



STATE BANK OF INDIA

**CENTRAL RECRUITMENT & PROMOTION DEPARTMENT
CORPORATE CENTRE, MUMBAI**

“ACQUAINT YOURSELF BOOKLET” FOR RECRUITMENT TESTS

**This booklet is designed to help you prepare for the
competitive examination for recruitment of Pharmacist
in State Bank of India.**

INTRODUCTION

This Booklet gives you detailed information about the objective type competitive examination for recruitment of Pharmacist in State Bank of India. These posts were advertised in the Employment News/Rozgar Samachar issue dated 16-22 November, 2013 and on the Bank's website www.statebankofindia.com and www.sbi.co.in. The terms and conditions, **period of probation**, emoluments etc. were given in the advertisement No. CRPD/CRS/2013-14/09. You should ensure that you are eligible for the post applied for in respect of age, educational qualification, nationality, experience as stipulated in the advertisement.

This handout contains details pertaining to various aspects of the online examination you are going to take and describes the kind of test which will be given to you in the examination. **The assessment will be done online hence you should carefully read instructions regarding the method of marking answers.** You are advised to study this booklet carefully as it will help you in preparing for the examination.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Particulars to be Noted** : Please note carefully your Roll Number, date, time and venue for the examination given in the call letter.
2. **Punctuality in Attendance** : Candidates should be present at the examination hall at the time given in the call letter. Candidates arriving late will not be permitted to enter the Examination Hall.
3. **Call letter to be Surrendered** : Affix firmly a copy of your **recent** passport size photograph in the space provided for it in the call letter and bring it with you alongwith photo identity proof in original and a photocopy when you come to the venue for the examination. **You will not be permitted to appear for the examination if you come without the photo identity proof in original and a photocopy, call letter or without the photograph affixed on the call letter.** You will be required to sign in the space provided for candidate's signature on your call letter in the presence of the invigilator in the examination hall. Invigilator will take your thumb impression on the call letter while collecting the same. You should hand over your call letter alongwith the photocopy of photo identity proof to the invigilator in the examination hall, when he collects the call letters from the candidates.
4. **Compliance with Instructions** : You should scrupulously follow the instructions given by test administrators and the invigilators at all the stages of the examination for which you have been called. If you violate the instructions you will be disqualified and may also be asked to leave the examination hall.
5. **Use of Books, Notes, Calculators & Cell Phones** : **No** calculator separate or with watch, cell phones, books, slide rulers, note books or written notes will be allowed inside the examination hall.
6. Do not leave your seat unless you are allowed.
7. **Use of Stationery** : You must bring stationery such as pencils, ball point pen with you.
8. **Rough work to be done on the sheet provided** : You should do all the necessary rough work on sheet provided only. **After the test is over, you should hand over the sheet, given for rough work to the invigilator before leaving the room.** Any candidate who does not return or is found to attempt to take or pass on the questions or answers inside or outside the examination hall will be disqualified and the Bank may take further action against him as per rules of the Bank.
9. **There will be Penalty for wrong answers marked by you in the objective tests.** There are five alternative answers to every question of all the tests. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by you, one-fourth or 0.25 of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty. If a question is left blank, i.e. no answer is given by you, there will be no penalty for that question. If the total of the penalty for test is in fraction, it will be rounded off to the nearest integer. **You should therefore be careful in marking your answers.**
10. **Copying / Misconduct / Unfair Practices** : If a candidate is/has been found guilty of –
 - i) Copying or allowing copying;
 - ii) Using unfair means during the test;
 - iii) Impersonating or procuring impersonation by any person;
 - iv) Misbehaving at the examination venue;
 - v) 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.
 - vi) Resorting to any other irregular or improper means;
 - vii) Obtaining support of his/her candidature by any means.
He/she will, in addition to rendering himself/herself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable to,
 - (a) Disqualification from selection process.
 - (b) Be debarred permanently/for specific period from any examination or selection by the Bank .
Candidates are warned against filling up/furnishing false, tampered/fabricated information or suppressing material information.
11. **Travelling Allowance shall not be paid** : **No travelling allowance or other expenses in connection with the examination will be paid. Please also note that the call letter does not constitute an offer of employment by the State Bank of India or any of its Associate Banks.**

STRUCTURE OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION (All the tests will be objective type)

The details of tests, number of questions, time given to solve the questions, etc. are given ahead. The test of Professional Knowledge will attempt to cover the job-relevant knowledge for the post.

