindus / t (1)	the Ganga is holier (2)	r than / any other (3)		No error (4)					
Q.6.	Of all the teachers (1)	s / in our school , (2)		er were very strict 3)	t. No error (4)					
REASONING										
	Q.1. If the letters of the following alphabet interchange positions, so that A takes the place of Z and Z takes the place of A; B takes the place of Y and Y takes the place of B and so on, what will be the 13th letter from the right? A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z									
	(1) M	(2) N	(3) ((4) L					
	If the first and the second letters in the word 'DEPRESSION' were interchanged, also the third and the fourth letters, the fifth and sixth letters and so on, which of the following would be the seventh letter from the right ?									
	(1) R	(2) O	(3)	S (4) Oth	er than those given as options					
	In a row of girls, if seats, Seeta become (1) 16			rls are there in the	from the right interchange their e row er than those given as options					

QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

Directions: In each of the following questions one number is missing. The place where the number is missing is shown by a question mark (?). You have to find out which one of the answers shown against 1, 2 and 3 can replace the question mark. If none of these three can replace the question mark, you will indicate (4) i.e. 'Other than those given as options' as your answer.

Q.1.
$$\frac{24}{65} \times \frac{13}{56} \times \frac{5}{7} = ?$$

(1) $\frac{3}{49}$ (2) $\frac{15}{245}$ (3) $\frac{15}{56}$ (4) Other than those given as options

$$(1) \frac{3}{49}$$

$$(2) \frac{15}{245}$$

$$(3) \frac{15}{56}$$

 $(27 + 498) \div 25 = ?$ Q.2.

- (3) 21
- (4) Other than those given as options

PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Questions in this test will be based on the area of specialization.

Details of the online Examination:

- (1) The examination would be conducted on-line i.e. on a computer.
- (2) All tests will be in English.
- All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the four answers to a question only one will be the (3) correct answer. The candidate has to select the correct answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which he/ she feels is correct. The alternative/ option that is clicked on will be treated as the answer to that question. Answer to any question will be considered for final evaluation, only when candidates have submitted the answers by clicking on "Save & Next" or "Mark for Review & Next".
- The clock has been set at the server and the countdown timer at the top right corner of your screen will (4) display the time remaining for you to complete the exam. When the clock runs out the exam ends by default - you are not required to end or submit your exam.
- The Question Palette displayed on the right side of screen will show the status of each question using (5) one of the following symbols:
 - 1 You have not visited the question yet.
 - You have not answered the question.
 - You have answered the question.
 - $You \ have \ NOT \ answered \ the \ question, but \ have \ marked \ the \ question \ for \ review.$
 - The question(s) "Answered and Marked for Review" will be considered for evaluation.

The Marked for Review status for a question simply indicates that you would like to look at that question again. If a question is answered and Marked for Review, your answer for that question will be considered in the evaluation.

- (6) To select a question to answer, you can do one of the following:
 - (a) Click on the question number on the question palette at the right of your screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option **does NOT save your answer** to the current question.
 - (b) Click on 'Save & Next' to save answer to current question and to go to the next question in sequence.
 - (c) Click on 'Mark for Review and Next' to save answer to current question, mark it for review, and to go to the next question in sequence.
- (7) To select your answer, click on one of the option buttons.
- (8) To change your answer, click another desired option button.
- (9) To save your answer, you MUST click on Save & Next.
- (10) To deselect a chosen answer, click on the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button.
- (11) To mark a question for review click on **Mark for Review & Next**. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.*
- (12) To change an answer to a question, first select the question and then click on the new answer option followed by a click on the **Save & Next** button.
- (13) Questions that are saved or marked for review after answering will ONLY be considered for evaluation.
- (14) Test name(s) will be displayed on the top bar of the screen. Questions in a test can be viewed by clicking on the test name. The test you will view will be highlighted.
- (15) After clicking the **Save & Next** button on the last question for a test, you will automatically be taken to the first question of the (next) test.
- (16) You can move the mouse cursor over the test names to view the status of the questions for that test.
- (17) Tests are separately timed. You can attempt any question in a particular test during the time allotted to that test only.
- (18) The candidates are requested to follow the instructions of the "Test Administrator" carefully. If any candidate does not follow the instructions / rules, it would be treated as a case of misconduct/ adoption of unfair means and such a candidate would be liable for debarment from appearing for examinations for a period as decided by India Post Payments Bank.
- (19) The candidates may ask the Test Administrator about their doubts or questions only before the commencement of the test. No query shall be entertained after the commencement of the examination.
- (20) After the expiry of the allotted time, the candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. The answers of the candidate would be saved automatically by the computer system even if he/she has not clicked the "Submit" button.

(21) Please note:

- (a) Candidates will not be allowed to "finally submit" unless they have exhausted the actual test time.
- (b) Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the 'keyboard keys' once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.

