



**ON-LINE EXAMINATION - RECRUITMENT OF ASSISTANTS
(PHASE-I)**

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 on-line examination will comprise of the following objective type multiple choice tests as stated below :

Section	Name of the tests	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Medium of Exam	Minimum Qualifying Marks		Duration
					SC/ST/PwBD	Others	
1	English Language/Hindi Language**	30	30	English/Hindi	11	12	20 minutes
2	Numerical Ability	35	35	English/Hindi	13	14	20 minutes
3	Reasoning Ability	35	35	English/Hindi	13	14	20 minutes
	Total	100					1 hour

****English/Hindi Language test will be of qualifying nature and marks in the language section will not be counted for ranking. Candidates have an option to either attempt English Language or Hindi Language.**

The total time for the test is 60 minutes; however you may have to be at the venue for approximately 90 minutes including the time required for logging in, collection of the call letters, going through the instructions etc. All tests except test of English Language/Hindi Language will be provided in English and Hindi. Each test is separately timed. Candidates can attempt questions in a particular test during the time allotted for that test only. All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the five 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 your answers by random guessing.** Adequate number of candidates in each category as decided by LIC (not more than 20 times the vacancies) will be shortlisted for the Main Examination. Shortlisting for main examination will be on the basis of the marks obtained by the candidate in Section 2 and 3, provided that the candidate obtains the minimum qualifying marks in the Section 1.

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 Score.
- (ii) The 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) Test wise 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.

Some sample questions are given below.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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.1.** He quickly glanced the book to find what it said about the Indian economy.
(1) at (2) through (3) in (4) to (5) over
- Q.2.** The counsel urged the court to down the obnoxious law.
(1) enact (2) enforce (3) cancel (4) strike (5) declare
- Q.3.** 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.4.** I am twenty / two years old / when I first / joined the bank. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
- Q.5.** To the Hindus / the Ganga is / holier than / any other river. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
- Q.6.** Of all the teachers / in our school / our class teacher / were very strict. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

HINDI LANGUAGE

इस प्रश्नावली में हिंदी भाषा में प्रवीणता, शब्दभंडार, वाक्यरचना, शब्दप्रयोग, समानार्थक, विपरीतार्थी शब्द, अनेकार्थी शब्द, वर्तनी त्रुटि, लोकोक्तियां, मुहावरें आदि से संबंधी प्रश्न होंगे।

प्र.1-3. नीचे दिये गये प्रश्नों में से हरेक में एक वाक्य दिया गया है जिसे (1), (2), (3) और (4) भागों में बांटा गया है। वाक्य को पढ़ कर ज्ञात कीजिये कि वाक्य में शब्दों के गलत प्रयोग, वर्तनी या व्याकरण की कोई त्रुटि तो नहीं है। त्रुटि अगर होगी तो वाक्य के किसी एक ही भाग में होगी। इस भाग का क्रमांक ही आपका उत्तर है। अगर वाक्य त्रुटिहीन है तो उत्तर (5) दीजिये अर्थात् त्रुटि नहीं।

प्र.1. चालीस लडकों का एक मिला जुला / ठहाका उठा था और / कक्षा की छत पे टकरा कर /
(1) (2) (3)
सब का सब एकदम मेरे भीतर उतर गया था। त्रुटि नहीं
(4) (5)

प्र.2. सेठ पुरुषोत्तम दास पूना की सरस्वती पाठशाला / का मुआयना करने के बाद में /
(1) (2)
बाहर निकले तो एक लड़की ने / दौड़ कर उनका दामन पकड़ लिया। त्रुटि नहीं
(3) (4) (5)

प्र.3. वह झपट कर कुर्सी से उठी / और बड़े वेग से कई कमरो / और बरामदो को पार करती /
(1) (2) (3)
मैनेजर के सामने को आकर खड़ी हो गई। त्रुटि नहीं
(4) (5)

प्र.4-5. नीचे दिए गए प्रश्नों में से एक शब्द समूह या वाक्यांश दिया गया है और फिर उसके बाद पाँच ऐसे शब्द सुझाए गए हैं जो कि इस पूरे वाक्यांश या शब्द समूह का अर्थ एक शब्द में स्पष्ट कर देते हैं। आपको वह शब्द ज्ञात कर उसको उत्तर के क्रम में दर्शाना है।

प्र.4. जिसका कभी नाश न हो
(1) अपनाश (2) निरामिष (3) अटल (4) अविनाशी (5) सर्व व्यापक

प्र.5. कम बोलने वाला
(1) मिठबोला (2) समदर्शी (3) मृदुभाषी (4) संयमित (5) मितभाषी

NUMERICAL ABILITY

This test is to measure how fast and accurate you are in dealing with numbers.

