This trend analysis offers valuable insights into the evolving patterns of questions across various subjects for competitive exams such as APFC (Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner) and AO/EO (Accounts Officer/Enforcement Officer).

Spanning over two decades, this analysis highlights the shifting focus on key topics like *Labour Law, Maths/Reasoning, English, Economy, and Science, reflecting changes in exam priorities and societal demands. It serves as a roadmap for aspirants, enabling them to strategically allocate their preparation efforts and identify areas of consistent importance as well as emerging trends.* 

This introduction sets the stage for understanding how subject emphases have shaped the trajectory of these exams and what candidates can anticipate in future assessments.

**Exam Years:** The analysis spans from 2002 to 2023 for APFC and AO/EO exams.

SUBJECT	2002 APFC	2004 APFC	2012 APFC	2016 APFC	2017 AO/EO	2021 AO/EO	2023 AO/EO	2023 APFC
ACCOUNT	0	0	0	0	13	10	10	15
LABOUR LAW	0	2	7	5	19	10	21	17
MATHS / REASONING	32	29	12	30	15	14	15	15
ENGLISH	30	25	12	10	20	20	20	20
COMPUTER	1	0	6	8	5	9	10	9
POLITY	9	13	17	0	6	9	5	8
ECONOMY	4	0	15	25	8	6	12	6
HISTORY	9	16	7	7	15	15	9	11
GEOGRAPHY	5	3	10	0	0	4	0	0
MAPPING	7	14	1	2	0	3	0	0
SCIENCE	8	8	4	11	10	13	11	10
CURRENT	15	10	9	8	6	7	4	5
ENVIRONMENT	0	0	0	3	0	0		0
MISC	0	0	5	0	1	0	3	4
TOTAL	120	120	100	120	120	120	120	12 <mark>0</mark>

**Subjects Covered:** The exams included topics such as Accounts, Labour Law, Maths/Reasoning, English, Computer, Polity, Economy, History, Geography, Mapping, Science, Current Affairs, Environment, and Miscellaneous.

## **Subject Trends:**

- Subjects like Maths/Reasoning and English consistently have a significant share of questions across all exams.
- Topics like **Labour Law** and **Science** saw notable increases in importance over time.
- Certain subjects like **Environment** and **Miscellaneous** have minimal contributions.
- Subjects such as **Economy** and **Geography** showed fluctuations in focus over the years.

## **Consistency:**

The total number of questions remains consistent at 120 for most years, barring 2012 where it was reduced to 100.

By identifying consistent themes and emerging focal areas, aspirants can better align their preparation strategies to meet exam expectations.

<u>Such a comprehensive review not only highlights the priorities of these competitive exams but also empowers</u> candidates with the knowledge to succeed in future endeavours.

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