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20 One-Liners to Remember

Quick-fire facts for last-minute revision.

1. **BCSBI full form is Banking Codes and Standards Board of India.**
   This is the single most tested fact on the topic and the starting point for every BCSBI question.

2. **BCSBI was set up in 2006 on the initiative of the Reserve Bank of India.**
   RBI promoted BCSBI as an independent body to raise customer-service standards in banking.

3. **BCSBI functioned as an independent and autonomous watchdog body, not a banking regulator.**
   Its role was to monitor service standards, not to regulate banks like RBI does.

4. **BCSBI did not accept deposits or lend money; it only set and monitored service standards.**
   Candidates often wrongly assume BCSBI performed banking operations, which it never did.

5. **BCSBI issued two main voluntary codes for member banks to adopt.**
   These two codes are the biggest source of MCQs on this topic.

6 **The first BCSBI code was the Code of Bank's Commitment to Customers, covering individual retail customers.**
This code set service benchmarks for everyday retail banking dealings.

7 **The second BCSBI code was the Code of Bank's Commitment to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs).**
Many students forget this second code and recall only the customer code.

8 **Membership of BCSBI and adoption of its codes were voluntary, not statutory.**
This is a classic MCQ trap; the codes were never legally binding like an Act.

9 **The Customer Code covered savings, current, term deposit, loan, credit card, ATM and digital banking services.**
It applied across nearly every everyday retail banking touchpoint.

10 **Core principles of the Customer Code included transparency, fair treatment, privacy, reliability and grievance redressal.**
These five principles summarise what BCSBI expected member banks to deliver.

11 **The MSE Code focused on fair, transparent and time-bound handling of small-business loan applications.**
It addressed delays and unclear communication that small borrowers often faced.

12 **BCSBI monitored bank compliance using self-certification, independent assessment and mystery shopping.**
These practical tools made BCSBI more than just a paper authority.

13 **BCSBI also conducted customer-satisfaction surveys and periodic reviews of member banks.**
Surveys and reviews helped BCSBI track real service quality on the ground.

14 **BCSBI was preventive in nature, while the Banking Ombudsman is corrective and resolves specific complaints.**
This preventive-versus-corrective distinction is a frequently asked comparison.

15 **BCSBI codes did not create statutory legal rights but reinforced practical customer rights like fairness and transparency.**
The rights existed as a code-based framework, not as enforceable law.

16 **Many public sector and private sector banks voluntarily became members of BCSBI.**
Membership spanned both bank categories despite being non-mandatory.

17 **BCSBI has since been dissolved and is no longer a functioning body.**
Candidates must not describe BCSBI as currently active in any answer.

18 **After BCSBI's dissolution, its customer-service role was absorbed into RBI's own customer-protection and grievance-redressal framework.**
RBI now directly drives the fair-practice standards BCSBI once monitored.

19 **A common exam trap is treating BCSBI codes as statutory or legally binding like an Act of Parliament.**
The codes were always voluntary commitments, never enforceable law.

20 **Another common exam trap is stating that BCSBI is still active; it has been wound up and merged into RBI's framework.**
Always confirm the current status against the latest official IIBF and RBI material rather than assuming continuity.

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