

IBPS PO Prelims 2026

Present Tenses - Practice Set 1 of 5

FREE SET

Focus: Present Tenses (All Types)

Time: 20 Minutes

Total: 25 Questions

Simple Present - 6 Qs Present Continuous - 5 Qs Present Perfect - 5 Qs
Present Perfect Continuous - 4 Qs Mixed Present - 5 Qs

Instructions

- ✓ This is the FREE practice set (Set 1 of 5) focusing on PRESENT TENSES for IBPS PO Prelims 2026
- ✓ Each sentence has ONE grammatical error related to Present Tenses
- ✓ Each question carries 1 mark (No negative marking for practice)
- ✓ Try to complete all 25 questions within 20 minutes to simulate exam conditions
- ✓ After attempting all questions, check answers with detailed explanations
- ✓ Use the Performance Tracker to analyze your accuracy and identify weak areas
- ✓ ★ **Complete all 5 sets to master Tenses for IBPS PO!**

SECTION A: Simple Present Tense Errors

6 Questions

Directions: Each sentence below contains an error related to Simple Present Tense. Identify the part (A, B, C, or D) that contains the error. If no error, mark E.

Question 1

Easy



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(A) The committee (B) have decided (C) to implement (D) the new policy. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The committee
- ☐ B. have decided
- ☐ C. to implement
- ☐ D. the new policy
- ☐ E. No error

Question 2

Medium

(A) Neither of the two candidates (B) are suitable (C) for the position (D) of branch manager. (E) No error

- ☐ A. Neither of the two candidates
- ☐ B. are suitable
- ☐ C. for the position
- ☐ D. of branch manager
- ☐ E. No error

Question 3

Hard

(A) The quality of these products (B) have improved (C) significantly (D) over the years. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The quality of these products
- ☐ B. have improved
- ☐ C. significantly
- ☐ D. over the years
- ☐ E. No error

Question 4**Medium****FREE PRACTICE SET**

(A) Every student (B) have to submit (C) their assignment (D) by Friday. (E) No error

- ☐ A. Every student
- ☐ B. have to submit
- ☐ C. their assignment
- ☐ D. by Friday
- ☐ E. No error

Question 5**Hard**

(A) A number of complaints (B) has been received (C) regarding the poor maintenance (D) of the building. (E) No error

- ☐ A. A number of complaints
- ☐ B. has been received
- ☐ C. regarding the poor maintenance
- ☐ D. of the building
- ☐ E. No error

Question 6**Medium**

(A) One of my closest friends (B) have decided (C) to pursue (D) a career in banking. (E) No error

- ☐ A. One of my closest friends
- ☐ B. have decided
- ☐ C. to pursue
- ☐ D. a career in banking
- ☐ E. No error

SECTION B: Present Continuous Tense Errors

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Directions: Each sentence below contains an error related to Present Continuous Tense. Identify the part (A, B, C, or D) that contains the error. If no error, mark E.

Question 7

Medium

(A) She (B) is believing (C) in hard work (D) and dedication. (E) No error

- ☐ A. She
- ☐ B. is believing
- ☐ C. in hard work
- ☐ D. and dedication
- ☐ E. No error

Question 8

Hard

(A) The CEO (B) is currently (C) owning three companies (D) across the country. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The CEO
- ☐ B. is currently
- ☐ C. owning three companies
- ☐ D. across the country
- ☐ E. No error

Question 9**Medium****FREE PRACTICE SET**

(A) I (B) am understanding (C) the complexity (D) of the situation now (E) No error

- ☐ A. I
- ☐ B. am understanding
- ☐ C. the complexity
- ☐ D. of the situation now
- ☐ E. No error

Question 10**Easy**

(A) The children (B) is playing (C) in the garden (D) right now (E) No error

- ☐ A. The children
- ☐ B. is playing
- ☐ C. in the garden
- ☐ D. right now
- ☐ E. No error

Question 11**Hard**

(A) The bank (B) is considering (C) to launch (D) a new savings scheme (E) No error

- ☐ A. The bank
- ☐ B. is considering
- ☐ C. to launch
- ☐ D. a new savings scheme
- ☐ E. No error

Directions: Each sentence below contains an error related to Present Perfect Tense. Identify the part (A, B, C, or D) that contains the error. If no error, mark E.

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Question 12

Medium

(A) I (B) have visited (C) the United States (D) last year. (E) No error

- ☐ A. I
- ☐ B. have visited
- ☐ C. the United States
- ☐ D. last year
- ☐ E. No error

Question 13

Hard

(A) This is (B) the first time (C) I am meeting (D) such a generous person. (E) No error

- ☐ A. This is
- ☐ B. the first time
- ☐ C. I am meeting
- ☐ D. such a generous person
- ☐ E. No error

Question 14

Medium

(A) He (B) has gone (C) to Mumbai (D) yesterday morning. (E) No error

- ☐ A. He
- ☐ B. has gone
- ☐ C. to Mumbai
- ☐ D. yesterday morning
- ☐ E. No error

Question 15**Hard****FREE PRACTICE SET**

(A) She (B) has been knowing (C) me (D) since childhood. (E) No error

- ☐ A. She
- ☐ B. has been knowing
- ☐ C. me
- ☐ D. since childhood
- ☐ E. No error

Question 16**Medium**

(A) The Prime Minister (B) has arrived (C) at the venue (D) just now. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The Prime Minister
- ☐ B. has arrived
- ☐ C. at the venue
- ☐ D. just now
- ☐ E. No error

SECTION D: Present Perfect Continuous Tense Errors**4 Questions**

Directions: Each sentence below contains an error related to Present Perfect Continuous Tense. Identify the part (A, B, C, or D) that contains the error. If no error, mark E.

