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● ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

(A) Essential Academic Qualifications :

Graduation in any discipline from a recognized University or any equivalent qualification recognised as such by the Central Government. Those who are in the final year/semester of their graduation may also apply provisionally subject to the condition that, if called for interview.

Candidates having Integrated dual degree (IDD) certificate should ensure that the date of passing the IDD is on or before the stipulated date.

(B) Age Limit :

Not below 21 years and not above 30 years as on stipulated date.

Relaxation in the Upper Age Limit to Reserved Category candidates will be permissible.

● SELECTION PROCEDURE

Phase-I : Preliminary Examination : Preliminary Examination consisting of Objective Tests for 100 marks will be conducted online. This test would be of 1 hour duration consisting of 3 Sections as follows :

SL	Name of Test	No. of Questions	Marks	Duration
1.	English Language	30	30	Composite Time of 1 hour
2.	Quantitative Aptitude	35	35	
3.	Reasoning Ability	35	35	
	Total	100	100	

Candidates have to qualify in each of the three tests by securing passing marks to be decided by the Bank. Adequate number of candidates in each category as decided by the Bank (approximately 20 times the numbers of vacancies subject to availability) will be short listed for the Main Examination.

Phase-II : Main Examination : Main Examination will consist of Objective Tests for 200 marks and Descriptive Test for 50 marks. Both the Objective and Descriptive Tests will be online. Candidates will have to answer Descriptive test by typing on the computer. Immediately after completion of Objective Test, Descriptive Test will be administered.

(i) **Objective Test**—The objective test of 2 hour duration consists of 4 sections with 50 marks each (Total 200 marks) as follows :

- (a) Test of English Language (Grammar, Vocabulary, Comprehension etc.)
- (b) Test of General Awareness, Marketing & Computers
- (c) Test of Data Analysis & Interpretation
- (d) Test of Reasoning (High Level)

The candidates are required to qualify in each of the Tests by securing passing marks, to be decided by the Bank.

(ii) **Descriptive Test**—The Descriptive Test of 1 hour duration with 50 marks will be a Test of English Language (Letter Writing & Essay).

The candidates are required to qualify in the Descriptive Test by securing passing marks, to be decided by the Bank.

Descriptive test paper of only those candidates will be evaluated who have scored qualifying marks in the Objective Tests and are placed adequately high as per total marks in objective test.

Phase-III : Group Discussion (20 Marks) & Interview (30 Marks) :

The aggregate marks of candidates qualifying in both the Objective Tests and Descriptive Test will be arranged in descending order in each category. Adequate number of candidates in each category, as decided by the Bank will be called for Group Discussion and Interview. The qualifying marks in Group Discussion and Interview will be as decided by the Bank.

Final Selection

The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination (Phase-I) will not be added for the selection and only the marks obtained in Main Examination (Phase-II) will be added to the marks obtained in GD and Interview (Phase-III) for preparation of the final merit list.

The candidates will have to qualify both in Phase-II and Phase-III separately. Marks secured by the candidates in the Written Test (out of 250 marks) are converted to out of 75 and marks secured in Group Discussion and Interview (out of 50 marks) are converted to out of 25. The final merit list is arrived at after aggregating converted marks of Written Test and Group Discussion and Interview out of 100 for each category. The selection will be made from the top merit ranked candidates in each category.

Results of the candidates who have qualified GD & Interview and the list of candidates finally selected will be made available on the Bank's website. Final select list will be published in Employment News/Rozgar Samachar.

**State Bank of India
Probationary Officers
Preliminary Exam.
Solved Model Paper**

Model Paper-1

English Language

Directions—(Q. 1-10) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions, given. Certain words/phrases have been given in **bold** to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Women all over in world in general and Indian women in particular have been facing different problems. A recent report titled 'Women and Children in India' and a nearly simultaneous report of India women their health and economic productivity **highlight** the international importance being given to the problems of Indian women.

Unfortunately, both the reports fail to either convey a fresh understanding of the issues or to suggest **innovative** and workable approaches for women's development. The former is because the reports restrict themselves to old statistics. We are told, for example, that the ratio of women to men remains below its natural level and that is related to other parameters. Such as the level of literacy and the **availability** of primary health care.

The failure to suggest a fresh approach is less understandable given that a variety of approaches to women's development has been tried out all over the world. In India the state has made a strong political and economical commitment to women. In 1990, the National Commission of Women was established. In 1969 two major policies documents were released. Ever since the sixth five year plan there has been a special section in socio-economic programmes for women. Poverty alleviation programmes have a 30% target for women special programmes like development women and child in Rural Areas have also been started.

These governmental and other approaches have mixed results. For example, certain organisation's approaches of using bank credit to organise self-employed women has worked well. So did women's literacy programmes in Kerala. On the

other hand, some of the legislated reforms like dowry prohibition have not worked well. The issue of whether women should be identified as separate participant in the development process is also free from controversy.

In this context, it is disappointing to read in one the reports the one of the government targets for 1991-95 ought to be faster "an echos of caring in the community-not to a child let us '**go to bed hungry**' be subjected to a preventable disease or remain with out learning opportunity this could **mark** the beginning of a social process towards a more humane order". Is the saying then' that Indians don't love their children, as a matter of cultural practice ?

