

SBI PO Prelims 2026

Articles (A vs An) - Practice Set 1 of 5

FREE SET

Focus: A vs An (High to Very High Difficulty)

Time: 22 Minutes

Total: 25 Questions

Basic Words - 4 Qs

Advanced Exceptions - 7 Qs

Abbreviations & Banking Terms - 7 Qs

Complex Sentence-Based - 7 Qs

Instructions

- ✓ This is the FREE practice set (Set 1 of 5) focusing on A vs An for SBI PO Prelims 2026
- ✓ Choose the correct article (A or An) for each blank
- ✓ Pay attention to pronunciation, not just spelling
- ✓ Each question carries 1 mark (No negative marking for practice)
- ✓ Try to complete all 25 questions within 22 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 Articles for SBI PO!**

SECTION A: Basic Words

4 Questions

Directions: Choose the correct article (A or An) for each word.

Question 1

Easy

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_____ book

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 2

Easy

_____ apple

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 3

Easy

_____ car

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 4

Easy

_____ elephant

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

SECTION B: Advanced Exceptions**7 Questions**

Directions: Choose the correct article (A or An). Pay attention to pronunciation - this is critical for SBI PO!

Question 5**Hard****FREE PRACTICE SET**

_____ honest assessment of the financial situation

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 6**Hard**

_____ hour-long deliberation by the monetary policy committee

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 7**Hard**

_____ university degree from a reputed institution

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 8**Hard**

_____ European investment banker

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 9**Hard****FREE PRACTICE SET**

_____ one-time restructuring scheme for stressed assets

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 10**Hard**

_____ heir to the largest business conglomerate

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 11**Hard**

_____ honorary doctorate in economics

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

SECTION C: Abbreviations & Banking Terms**7 Questions**

Directions: Choose the correct article (A or An). Pay attention to how the abbreviation is pronounced!

Question 12**Hard**

_____ MBA from a premier B-school

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 13**Hard****FREE PRACTICE SET**

_____ X-ray of the chest for medical examination

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 14**Hard**

_____ VIP pass for the banking summit

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 15**Hard**

_____ NRI account with special tax benefits

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 16**Hard**

_____ RBI circular regarding the new monetary policy framework

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 17**Hard****FREE PRACTICE SET**

_____ UFO sighting reported by the bank's security personnel

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 18**Hard**

_____ LLB degree from a national law university

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

SECTION D: Complex Sentence-Based Questions**7 Questions**

Directions: Complete each sentence with the correct article (A or An). These are SBI PO level complex sentences.

Question 19**Medium**

She is _____ doctor who specializes in cardiology.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 20**Medium**

He wants to become _____ engineer in the banking technology sector.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 21**Hard****FREE PRACTICE SET**

The current economic slowdown presents _____ unique challenge for the newly appointed RBI governor.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 22**Hard**

The chairman of the board is _____ honest person who never compromises on ethical standards.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 23**Hard**

The finance ministry is expected to announce _____ one-time loan waiver for farmers affected by the drought.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An

Question 24**Hard**

The bank's risk management framework requires _____ thorough analysis of all potential threats.

- ☐ A. A
- ☐ B. An



She completed _____ MBA from IIM Ahmedabad and secured _____ excellent position in a leading investment bank.

- ☐ A. a, a
- ☐ B. an, an
- ☐ C. an, a
- ☐ D. a, an

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Answer Key with Detailed Explanations

SECTION A: Basic Words

Q1. Answer: A. A

☒ A

"Book" starts with consonant sound (B) → A book.

Consonant sound → A

Q2. Answer: B. An

☒ An

"Apple" starts with vowel sound (A) → An apple.

Vowel sound → An

Q3. Answer: A. A

☒ A

"Car" starts with consonant sound (C) → A car.

Consonant sound → A

Q4. Answer: B. An

☒ An

"Elephant" starts with vowel sound (E) → An elephant.

Vowel sound → An

SECTION B: Advanced Exceptions

Q5. Answer: B. An

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 **An**

"Honest" has silent H → pronunciation starts with vowel sound ('ऑ') → An honest assessment.

 Silent H → An

Q6. Answer: B. An

 **An**

"Hour" has silent H → pronunciation 'आवर' (vowel sound) → An hour-long deliberation.

 Silent H → An

Q7. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"University" pronunciation starts with 'यू' (Y sound - consonant) → A university degree.

 U sounds like Y → A

Q8. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"European" pronunciation starts with 'यू' (Y sound - consonant) → A European investment banker.

 EU sounds like Y → A

Q9. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"One-time" pronunciation starts with 'व' (W sound - consonant) → A one-time restructuring scheme.

📌 One sounds like Wan (W sound) → A

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Q10. Answer: B. An

✅ **An**

"Heir" has silent H → pronunciation starts with vowel sound ('ɛ') → An heir.

📌 Silent H → An

Q11. Answer: B. An

✅ **An**

"Honorary" has silent H → pronunciation starts with vowel sound ('ɔ') → An honorary doctorate.