Question 17**Medium****FREE PRACTICE SET**

(A) I (B) have been waiting (C) for you (D) since two hours. (E) No error

- ☐ A. I
- ☐ B. have been waiting
- ☐ C. for you
- ☐ D. since two hours
- ☐ E. No error

Question 18**Hard**

(A) She (B) has been suffering (C) from fever (D) since three days. (E) No error

- ☐ A. She
- ☐ B. has been suffering
- ☐ C. from fever
- ☐ D. since three days
- ☐ E. No error

Question 19**Medium**

(A) They (B) have been building (C) this bridge (D) from 2018. (E) No error

- ☐ A. They
- ☐ B. have been building
- ☐ C. this bridge
- ☐ D. from 2018
- ☐ E. No error

Question 20**Hard****FREE PRACTICE SET**

(A) I (B) am working (C) in this bank (D) for the last five years. (E) No error

- ☐ A. I
- ☐ B. am working
- ☐ C. in this bank
- ☐ D. for the last five years
- ☐ E. No error

SECTION E: Mixed Present Tenses**5 Questions**

Directions: Each sentence below contains an error related to Present Tenses (mixed types). Identify the part (A, B, C, or D) that contains the error. If no error, mark E.

Question 21**Hard**

(A) The government (B) has been implementing (C) various schemes (D) since a decade. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The government
- ☐ B. has been implementing
- ☐ C. various schemes
- ☐ D. since a decade
- ☐ E. No error

Question 22**Medium**  **FREE PRACTICE SET**

(A) The news (B) are being broadcasted (C) on all major channels (D) at this moment. (E)

No error

- ☐ A. The news
- ☐ B. are being broadcasted
- ☐ C. on all major channels
- ☐ D. at this moment
- ☐ E. No error

Question 23**Hard**

(A) Each of the employees (B) have been given (C) a performance bonus (D) for their hard work. (E) No error

- ☐ A. Each of the employees
- ☐ B. have been given
- ☐ C. a performance bonus
- ☐ D. for their hard work
- ☐ E. No error

Question 24**Medium**

(A) The RBI (B) is monitoring (C) the inflation rate (D) very closely. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The RBI
- ☐ B. is monitoring
- ☐ C. the inflation rate
- ☐ D. very closely
- ☐ E. No error



(A) Neither the manager (B) nor his team members (C) is aware (D) of the new policy. (E)

No error

- ☐ A. Neither the manager
- ☐ B. nor his team members
- ☐ C. is aware
- ☐ D. of the new policy
- ☐ E. No error



Answer Key with Detailed Explanations

SECTION A: Simple Present Tense Errors

Q1. Answer: B. have decided

 B

"Committee" is a collective noun treated as singular in British English (and in banking exams) → "has decided".

 Collective nouns (committee, team, board, government) take singular verb when acting as one unit.

Q2. Answer: B. are suitable

 B

"Neither" is always singular → "is suitable".

 Neither/Either/Each + of + plural noun → Singular verb (is/was/has).

Q3. Answer: B. have improved

 B

Main subject is "quality" (singular), not "products" → "has improved". Ignore "of these products".

 Subject-verb agreement: find the main subject, ignore prepositional phrases.

Q4. Answer: B. have to submit

 B

"Every" is singular → "has to submit".

 Every/Each/Everyone/Everybody → Singular verb.

Q5. Answer: B. has been received

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 **B**

"A number of" means "many" and takes plural verb → "have been received".

 A number of + Plural Verb | The number of + Singular Verb.

Q6. Answer: B. have decided

 **B**

"One of + plural noun" is singular → "has decided".

 One of/Each of/Either of + plural noun → Singular verb.

SECTION B: Present Continuous Tense Errors

Q7. Answer: B. is believing

 **B**

"Believe" is a stative verb (opinion) → not used in continuous → "believes".

 Stative verbs: believe, know, understand, belong, own, hate, love, prefer.

Q8. Answer: C. owning three companies

 **C**

"Own" is a stative verb (possession) → not used in continuous → "owns".

 Verbs of possession (have, own, belong) are not used in continuous forms.

Q9. Answer: B. am understanding

 **B**

"Understand" is a stative verb (mental state) → not continuous → "understand".

 Mental state verbs (understand, know, realize, recognize) are stative.

Q10. Answer: B. is playing

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 **B**

"Children" is plural → "are playing".