Test	Name of the Test	No. of Ques.	Max. Marks	Time Allotted
I	General Awareness	25	25	Composite Time of 120 minutes
II	General English	25	25	
III	Quantitative Aptitude	25	25	
IV	Reasoning Ability	25	25	
V	Professional Knowledge	50	100	
	Total	150	200	

The tests of Reasoning Ability, Quantitative Aptitude, General Awareness and Professional Knowledge will be available in both Hindi and English. The test of General English will be available only in English.

Pass Marks : The candidate MUST pass in each of the five objective tests. The passing marks in each test will be decided by the Bank on the basis of the performance of all the competing candidates taken together in each test subject to a minimum required level. Candidates will also be required to score a minimum of 50% (45% for SC/ST/OBC/PWD/XS) on aggregate. Candidates who pass in each test and rank sufficiently high on the basis of the aggregate marks in the written examination as stated above would only be called for interview. However the bank reserves the right to change the above cut off.

The Online examination will be conducted in the morning session only.

Sample Questions :

Below are given some sample questions for each of these tests. The type of questions are only illustrative and not exhaustive. In actual test you may find questions on some or all these types and also questions on the type not mentioned here.

TEST I - GENERAL AWARENESS

- Q.1.** Which of the following persons closely associated with operation flood programmes was honoured by Padma Vibhushan ?
 (1) Dr. V. Kurien (2) Dr. M. S. Swaminathan (3) Dr. Amartya Sen
 (4) Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.2.** To combat the menace of money laundering, which of the following financial institutions has introduced the 'Know Your Customer' Scheme ?
 (1) IDBI (2) RBI (3) NABARD (4) SIDBI (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.3.** Who is the present Prime Minister of India ?
 (1) Smt. Sonia Gandhi (2) Dr Manmohan Singh (3) Shri P Chidambaram
 (4) Shri Narendra Modi (5) Other than those given as options

TEST II - GENERAL ENGLISH

This is a test to see how well you know English. Your English language ability would be tested through questions on grammar, vocabulary, sentence completion, synonyms, antonyms, comprehension of a passage, etc. Study and answer the sample questions given below :

Directions : Pick out the most appropriate word from amongst the words given below each sentence to complete it meaningfully.

- Q.4.** He quickly glanced the book to find what it said about the Indian economy.
 (1) at (2) through (3) in (4) to (5) over

The correct answer is "through" which is answer No. 2.

- Q.5.** The counsel urged the court to down the obnoxious law.
 (1) enact (2) enforce (3) cancel (4) strike (5) declare

- Q.6.** The local official the Minister of the situation.
 (1) explained (2) warned (3) apprised (4) told (5) intimated

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 (5).

Q.7. I am twenty / two years old / when I first / joined the bank. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

The error is in (1). Therefore the answer is '1'.

Q.8. To the Hindus / the Ganga is / holier than / any other river. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

In this question, there is no error; therefore the right answer to this question is '5'.

Q.9. Of all the teachers / in our school / our class teacher / were very strict. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

In addition, there will be questions based on passage, to test your comprehension.

TEST III - QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

This test is designed to measure how fast and accurate you are dealing with numbers, viz. computation, quantitative reasoning, interpretation of tables and graphs.

Directions : In each of the following questions, you have to find out what will come in place of the question mark (?).

Q.10. $42 + 73 + 137 = ?$
(1) 352 (2) 252 (3) 242 (4) 142 (5) Other than those given as options

Q.11. $20 \times \frac{1}{2} = ?$
(1) 4 (2) 5 (3) 12 (4) 20 (5) Other than those given as options

Q.12. $0.7 \times 0.5 = ?$
(1) 35 (2) 0.35 (3) 0.0035 (4) 0.035 (5) Other than those given as options

In Q.10, 252 is the correct answer. So your answer would be (2). The correct answer for Q.11 is 10. But neither (1), nor (2), nor (3), nor (4) shows this answer. Therefore your answer is (5).