📌 Silent H → An

SECTION C: Abbreviations & Banking Terms

Q12. Answer: B. An

✅ **An**

"MBA" pronunciation starts with 'ɛ' (vowel sound) → An MBA.

📌 M is pronounced 'em' (vowel sound) → An

Q13. Answer: B. An

✅ **An**

"X-ray" pronunciation starts with 'ɛ' (vowel sound) → An X-ray.

📌 X is pronounced 'ex' (vowel sound) → An

Q14. Answer: A. A

✅ **A**

"VIP" pronunciation starts with 'वी' (consonant sound) → A VIP pass.

📌 V is pronounced 'vee' (consonant sound) → A

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Q15. Answer: B. An

 **An**

"NRI" pronunciation starts with 'ए' (vowel sound) → An NRI account.

📌 N is pronounced 'en' (vowel sound) → An

Q16. Answer: B. An

 **An**

"RBI" pronunciation starts with 'अर' (vowel sound) → An RBI circular.

📌 R is pronounced 'ar' (vowel sound) → An

Q17. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"UFO" pronunciation starts with 'यू' (Y sound - consonant) → A UFO sighting.

📌 U sounds like Y → A

Q18. Answer: B. An

 **An**

"LLB" pronunciation starts with 'ए' (vowel sound) → An LLB degree.

📌 L is pronounced 'el' (vowel sound) → An

SECTION D: Complex Sentence-Based Questions

Q19. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"Doctor" starts with consonant sound (D) → A doctor.

 Profession with consonant sound → A

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Q20. Answer: B. An

 **An**

"Engineer" starts with vowel sound (E) → An engineer.

 Profession with vowel sound → An

Q21. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"Unique" pronunciation starts with 'यू' (Y sound) → A unique challenge.

 U sounds like Y → A

Q22. Answer: B. An

 **An**

"Honest" has silent H → pronunciation starts with vowel sound → An honest person.

 Silent H → An

Q23. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"One-time" pronunciation starts with 'व' (W sound) → A one-time loan waiver.

 One sounds like Wan (W sound) → A

Q24. Answer: A. A

 **A**

"Thorough" pronunciation starts with 'थ' (consonant sound) → A thorough analysis.

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 Consonant sound → A

Q25. Answer: B. an, an

 **an, an**

"MBA" → vowel sound → an MBA; "excellent" → vowel sound (E) → an excellent position.

 Both start with vowel sounds → An for both

Performance Tracker - SBI PO Set 1 (A vs An)

Section	Total	Correct	Wrong	Accuracy %
Section A (Basic Words)	4	___	___	___%
Section B (Advanced Exceptions)	7	___	___	___%
Section C (Abbreviations & Banking Terms)	7	___	___	___%
Section D (Complex Sentences)	7	___	___	___%
TOTAL	25	___	___	___%

Score Interpretation (SBI PO - A vs An):

- **22-25 correct:** Outstanding! You've mastered A vs An for SBI PO.
- **18-21 correct:** Very Good - review the advanced exceptions (heir, honorary, unanimous, etc.)
- **14-17 correct:** Average - need more practice on pronunciation-based rules
- **Below 14:** Need significant improvement - review the sound rule (vowel vs consonant sounds)



SBI PO Special Focus - Key Learning Points from Set



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Basic Rule (Most Important): Sound देखो, spelling नहीं! "University" → Y sound → A, "Hour" → O sound → An



Advanced Exceptions for SBI PO: a university, an hour, an honest man, a one-eyed man, a European, an MBA, an heir, an honorary degree, a one-time scheme, a unanimous decision, a historic moment



Abbreviations Rule: Pronunciation of the first letter matters: an MBA (M='em'), a VIP (V='vee'), an X-ray (X='ex'), an NRI (N='en'), an RBI (R='ar'), a UFO (U='you'), an LLB (L='el')



Silent H Rule: honest, hour, heir, honor, honorary → H is silent → use AN



Y/W Sound Rule: university, European, unique, useful, one-eyed, one-time, one-way → Y or W sound → use A



Banking Context Vocabulary for SBI PO: RBI, monetary policy, NPA, stressed assets, restructuring scheme, fiscal deficit, repo rate, reverse repo rate — be thoroughly familiar with these terms



SBI PO Articles Series Progress



Set 1 (Free - This Set): A vs An - 25 questions



Set 2 (Free): The vs No Article - Coming Next



Set 3 (Free): Mixed Articles - Coming Soon



Set 4 (Premium): Mixed Articles - Advanced Level



Set 5 (Premium): Error Detection - Advanced Level



Next: Set 2 - The vs No Article (SBI PO Level)



SBI PO Target: A vs An is the foundation. Master this set before moving to Set 2!

SBI PO Prelims 2026 - Articles Practice Set 1 (A vs An - Free - 25 Questions | High Difficulty)



This is FREE Set 1 from Ignite Exams - A vs An Complete Practice for SBI PO

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