 Plural subject → plural verb (are/were/have).

Q11. Answer: C. to launch

 **C**

After "considering", use gerund (-ing form) → "launching".

 Consider + gerund (consider doing, not consider to do).

SECTION C: Present Perfect Tense Errors

Q12. Answer: B. have visited

 **B**

"Last year" is a specific past time → Simple Past → "visited".

 Present Perfect cannot be used with specific past time expressions (yesterday, last week, in 2010).

Q13. Answer: C. I am meeting

 **C**

"This is the first time" structure → Present Perfect → "I have met".

 This/It is the first/second/third time + Present Perfect.

Q14. Answer: B. has gone

 **B**

"Yesterday morning" is specific past time → Simple Past → "went".

 Past time markers require Simple Past, not Present Perfect.

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Q15. Answer: B. has been knowing

 **B**

"Know" is stative → Present Perfect Continuous not used → "has known".

 Stative verbs take Present Perfect, not Present Perfect Continuous.

Q16. Answer: E. No error

 **E**

"Just now" can be used with Present Perfect (recent past) → correct.

 Just now/already/yet/recently can be used with Present Perfect.

SECTION D: Present Perfect Continuous Tense Errors

Q17. Answer: D. since two hours

 **D**

"Two hours" is a period/duration → use "for", not "since".

 Since + point in time (Monday, 2015, morning) | For + duration (2 hours, 5 years).

Q18. Answer: D. since three days

 **D**

"Three days" is duration → "for three days".

 For + period, Since + specific point.

Q19. Answer: D. from 2018

 **D**

With Present Perfect Continuous, use "since" for a starting point → "since 2018".

 Since (starting point) not from/from 2018 is incorrect.

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Q20. Answer: B. am working

 **B**

"For the last five years" (action continuing to present) → Present Perfect Continuous → "have been working".

 For/since + duration up to present → Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous.

SECTION E: Mixed Present Tenses

Q21. Answer: D. since a decade

 **D**

"A decade" is a period → "for a decade".

 For + period of time, Since + point in time.

Q22. Answer: B. are being broadcasted

 **B**

"News" is uncountable and takes singular verb → "is being broadcast".

 News, mathematics, physics, economics → Singular verbs.

Q23. Answer: B. have been given

 **B**

"Each" is singular → "has been given".

 Each/Every/Neither → Singular verb.

Q24. Answer: E. No error

 **E**

"RBI" as an organization takes singular verb → "is monitoring" is correct.

📌 Organizations/Institutions as single entities take singular verbs.

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Q25. Answer: C. is aware

✅ **C**

With "Neither...nor", verb agrees with nearest subject → "team members" (plural)
→ "are aware".

📌 Neither/Nor, Either/Or → Verb agrees with the closer subject.

Performance Tracker - IBPS PO Set 1

Section	Total	Correct	Wrong	Accuracy %
Section A (Simple Present)	6	___	___	___%
Section B (Present Continuous)	5	___	___	___%
Section C (Present Perfect)	5	___	___	___%
Section D (Present Perfect Continuous)	4	___	___	___%
Section E (Mixed Present)	5	___	___	___%
TOTAL	25	___	___	___%

Score Interpretation (IBPS PO Level):

- **22-25 correct:** Excellent! You're ready for IBPS PO level questions.
- **18-21 correct:** Good - review tricky areas (stative verbs, since/for).
- **14-17 correct:** Average - need more practice on subject-verb agreement.
- **Below 14:** Need significant improvement - review all rules before Set 2.

IBPS PO Special Focus - Key Learning Points from S FREE PRACTICE SET

-  **Subject-Verb Agreement (Most Important):** Collective nouns (committee/team), Indefinite pronouns (each/either/neither), Number of vs The number of, One of + plural noun, Every/Each
-  **Stative Verbs (Trap Area):** Know, believe, understand, own, belong, hate, love, prefer - NEVER used in continuous form
-  **Since vs For (High Frequency):** Since + point (2015, Monday) | For + duration (5 years, 2 hours)
-  **Present Perfect vs Simple Past:** Present Perfect never used with specific past time markers (yesterday, last year, in 2010)
-  **Present Perfect Continuous:** Use with "for/since" for actions continuing to present
-  **Special Structures:** "This is the first time + Present Perfect", "Consider + Gerund"

IBPS PO Tenses Series Progress

-   **Set 1 (Free - This Set):** Present Tenses - 25 questions (Moderate-High Difficulty)
-   **Set 2 (Free):** Past Tenses - Coming Next
-   **Set 3 (Free):** Future Tenses - Coming Soon
-   **Set 4 (Premium):** Mixed Tenses - Advanced Level
-   **Set 5 (Premium):** Error Detection - Advanced Level
- ★ **Next: Set 2 - Past Tenses (IBPS PO Level)**
-  **IBPS PO Target:** Complete all 5 sets to master Tenses. Present Tenses alone carry 8-10 questions in Prelims!

IBPS PO Prelims 2026 - Present Tenses Practice Set 1 (Free - 25 Questions)

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