General Instructions:

- (1) Please note Date, reporting time and Venue address of the examination given in the call letter.
- (2) You may visit the venue one day before the Online Examination to confirm the location so that you are able to report **on time** (as printed on the call letter) on the day of the examination. Latecomers will not be allowed.
- (3) The call letter should be brought with you to the examination venue along with your recent passport size photograph duly pasted on it. (Preferably the same photograph as was as uploaded).
- (4) You must scrupulously follow the instructions of the Test Administrator and India Post Payments Bank Representative at the examination venue. If you violate the instructions you will be disqualified and will be asked to leave the examination venue.
- (5) No use of calculators (separate or with watch), books, note books or written notes or any other electronic device will be allowed during the examination.
- (6) Biometric data (thumb impression) and photograph will be captured at the examination venue before the start of examination. Decision of the Biometric data verification authority with regard to its status (matched or mismatched) shall be final and binding upon the candidates. **Refusal to participate in the process of biometric data capturing / verification on any occasion may lead to cancellation of candidature.** With regards to the same, please note the following:
 - (a) If fingers are coated (stamped ink/mehndi/coloured...etc.), ensure to thoroughly wash them so that coating is completely removed before the examination day.
 - (b) If fingers are dirty or dusty, ensure to wash them and dry them before the thumb impression (biometric) is captured.
 - (c) Ensure fingers of both hands are dry. If fingers are moist, wipe each finger to dry them.
 - (d) If the primary finger (thumb) to be captured is injured/damaged, immediately notify the concerned authority in the test center.

(Any failure to observe these points will result in non-admittance for the examination).

- (7) Please bring the call letter with your photograph affixed thereon, currently valid Photo identity proof in original and a photocopy of the same ID proof which you bring in original THIS IS ESSENTIAL. This call-letter along with photocopy of photo identity proof duly stapled together are to be submitted to the invigilator at the end of exam. Currently valid photo identity proof may be PAN Card/Passport/Permanent Driving License/Voter's Card with photograph/Bank Passbook with photograph/Photo Identity proof issued by a Gazetted Officer on official letterhead /Photo Identity proof issued by a People's Representative on official letterhead/Valid recent Identity Card issued by a recognised College/University/Aadhaar/E-aadhaar Card with a photograph/ Employee ID in original/Bar Council Identity card with photograph. Please Note Ration Card and Learner's Driving License will NOT be accepted as valid ID proof. Please note that your name as appearing on the call letter (provided by you during the process of registration) should exactly match the name as appearing on the photo identity proof. Female candidates who have changed first/last/middle name post marriage must take special note of this. If there is any mismatch between the name indicated in the Call Letter and Photo Identity Proof you will not be allowed to appear for the exam. In case of candidates who have changed their name will be allowed only if they produce Gazette notification/their marriage certificate/affidavit.
- (8) Your responses (answers) will be analysed with other candidates to detect patterns of similarity of right and wrong answers. If in the analytical procedure adopted in this regard, it is inferred/concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine/valid, your candidature may be cancelled. Any candidate who is found copying or receiving or giving assistance or engaging in any behavior unbecoming of a candidate will not be considered for assessment. The India Post Payments Bank may take further action against such candidates as deemed fit by it.

- (9) You should bring with you a ball-point pen. You may bring your own ink stamp pad (blue/black). A sheet of paper will be provided which can be used for rough work or taking down the question number you would like to review at the end of the test before submitting your answers. After the test is over you MUST handover this sheet of paper along with the Call Letter to the invigilator.
- (10) The possibility for occurrences of some problem in the administration of the examination cannot be ruled out completely which may impact test delivery and/or result from being generated. In that event, every effort will be made to rectify such problems, which may include the conduct of another examination if considered necessary. The decision of the test conducting body in this regard shall be final. Candidates not willing to accept such change shall lose his/her candidature for this exam.
- (11) If the examination is held in more than one session, the scores across various sessions will be equated to adjust for slight differences in difficulty level of different test batteries used across sessions. More than one session is required if the nodes capacity is less or some technical disruption takes place at any centre or for any candidate.
- (12) Anyone found to be disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of test contents in any form or any information therein in whole or part thereof or by any means verbal or written, electronic or mechanical or taking away the papers supplied in the examination hall or found to be in unauthorised possession of test content is likely to be prosecuted.
- (13) Instances for providing incorrect information and/or process violation by a candidate detected at any stage of the selection, process will lead to disqualification of the candidate from the selection process and he/she will not be allowed to appear in any recruitment process of the India Post Payments Bank in the future. If such instances go undetected during the current selection process but are detected subsequently, such disqualification will take place with retrospective effect.
- (14) Candidates are advised to take note of "The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024".

WISH YOU GOOD LUCK!