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In this document, I will share my detailed strategy for all the three stages of RBI Grade B examination.

Prelims: Since I had prepared for IBPS PO simultaneously in 2020, so I had made a decent base in QRE and so I just solved many mocks. But if you are new, kindly go through the basics once and then start solving as much mocks as possible.

TIP: Try to solve mocks from different platforms in order to brace yourself for any setbacks that exam may bring it up with itself. Also, if you are good at it, don't take QRE for granted, last year I missed reasoning cutoff by 0.25 marks.

Current Affairs: As a working candidate, I had limited time so I devoted 1-1.5 hours at max to CA and followed Affairs Cloud monthly pocket PDF (since Dec) and PIB Compilation By Brajesh Mohan Sir(Since Feb) . Both these helped me in mains as well. I thoroughly revised the material and also gave a lot of quizzes.

TIP: I cleared pre just by 3 marks so I would suggest focusing on CA more than I did because there were people who were able to score a lot better in pre.

Mains: My educational background and all the effort I had placed earlier came little handy as I believe your hard work always stays with you. But still I didn't take anything for granted and worked on every subject.

ESI: For basic concepts, I just glanced Edutap Summary Sheets and Mind Map (like revising terms related to BOP). I laid more attention on the Economy part which is dynamic in nature. I followed newspaper but did not make notes from it. Rather I studied Vision IAS free monthly magazine (economy related and finance related articles) which helped me form an understanding and opinion of the subject.

Also, I extensively used google for further clarification on any topic and read free content available on Drishti IAS, Vision IAS weekly focus etc.

For Schemes, I followed VisionIAS Schemes in News booklet. Along with that, for some flagship schemes which are in news almost every month and are mentioned in budget, I went to Ministry websites and read their introduction/ about us pages.

For reports and indices, Edutap had come up with the important reports list. I followed them from Vision IAS monthly magazine and also googled which were not available.

TIP: What helped me was that I didn't leave any topic with half knowledge. My intention was always to understand it and make my own notes so that if I have to explain it to someone, I can do it with a lot of clarity.

Also try and correlate your conceptual understanding with the world's happenings. For ex, if you have read BOP as a topic today, I will suggest read BOP Crisis of 1991 or Sri lankan economic crisis or India's current statistics of CAD. This will help in a) better understanding of the topic and b) better retention for the exam. Also you won't have to get worried about data for writing answers, you will get it from your own preparation.

Management: I relied only on edutap summary sheets and kept on revising them.

Finance: I followed Edutap Summary sheets, made notes from their videos (as I had very less knowledge on the subject). A lot of knowledge I had gained from RBI FAQs. There was a direct question from FAQ as well on NBFCs and its types. Investopedia is also a very good source for finance.

TIP: I had followed a group on telegram (We learn here by Atul Sharma) on which the admin used to post a lot of questions from the syllabus regarding every topic. So it helped me prepare for all the topics in a targeted way. Their pace was faster than mine but I just focused on completing the set of questions by doing my own research.

Mocks for phase-2: There aren't much mocks available I think so I prepared from questions given by ShivamGrB /Mentorme360- he had posted a few set of questions. Also, Brajesh Mohan Sir had also posted few questions which I took as a mock only.

A friend used to prepare mock questions for me and used to check my answers and tell me where I was lacking. As he has been a UPSC Aspirant so his experience and knowledge helped me a lot.

TIP: Before solving the real paper or any mock for phase-2, first ensure that you spend 1-1.5 mins on the question in order to make a rough flow chart/mind map on paper. This will help you do all the thinking about the question before hand. Understanding the demand of the question and then preparing this mind map will provide a clear path to write the answer and complete paper on time.

Typing: I had bought a keyboard and practised for 10 days before the mains only. Though I don't use keyboard extensively at work but still it helped.

TIP: I had fixed my time to 80 mins instead of 90 for all the mock test for mains which helped me complete the paper

Interview: I have given almost all the mock interviews available online but none of them went good. But I made sure that I write each and ever feedback and improve. This strategy helped me in improving my

performance without getting demoralised. I made sure to cover every aspect be it my work or my education or even family background and all that helped.

TIP: Try to have a look at RBI's website atleast twice a week and study about recent developments. This will help in almost all the phases.

#ONE THING THAT CAN NOT BE UNDERMINED IS THE IMPORTANCE OF REVISION. EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED YOUR SYLLABUS, KEEP ON REVISING WHAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED IN EVERY 10/15 DAYS (FOR WORKING PEOPLE). I MADE SURE THAT WITH EVERY REVISION, MY NOTES BECAME SHORTER AND CRISPIER WHICH HELPED IN RETENTION OF MAIN POINTS EVEN BETTER.

This was my strategy for the RBI grade B exam. Hopefully it can be of some use to you all.

All the best :)