



Competitive Exam Preparation

Banking Reasoning Sample Module

MASTER KIT :
PUZZLE & SEATING
ARRANGEMENT






Learn the Most Important Topic in Banking Reasoning

Puzzle and Seating Arrangement questions often contribute 40–60% of the reasoning section in Banking examinations.

This sample module introduces:

- ✓ Puzzle Solving Framework
- ✓ Seating Arrangement Techniques
- ✓ Common Exam Patterns
- ✓ Practice Questions
- ✓ Detailed Solutions

Exams Covered

-  SBI Clerk
-  SBI PO
-  IBPS Clerk
-  IBPS PO
-  RBI Assistant



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Puzzle Solving Strategy

Why Students Struggle

- ✗ Reading clues repeatedly
- ✗ Drawing wrong diagrams
- ✗ Missing negative clues
- ✗ No systematic approach
- ✗ Panic under time pressure

Recommended Method

Step 1

Identify puzzle type

- Linear
- Circular
- Floor
- Box
- Month/Day

Step 2

Draw framework immediately

Step 3

Place direct clues first

Step 4

Apply negative clues

Step 5

Use elimination



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Exam Tip

Never start solving mentally.

Always draw a structured arrangement.

Solved Example

Linear Arrangement

Eight persons A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H are sitting in a row facing north.

1. A sits third to the left of D.
 2. B sits at one of the ends.
 3. C sits second to the right of A.
 4. E sits immediately left of B.
 5. F sits between D and G.
 6. H sits second from the left end.
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Solution Framework

Start with fixed positions.

Place H.

Place B at an end.

Place E beside B.

Use relation clues.

Complete arrangement.

Final Arrangement

(Provide row diagram)

Key Learning

Always start from fixed positions.

Never begin with flexible clues.



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Practice Set

Question 1

Seven persons are sitting in a row facing north.

A sits second from the left end.

B sits third to the right of A.

C sits immediately left of B.

Who sits between A and C?

A. B

B. D

C. E

D. Cannot be determined

E. None

Answer _____

Question 2

Five persons P, Q, R, S and T sit around a circular table facing centre.

P sits opposite R.

Q sits immediate left of P.

Who sits opposite Q?

A. R

B. S

C. T

D. P

E. Cannot be determined

Answer _____



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Question 3

Eight persons sit in a row.

M is fourth from left.

N is second right of M.

O is immediate left of N.

Find O's position.

- A. 4th
- B. 5th
- C. 6th
- D. 7th
- E. Cannot be determined

Answer _____

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Challenge Questions

Banking Level Puzzle

Six persons live on six different floors.

A lives above B.

C lives below D.

E lives on the top floor.

F lives immediately below E.

Who lives on the second floor?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. Cannot be determined

Answer _____



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Circular Seating Challenge

Eight friends sit around a circular table.

A sits opposite C.

B sits immediate right of A.

D sits second left of C.

Who sits between A and D?

- A. B
- B. E
- C. F
- D. G
- E. Cannot be determined

Answer _____

Trainer Note

Target time per puzzle:

Clerk Level:

2–3 minutes

PO Level:

3–5 minutes

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Answer Key & Puzzle Success Strategy

Answer Key

Question Answer

- | | |
|----|---|
| Q1 | D |
| Q2 | B |
| Q3 | B |
| Q4 | E |
| Q5 | E |



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5 Golden Rules

Rule 1

Draw the framework first.

Rule 2

Use direct clues immediately.

Rule 3

Mark negative clues clearly.

Rule 4

Do not assume information.

Rule 5

If stuck for more than 4 minutes, move to the next question.

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