1. Why does the author say that the report are unable to convey a fresh understanding of the issue ?
 - (A) The problems are dealt with supercially in this matter.
 - (B) Outdated data are used in this reports.
 - (C) Some of the development schemes are not deal with.
 - (D) Indian problems can't be understood by the foreigners.
 - (E) None of the above
2. Which of the following has **not** been mentioned as necessary in one of the reports, to start a new social order ?
 - (A) Prevent hungry of children
 - (B) Prevent disease in children
 - (C) Increase educational opportunities
 - (D) Community care of the children
 - (E) All of these have been mentioned in the passage
3. Which of the following would indicate the **SAME** meaning as the phrase—**go to bed hungry** as it has been used in the passage ?
 - (A) Malnutrition
 - (B) Insomnia
 - (C) Famine

- (D) Undernourishment
(E) Unsatisfied
4. Why has, according to the passage, the legislation prohibiting dowry failed in India ?
(A) Due to cultural echos in the country as a main root of tradition.
(B) Because of the fact that it was passed the law as the undertaking.
(C) No social organisation was involved in the matter to abolish the disease.
(D) Literacy rate among the women is poor.
(E) Reason not mentioned in this passage apparently to provide the base.
5. Which of the following is **TRUE** in the context of the passage ?
(A) Some developed programmes in India have failed.
(B) All the developed programmes and schemes are being successful.
(C) Indian women don't finance well according to personal or domestic uses.
(D) Women literacy rate were tibered in India as a whole.
(E) The beliefs of superstitions provide a economical value.
6. Which of the following is conveying the **SAME** meaning as the word—**Innovative** as used in the passage ?
(A) Renaissance (B) Faulty
(C) Assaultive (D) Rigerous
(E) Mount
7. Which of the following is **FALSE** according to the passage ?
1. The problem of women in general attracting attention the world over.
2. Indian people force their children to raise the economic status.
3. Right from independence women have been receiving special attention for development.
(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Only 3
(D) Only 2 and 3
(E) Only 1 and 2
8. Which of the following is **OPPOSITE** in meaning as the word-**humane**' as used in the passage ?
(A) prosperous (B) merciful
(C) adroit (D) tenative
(E) autocrat
9. Which of the following is **NOT** put forward by the author of the passage as a defect of the reports ?
(A) The highlights the problem on India women.
(B) Containing the outdated statistical data.
(C) Reports have not suggested any new measures.
(D) Some of the suggestions in the reports are useful.
(E) The reports were not analytical
10. Which of the following statement/s is/are **CORRECT** in the context of the passage in regard to development scheme ?
1. All people are of the opinion that women should be given special status.
2. No one feels that women should be given special status.
3. There is no controversy regarding women being given special status.
(A) Only 1 (B) Only 2
(C) Only 3 (D) All the three
(E) None of these
- Directions**—(Q. 11–15) Which of the phrases given against the sentence should replace the word/ phrase in **bold** in the sentence to make it grammatically correct ? If the sentence is correct as it is given and no correction is required, select '**No correction required**' as the answer.
11. When the police officer asked you about your salary, you provided wrong information **haven't you** ?
(A) have you not (B) aren't you
(C) didn't you (D) don't you
(E) No correction required
12. They were requested to take their belonging and **left their** houses quickly at the time of Partition.
(A) leave their (B) lived in their
(C) left in their (D) left in its
(E) No correction required