Some of the questions may require arithmetical reasoning. For example :

Q.13. At 10 rupees each, how much paise will 6 lemons cost ?
(1) Rs. 6 (2) Rs. 10 (3) Rs. 60 (4) Rs. 61 (5) Rs. 610

Q.14. Which of the following can be exact multiple of 4 ?
(1) 27114 (2) 58204 (3) 48402 (4) 32286 (5) Other than those given as options

Q.15. If the profit made by selling a pen for Rs.10 is as much as its cost, what is the cost price of the pen ?
(1) Rs.3/- (2) Rs.5/- (3) Rs.10/- (4) Rs.20/- (5) Other than those given as options

Also, there may be some questions based on graphs and tables.

Q.16-18. Directions : Given below is a table showing percentages out of a total of 700 employees ranking six attributes that help promotion. Rank 1 is the highest. Study the table carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Attribute	Percent of Employees Giving Different Ranks					
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Seniority	32	17	22	19	5	5
Perseverance	14	19	17	9	27	14
Efficiency	15	19	21	14	14	17
Intelligence	10	14	10	14	17	35
Honesty	24	17	7	9	27	16
Sociability	5	14	23	35	10	13

Q.16. Which attribute for promotion has received the highest rank ?
(1) Perseverance (2) Seniority (3) Honesty (4) Sociability (5) Efficiency

Notice the percentage for rank I given in the table. You observe that seniority is the attribute with the highest percentage. So your answer is "Seniority", which is answer No. (2)

- Q.17.** How many employees gave rank III to intelligence ?
(1) 119 (2) 98 (3) 77 (4) 70 (5) 10

Look at the intersection of the column giving percentage for rank III and the row giving percentage for intelligence. You find that 10 percent of the 700 employees have given rank III to this attribute. 10% of 700 is 70. So your answer should be (4).

- Q.18.** Which attribute is considered the least important for promotion ?
(1) Honesty (2) Intelligence (3) Perseverance (4) Efficiency (5) Sociability

Referring to the percentage for VI rank, you find that intelligence is the attribute which receives the highest percentage. In other words, a majority of people consider it as the least important and give it the last rank. Therefore your answer is (2).

TEST IV - REASONING ABILITY

This is a test to see how well you can think. It contains questions of various kinds. Here are some sample questions.

Directions : In each of the following questions, there are five letter groups or words in each question. Four of these letter groups or words are alike in some way, while one is different. Find the one which is different.

- Q.19.** (1) black (2) red (3) green (4) paint (5) yellow

Of the five, 'black', 'red', 'green' and 'yellow' form a group as they are names of colours. 'Paint' is not the name of a colour. Therefore, (4) is the answer.

Now try to solve the following questions.

- Q.20.** (1) BC (2) MN (3) PQ (4) XZ (5) ST

- Q.21.** (1) Mango (2) Apple (3) Orange (4) Guava (5) Rose

Directions : In each of the following questions, there is a question mark in which only one of the five alternatives given under the question satisfies the same relationship as is found between the two terms to the left of the sign :: given in the question. Find the correct answer.

- Q.22.** Foot : man :: hoof : ?
(1) leg (2) dog (3) horse (4) boy (5) shoe

In the above example, 'hoof' has the same relationship with which one of the five as 'foot'; has to 'man' ? The answer is 'horse', which is answer number (3).

Now try to solve the following questions.

- Q.23.** Day : Night :: Kind : ?
(1) Dark (2) Bright (3) Cruel (4) Generous (5) Gratitude

- Q.24.** Hut : mansion :: Rabbit : ?
(1) Hole (2) Carrot (3) Elephant (4) Small (5) Rat

Now try the following questions.

- Q.25.** If the letters in the word TOPS can be rearranged to form a meaningful word beginning with O, the last letter of that word is your answer. If more than one such word can be formed, M is the answer and if no such word can be formed, X is the answer.

