

50 SRT QUESTIONS WITH REALISTIC RESPONSES

The Situation Reaction Test (SRT) is a key psychological assessment in the SSB (Services Selection Board) interview process. It evaluates a candidate's mindset, decision-making ability, problem-solving skills, and officer-like qualities (OLQs) under pressure. This test is part of the Psychological Test Battery and consists of 60 situations to be solved in 30 minutes. Hence, practice and clarity of thought are crucial.

In this article, we provide **50 realistic SRT questions** along with **model responses** to help candidates understand how to approach various scenarios confidently.

What is the SRT in SSB?

The SRT presents day-to-day life situations involving moral dilemmas, emergencies, or interpersonal conflicts. The candidate is required to write how they would react in each situation, showcasing practical and decisive thinking within a limited time frame.

Why is SRT Important in SSB Interviews?

- Tests presence of mind
- Evaluates decision-making under stress
- Reveals leadership and emotional intelligence
- Gauges the candidate's values and OLQs
- Assesses initiative, responsibility, and mental resilience

How to Attempt SRT Effectively?

- Be calm and read the situation quickly
- Write in short, action-oriented, and positive sentences
- Avoid overthinking or moralising – be realistic
- Use "He did..." or "I would..." form of responses
- Practice time management (30 seconds per question)

50 SRT Questions with Realistic Responses

SRT Situation

Your friend is cheating in an exam.

Suggested Response

He warns him and asks him to stop

SRT Situation

You missed your train and have no money.

You see a road accident on the way to an interview.

Your teammate is not cooperating.

You are not selected for the final team.

Fire breaks out in your hostel.

You forgot your ID before a crucial test.

You are running late for an important meeting.

You find a wallet on the road.

You are lost in a forest.

Your friend wants to commit suicide.

You see your senior bullying a junior.

Your mobile phone is stolen.

A family member falls sick at night.

Your bicycle tire is punctured during an exam day.

You fail in an important subject.

Someone falsely accuses you of cheating.

You are offered a bribe.

Your friend asks you to lie for him.

A stranger asks for your phone to make a call.

A snake is found in the classroom.

You see someone stealing in the market.
You are stuck in a lift.

You find a fellow cadet unconscious.

You are selected but your parents disapprove.

Your team loses because of your mistake.

You are wrongly punished.

Suggested Response

immediately.

He contacts family/friends and informs station authorities.

He calls for an ambulance and helps the victim, then informs the interviewer.

He speaks to him calmly and ensures coordination.

He accepts it and works harder for next time.

He alerts everyone and calls fire services.

He explains the situation to the authority and arranges a digital copy.

He calls and informs, then takes the quickest route.

He submits it to the police.

He stays calm, finds direction, and searches for help.

He counsels him, involves family and arranges professional help.

He intervenes respectfully and reports it to concerned authority.

He reports it and blocks access through service provider.

He gives first aid and rushes them to hospital.

He hires alternative transport and reaches on time.

He analyses the reason and improves his preparation.

He explains calmly and provides evidence to prove innocence.

He refuses and reports the person to the authority.

He refuses and advises him to speak the truth.

He helps after assessing the safety of the situation.

He calms everyone and calls the forest helpline.

He informs shopkeeper/security discreetly.

He presses emergency button and stays calm.

He checks for response and arranges immediate medical help.

He respectfully convinces them with logic and passion.

He apologizes and takes responsibility.

He accepts it calmly and explains facts later.

SRT Situation

You see a child begging on the street.
There is a leak in your house water tank.

You see smoke coming from a neighbor's house.

You miss your study schedule.

You're stuck in a traffic jam en route to SSB.

You lost your documents before SSB.

A stranger is stalking your friend.

Your friend failed SSB and is demotivated.

You are injured in the playground.

You are low on confidence before an exam.

You are not able to answer during a group task.

You are blamed for a team failure.

You forget your friend's birthday.

You see a junior crying.

You face gender bias in your workplace.

You are mocked for your accent.

You find a leak of confidential data.

You see an animal in pain.

You failed in your first SSB attempt.

You are offered alcohol during duty hours.

You are home alone and someone knocks suspiciously.

You find your name missing from merit list.

A friend is constantly disturbing your preparation.

Suggested Response

He contacts a child helpline or NGO.

He informs family and calls plumber immediately.

He knocks and calls emergency service.

He adjusts and makes up next day.

He informs reporting officer and stays calm.

He files a report and arranges duplicates.

He advises her to report and accompanies her.

He motivates him and helps plan the next attempt.

He applies first-aid and informs authority.

He revises key points and boosts morale.

He listens and contributes when confident.

He explains facts politely and supports the team.

He apologizes and makes it up later.

He comforts and listens, then guides them.

He reports through proper channel and handles maturely.

He ignores and continues working on self-improvement.

He reports immediately to the higher authority.

He rescues and informs animal care services.

He learns from mistakes and prepares again.

He refuses firmly and reports it.

He verifies through peephole and informs police if needed.

He verifies, raises query if needed, and prepares again.

He speaks politely and sets boundaries.

Tips for Practicing SRT

- Practice 15–20 SRTs daily in timed settings
- Prioritize clarity over lengthy writing
- Focus on values: honesty, leadership, responsibility, initiative, discipline
- Review OLQs and align your responses with them

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. How many SRT questions are asked in the SSB interview?

You are given 60 SRT questions to solve in 30 minutes.

Q2. What is the ideal length of an SRT response?

A one-line action-oriented answer is ideal. Keep it short and impactful.

Q3. Should responses be in first person or third person?

Prefer writing in third person like “He did...” or “He handled...”.

Q4. Can I prepare SRT responses in advance?

No. It's about spontaneous thinking. Preparing beforehand may make your answers look artificial.

Q5. What if I attempt fewer than 60 SRTs?

It's okay. Quality matters more than quantity, but aim for at least 45+ with genuine responses.

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