Wishes to be an employee of SBI?

Yes, you can be an employee of SBI shortly...

SBI has come out with an advertisement for recruitment of Junior Associates in its branches. Now, we will look into the exam pattern, syllabus and preparation plan for these examinations.

About SBI:

SBI is the country's largest bank and almost every year they come with a recruitment drive. As it is the largest bank, so is their number of vacancies to be recruited every year. Every year, while recruiting they throw challenges to the aspirants in the examinations. They introduce some changes in the question pattern / increase the level of difficulty of questions etc. Further, they won't declare the syllabus. However, many topics which are covered in IBPS recruitment for Clerks is expected to be in the SBI exam as well. It is expected that the aspirant should have ability to solve complex questions within time.

Examination pattern:

 SBI Clerks recruitment exam is conducted in two phases (third phase of local language test if needed). These two phases are "Preliminary Examination" and "Main Examination".

Phase I: Preliminary Examination pattern:

Name of test	No. of Questions	Max. Marks	Duration (in mins)
English Language	30	30	20
Numerical Ability	35	35	20
Reasoning Ability	35	35	20
TOTAL	100	100	60 mins

- All these questions are objective questions and the timings for these tests are separate. i.e. each test has to be completed within 20 mins.
- This Preliminary examination has negative marks and for each incorrect answer 1/4th of the marks assigned for the question will be deducted.
- The marks scored in this preliminary examination will not be counted for the final select list however, based on the marks scored in this preliminary examination candidates will be short listed for main examination. Depending on the number of vacancies, approximately 10 times of the vacancies will be shortlisted for Main examination.

Phase II: Main Examination pattern:

Name of test	No. of Questions	Max. Marks	Duration (in mins)
General / Financial awareness	50	50	35
General English	40	40	35
Quantitative Aptitude	50	50	45
Reasoning Ability & Computer Aptitude	50	60	45
TOTAL	190	200	2 hrs 40 mins

- All these questions are objective questions and the timings for these tests are separate. i.e. each test has to be completed within prescribed time for the test.
- This Main examination also has negative marks and for each incorrect answer
 1/4th of the marks assigned for the question will be deducted.
- Candidates are required to score minimum percentage of marks on aggregate and this minimum will be decided by the Bank.
- Only the aggregate marks scored in Main examination will be considered for preparation of the final merit list (of selection).
- Local Language test: Those candidates who qualified provisionally in the recruitment examinations, also qualified and if they produce 10th or 12th

standard mark sheet / certificate evidencing having studied the local language need not attempt the local language test and all others (who selected provisionally) have to attempt the local language test.

Syllabus:

 Even though the syllabus for either Preliminary or Main examination is not declared by SBI, expertise in the following topics may be needed (for both preliminary and main examination).

General English:

- Reading comprehension, conclusions
- Inference, sentence, paragraph completions
- Fill in the blanks (single / double / multiple gaps in sentences)
- Identifying the odd sentence, reordering the jumbled para / sentences / connecting sentences.
- Phrases / verbs / vocabulary related questions
- Identifying errors.

Reasoning Ability:

- Order/ Ranking related
- Direction related
- Seating arrangements
- Puzzles
- Blood relation related
- Coding Decoding; Machine Input-Output;
- Data sufficiency related
- Series related (Alphabets/ numeric / symbols etc.)
- Syllogism (conclusions based on statements)
- Conclusions based on inequalities
- Inference (passage / statements)

- Statements and assumption
- Statements and conclusions
- Statements and arguments.

Computer aptitude:

- History of computers
- Generation of computers
- Computer hardware (Memory, Input output devices etc.)
- Computer software (operating system, languages, applications like Office etc, Data base management
- Network of computers (Internet, Intranet, LAN, WAN, security of network etc.)
- Numerical ability / Quantitative aptitude:
 - Number series
 - Simplification on approximation
 - Data interpretation on Bar graph / Pie chart / Line chart / tabular data etc.
 - Questions based on data sufficiency
 - Arithmetic (Profit & Loss, Time & distance, Boats and streams, Time & work, Pipes & Cisterns, Simple Interest- compound Interest, LCM - HCF, Ratio - proportion, Mixture and Allegation etc).
- General / Financial awareness:
 - Financial, Banking, Insurance terminology / awareness
 - Govt Schemes and policies relevant to financial / banking
 - Static awareness (constitution / geography etc...).

Preparation plan:

- Understand well regarding the syllabus, exam pattern and focus.
- Prepare a timeline / schedule of preparation for learning the topic as well as for practicing various tests. The timeline may include some weekly targets and thus should complete the entire syllabus and test. Always review the prepared timeline / schedule of preparation.
- Start answering chapter wise tests. While answering these questions, your moto should be to answer very quickly. i.e. you should able to read the question speedily, arrive at the correct solution within short time. Always the accuracy and speed are important in the competitive examinations. Therefore, right from the beginning you should try to solve the questions with speed and efforts should always improve timing and accuracy.
- o Identify your strengths and weaknesses and focus on your weaknesses.
- O Practice as many full-length mock tests as many as you can. Further, while solving these mock tests strictly adhere to the timelines as prescribed in the actual examination. Always remember that, you should not spend too much time on a single question.
- Attempt previous question papers and assess yourself. Also take advise from experts / achievers. Keep on practicing these tests i.e. even if you are repeating the tests that would also add to your strength.
- Only mantra to get success is PRACTICE, PRACTICE...

Therefore, don't waste time, start preparation and succeed.

All the best