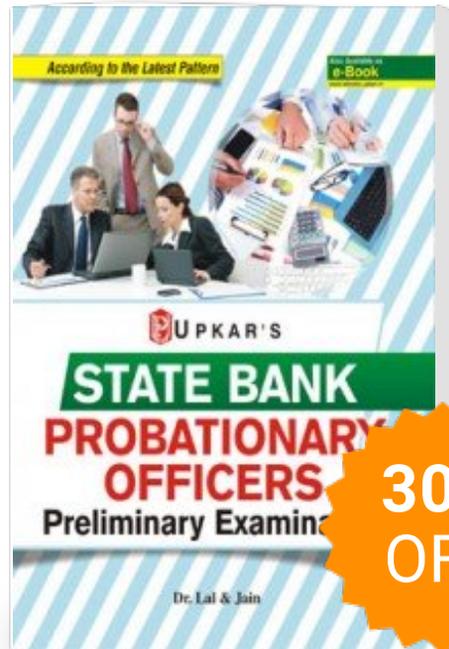
13. In a few minutes, the clock strikes six, I **would be waiting** here for three quarter of an hour.
 (A) shall be waiting
 (B) shall have been waiting
 (C) will have waited
 (D) had waited
 (E) No correction required
14. Hardly **does the sun rise** when the stars disappeared is the natural phenomenon.
 (A) have the sun risen
 (B) had the sun risen
 (C) did the sun rise
 (D) the sun rose
 (E) No correction required
15. If you have paid only twenty five rupees for this bag. It **has really cheap**.
 (A) is really cheap
 (B) is real cheap
 (C) has cheapest
 (D) has been really cheapest
 (E) No correction required
- Directions—(Q. 16–20)** Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical mistake/error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. Mark the part with the error as your answer. If there is no error mark, '**No error**' as your answer. (Ignore the error of punctuation).
16. As the first President / of India Dr. Rajendra
 (A) (B)
 Prasad / was known by / all people of the
 (C) (D)
 world. No error
 (E)
17. The outlets of the production / have been
 (A) (B)
 damaged and as such / should be declared /
 (C)
 unsuitable for sale. No error
 (D) (E)
18. To give up / the bad habit of smoking / and use
 (A) (B) (C)
 of chewing gum or / similar other method can
 (D)
 be used. No error
 (E)
19. In many respects river water / pollution is
 (A) (B)
 often / indicate by algae distribution / mainly
 (C) (D)
 among other causes of the pollution. No error
 (E)
20. The first year of child's life is / characterised
 (A) (B)
 just before teenage / is found in rapid / physical
 (C) (D)
 growth. No error
 (E)
- Directions—(Q. 21–30)** In the given passage there are blanks each of which has been numbered. Against each five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.
- Each person has a sense to work according to the advice of someone so the people follow leaders ...(21)... a sense of purpose and self-confidence. The self-confidence ...(22)... a positive outlook and an ability to beat ease with yourself, not ...(23)... that you know the answer to everything. A leader who thinks that he has all the answers will have a negative ...(24)... on his followers. The leaders that I admire are ...(25)... who listen. Leaders who don't listen ...(26)... believe that they have all the answers. The truth is that nobody ...(27)... smart and capable has all the answers. To ...(28)... a good you also have to encourage people to speakup. People should not be afraid of you because leading by ...(29)... will only result in answer. It is not real leadership and you will never get people to perform at their ...(30)... capabilities.
21. (A) presents (B) exhibits
 (C) originate (D) issue
 (E) have
22. (A) results (B) changes
 (C) being (D) means
 (E) guides
23. (A) enough (B) knowing
 (C) thinking (D) sure
 (E) until
24. (A) status (B) feeling
 (C) contact (D) impact
 (E) pressure

25. (A) person (B) perhaps
(C) them (D) those
(E) someone
26. (A) confident (B) need
(C) utmost (D) never
(E) usually
27. (A) despite (B) so
(C) whatever (D) still
(E) more
28. (A) establish (B) be
(C) want (D) follow
(E) elect
29. (A) fear (B) courage
(C) example (D) choice
(E) front
30. (A) high (B) successful
(C) through (D) peak
(E) favourite
34. Thirty-five per cent of 740 is 34 more than a number. What is two-fifth of the number ?
(A) 45 (B) 90
(C) 180 (D) 120
(E) None of these
35. The ratio between the angles of a quadrilateral is 6 : 3 : 4 : 5. The smallest angle of a triangle is one-fourth the largest angle of the quadrilateral. Largest angle of the triangle is 10° more than second largest angle of the triangle. What is the second largest angle of the triangle ?
(A) 80°
(B) 60°
(C) 70°
(D) Cannot be determined
(E) None of these
36. A train covered a distance of 1235 km in 19 hours. Also, the average speed of a car is four-fifth the average speed of the train. How much distance will the car cover in 22 hours ?
(A) 1234 km (B) 1144 km
(C) 1134 km (D) 1244 km
(E) None of these

Quantitative Aptitude

31. A man sold an item for ₹ 6,750 at a loss of 25%. What will be the selling price of same item if he sells it at a profit of 15% ?
(A) ₹ 10,530 (B) ₹ 9,950
(C) ₹ 10,350 (D) ₹ 11,340
(E) None of these
32. The sum of the circumference of a circle and the perimeter of a rectangle is 132 cm. The area of the rectangle is 112 sq cm and breadth of the rectangle is 8 cm. What is the area of the circle ?
(A) 616 sq cm
(B) 540 sq cm
(C) 396 sq cm
(D) Cannot be determined
(E) None of these
33. The cost of 5 kg of apple is equal to the cost of 12 kg of rice. The cost of 3 kg of flour is equal to one kg of rice. The cost of one kg. of flour is ₹ 17.50. What is the total cost of 3 kg of apple, 2 kg of rice and 4 kg of flour together ?
(A) ₹ 543 (B) ₹ 527
(C) ₹ 563 (D) ₹ 553
(E) None of these
37. The ratio between the present ages of Meera and Priya is 3 : 4 respectively. Ten years ago the ratio between their ages was 4 : 7 respectively. What will be Meera's age after 5 years ?
(A) 18 years (B) 24 years
(C) 23 years (D) 29 years
(E) None of these
38. The average marks of nine students in a group is 63. Three of them scored 78, 69 and 48 marks. What are the average marks of remaining six students ?
(A) 63.5 (B) 64
(C) 63 (D) 62.5
(E) None of these
39. A bag contains 7 red balls, 4 green balls and 5 yellow balls. What is the probability that 3 balls drawn at random are either green or yellow ?

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