

## Preparation strategy for RBI Grade B

For every exam the final preparation strategy is yours. However, learning from other's experience is also important.

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**1. General Studies** – Read in detail about RBI, Indian Economy, Banking & Finance, Social issues for 3 to 4 months before the exam by reading the newspaper daily. But you should be very selective while reading the newspaper as it will take a lot of time if you read it elaborately. This is an important section because out of 200 questions you have 80 General Awareness questions. If you know the answers you can finish this section very quickly.

**2. Reasoning** – Besides General Studies, Reasoning is one of the sections which helps you to increase your aggregate cut off. In the first 15 days of your preparation focus more on this section so that you can grasp the subject and keep it aside. After that, you need to practice only, and you can devote more time to other sections.

**3. Quantitative Aptitude** – It is contradictory but true that syllabus of this section is more than double of reasoning section syllabus, but you have only 30 questions from this section against 60 questions in Reasoning. Also, even if you know how to solve quant questions especially the level of questions asked in RBI, it takes a lot of time to solve the questions. Hence, your strategy for this section should be to ensure that you clear the cut-off. You should not try to increase the aggregate cut off by this section. You should work on the basic concepts of all the chapters in this section in the first month of your preparation.

**4. English Language** – For this section, you should work on the basic grammar of English and vocabulary simultaneously and while reading the newspaper also you should keep this section in your mind. If you feel your English is not very good, then try only to clear the sectional cut off in this section.

**5. ESI & FM:** Start preparing for Phase 2 and Phase 1 simultaneously – Syllabus for Phase 2 is exhaustive, and competition is tough, therefore you need to start preparation for Phase 2 much in advance. Developing grip over Economics, Banking & Finance and Management takes time, therefore start study for Phase 2 immediately. One month before Phase 1 exam, focus more on Phase 1 exam and do practice test for that. From our side, at present the focus is 60:40 for Phase 2: Phase 1. But you need to modify this ratio as per your education background and preparation level.

**6. Don't read the prescribed books as such** – It will be very voluminous to read these books completely and you will lose the focus. Take the syllabus with you and study topic wise topic from books. There is too much to study in the prescribed syllabus, and you have limited time. Suggested books for Phase II are mentioned at the end of the mail.

**7. Reading Newspaper is must** – First, you should remember the syllabus by heart that will help in reading the newspaper selectively and effectively. It is recommended to devote 1-2 hours and read two newspapers: One should be 'The Hindu' and another



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any one of the Mint/Business Standard/Economic Times. Newspaper Reading is important for following reasons:

- You can understand the theoretical concepts of economics and finance with current applications.
- Most of the questions of current affairs, economics and management can be covered by reading a newspaper.
- Reading helps in developing writing skills, which is must for English Essay
- Interview preparation becomes easy if you are reading newspaper regularly

**8. Practice writing** – on various platforms like blogs, Quora, make Notes