- Q.1.** At 10 paise each, how many paise will 6 lemons cost ?
 (1) 6 (2) 10 (3) 60 (4) 61 (5) 610
- Q.2.** 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.3-6.** 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, 3 and 4 can replace the question mark. If none of these four can replace the question mark, you will indicate (5) i.e. 'Other than those given as options' as your answer.
- Q.3.** $42 + 73 + 137 = ?$
 (1) 352 (2) 252 (3) 242 (4) 142 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.4.** $20 \times \frac{1}{2} = ?$
 (1) 4 (2) 5 (3) 12 (4) 20 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.5.** $0.7 \times 0.5 = ?$
 (1) 35 (2) 0.35 (3) 0.0035 (4) 0.035 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.6.** $15 : 25 :: 6 : ?$
 (1) 9 (2) 10 (3) 30 (4) 15 (5) Other than those given as options

REASONING ABILITY

This is a test to see how well you can think and also to judge your aptitude/ knowledge for working with computer. 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.1.** (1) black (2) red (3) green (4) paint (5) yellow
- Q.2.** (1) BC (2) MN (3) PQ (4) XZ (5) ST
- Q.3.** (1) Mango (2) Apple (3) Orange (4) Guava (5) Rose
- Q.4.** If 'A B' means 'add B to A', 'A B' means 'subtract B from A', 'A # B' means 'divide A by B' and 'A \div B' means 'multiply A by B'; which of the following gives the average sales of two days where S_1 and S_2 are the sales of the first and the second day respectively ?
 (1) $(S_1 + S_2) \div 2$ (2) $2 \# (S_1 + S_2)$ (3) $(S_1 + S_2) \# 2$
 (4) $(S_1 \div S_2) \# (S_1 + S_2)$ (5) Other than those given as options

- Q.5-6.** In the following questions a group of numbers and symbols is to be coded by the letter code as per the given scheme and conditions. You have to find out the sr.no. of the letter code group which correctly represents the number symbol combination. The sr. no. of that letter code group is your answer. If none of the letter code groups is correct then mark (5) i.e Other than those given as options.

Number/Symbol :	2	\$	@	7	6	#	8
Letter Code :	Q	B	H	L	F	M	T

Condition :

- If the first as well as the last element is a symbol both are to be coded as 'A'.
- If the first element is even digit and last element is a symbol their codes are to be inter changed.

- Q.5.** 67@2#
 (1) FLHQM (2) MLHQF (3) MLQHE (4) FLQHM (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.6.** \$687#
 (1) AFTLA (2) AFTLM (3) BFTLA (4) BFTLM (5) Other than those given as options

(A) Details of the On-line Examination Pattern

- (1) The examination would be conducted on-line i.e. on a computer.

- (2) The tests except test of English Language/ Hindi Language will be provided in English and Hindi.
- (3) All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the five answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. **The candidate has to select the most appropriate answer and ‘mouse click’ that alternative which he/ she feels is appropriate/ 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”.**
- (4) The clock has been set at the server and the countdown timer at the top right corner of your screen will display the time remaining for you to complete the test(s). When the clock runs out the exam ends by default - you are not required to end or submit your exam.
- (5) The question palette at the right of screen shows one of the following statuses of each of the questions numbered:



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 simply acts as a reminder that you have set to look at the question again. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final 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) You can shuffle between tests and questions during the examination as per time allocated to test(s).
- (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 LIC.
- (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 60 minutes, 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.**

B] General Instructions:

- (1) Please note date, 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. Late comers 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 LIC 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, cell phones (with or without camera facility), or any other electronic device will be allowed during the examination.
- (6) Please bring this 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**. Please hand over this call-letter alongwith photocopy of photo identity proof duly stapled together to the invigilator. Currently valid photo identity proof may be PAN Card/Passport/Permanent Driving Licence/Voter's Card/Bank Passbook with photograph/Photo Identity proof issued by a Gazetted Officer on official letterhead alongwith photograph/Valid recent Identity Card issued by a recognized College/University/Aadhaar Card/E-Aadhaar Card with a photograph/Employee ID/Bar Council Identity card with photograph. **Please Note - Ration Card and Learner's Driving License will NOT be accepted as valid ID proof for this purpose.** 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 original Gazette notification/their original marriage certificate/affidavit in original.
- (7) 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 behaviour unbecoming of a candidate will not be considered for assessment. The Life Insurance Corporation of India may take further action against such candidates as deemed fit by it.

- (8) You should bring with you a ball-point pen. 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 hand over this sheet of paper to the Test Administrator before leaving the venue.
- (9) The possibility of occurrence 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 problem, which may include movement of candidates, delay in test. Conduct of a re-exam is at the absolute discretion of test conducting body. Candidates will not have any claim for a re-test. Candidates not willing to move or not willing to participate in the delayed process of test delivery shall be summarily rejected from the process.
- (10) 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 are required if the nodes capacity is less or some technical disruption takes place at any centre or for any candidate.
- (11) Please note that a candidate is allowed to appear only once in the online examination. Multiple appearance in online examination will result in cancellation of candidature. In case more than one call letter has been generated, candidates are advised to appear only once on the date and at the time mentioned on the respective call letter. All other call letters are to be surrendered.
- (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 LIC recruitment process in the future. If such instances go undetected during the current selection process but are detected subsequently, such disqualification will take place with retrospective affect.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

You are advised to bring with you the following:

- (i) Call letter with photo affixed thereon and photo ID card in **Original** and photocopy as mentioned in point 6.
- (ii) One Ball point pen

WISH YOU GOOD LUCK