- (1) T (2) P (3) M (4) S (5) X

- Q.26.** 'Some leaders are dishonest. Satyapriya is a leader.' Which of the following inferences definitely follows from these statements ?
(1) Satyapriya is honest (2) Satyapriya is dishonest (3) Some leaders are honest
(4) Leaders are generally dishonest (5) Satyapriya is sometimes dishonest

TEST V - PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The questions in this test will be relevant to the post.

- Q.27.** Complete drug elimination occurs in ----
(1) 2 half lives (2) 4-5 half lives (3) 2-3 half lives (4) 5-7 half lives (5) 3-4 half lives

- Q.28.** Majority of drugs are transported across the membrane by -
(1) active transport (2) passive diffusion (3) filtration (4) active diffusion (5) facilitated transport

- Q.29.** Drug used for HIV infection is ----
(1) Acyclovir (2) Ribavirin (3) Vidarbine (4) Zidovudine (5) Idoxuridine

The correct answers to all these 29 questions are as follows –

Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers
1	1	7	1	13	3	19	4	25	4
2	2	8	5	14	2	20	4	26	3
3	2	9	4	15	2	21	5	27	2
4	2	10	2	16	2	22	3	28	2
5	4	11	5	17	4	23	3	29	4
6	3	12	2	18	2	24	3		

III. Details about On-line Test Pattern :

1. A **login screen** will be displayed to the candidate. The candidate has to log in using his/her User ID and Password which will be provided in the examination hall.
2. After logging in, the instructions will be displayed on the screen.
3. A candidate should read the instructions carefully and indicate that he has done so by 'checking' (click) the box at the bottom of the screen, after which the **'I am ready to begin' button** is activated.
4. After clicking on the 'I am ready to begin' button the actual **test time** will begin.
5. There are 150 questions and each question is followed by 5 alternatives/options.
6. The total marks for the test are 200.
7. The questions except those on English Language will be available in Hindi and in English. In order to view a given question in the other language, a candidate can click on the 'view in' drop down box and select the desired language.
8. Only one question will be displayed at a time.
9. In order to answer a question, the candidate has to 'mouse click' the option he/she thinks is appropriate/ correct. **The alternative which has been clicked on will be highlighted and shall be treated as the answer given by the candidate for the question.**
10. After selecting an answer for a question the candidate should click on the **'SAVE & NEXT'** button to save his answer and proceed to the next question. **Note that without clicking on 'Save & Next' button the answer selected for a question will not be saved.**
11. In case a candidate does not wish to attempt the question then he/ she should not click on any option for that question. A candidate can choose to deselect his/her answer for a particular question by clicking on the **'CLEAR RESPONSE' button** provided against each question.
12. In case a candidate wants to skip a particular question and return to it later before submitting his/her test or a candidate 'clicks' (selects) an answer for a particular question but wishes to review it later, he/she may note down the question number on the sheet provided.
In such cases the candidate may also click on the **'MARK FOR REVIEW & NEXT'** button. In case an answer has been selected for a particular question which has been marked as **'MARK FOR REVIEW & NEXT'**, the answer marked will be taken for final evaluation.
13. The question numbers of attempted and unattempted questions are also shown to the right of the screen. A candidate can then click on any of the question numbers to view the question, in order to attempt/ revise his/her answer to the question.
14. Each question number will be displayed in a particular colour depending on the status of the question:
White : Not visited : Question has not been viewed/ attempted
Red : Not Answered : Question has been viewed but not answered
Green : Answered : Question has been answered
Violet : Marked : Question has been marked for review later
15. **Candidates are not permitted to submit their answers before the entire test time i.e 120 minutes is over.**
16. **A candidate can navigate between questions by clicking on the question number displayed to the right of the screen.**
17. When a candidate clicks on a particular question, it takes some time for the question to appear. The time lost is not deducted from the total time allotted for the test.
18. **Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the 'keyboard keys' once the exam starts as this will lock the exam.**

About the Submission

1. Candidates are not permitted to submit their answers before the entire test time is over.
2. **A candidate can only change his/ her answer before clicking the 'Submit' button.**
3. After the expiry of the exam duration, candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. A candidate's answers would be automatically saved by the computer system even if he has not clicked the 'Submit' button.