



SSC CGL

Exam Pattern · Selection Process · Syllabus · Tier 1 & Final Cut-off Analysis



SSC CGL Syllabus — Key Topics (same core subjects for Tier 1 & Tier 2)



01

Quantitative Aptitude

Number System, Simplification, Percentage, Ratio-Averages, Age, SI/CI, Profit & Loss, Partnership, Mixture and Alligation, Time & Work, Speed, Time and Distance, Algebra, Geometry & Mensuration, Trigonometry, Co-ordinate Geometry, Data Interpretation & Statistics (Tier 2 adds Mean/Median/Mode, Std. Deviation, Probability).



02

General Intelligence & Reasoning

Analogies, Classification, Series, Coding-Decoding, Syllogism, Venn Diagram, Blood Relations, Order and Ranking, Word formation, Seating Arrangement, Statement-Conclusion, Distance and Direction, Dice and Cube, Calendar, Clock, Odd one out, Inequalities, Non-Verbal Reasoning, Logical Reasoning, Puzzle, Data Sufficiency, Critical Thinking (Tier 2 adds Emotional & Social Intelligence).



03

English Language

Error Spotting, Fill in the Blanks, Synonyms-Antonyms, One-word Substitution, Idioms/Proverbs, Cloze Test, Reading Comprehension, Sentence Correction/Rearrangement, Homonyms, Homophones, Voice, Narration.



04

General Awareness

Current Affairs, History, Geography, Polity, Economy, General Science, Static GK, Art and Culture (Tier 1 only — not repeated as a separate module in Tier 2 Section II, which also covers GA).



05

Computer Knowledge (Tier 2 only)

Operating Systems, Computer Abbreviations, Storage, Internet, Keyboard Shortcuts, Hardware, Software, Memory, Networking, Computer Fundamentals or Terminology, Technological Advancement, DBMS, Microsoft Office, Computer Languages, CPU and its Components, Microsoft Windows, Types of Malicious softwares, Cyber Security & Network, Input and Output Device.



06

JSO Paper II (Statistics) (Tier 2 only)

Data Collection, Central Tendency, Dispersion, Correlation & Regression, Probability, Sampling Theory, Statistical Inference, Time Series, Index Numbers.



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SSC CGL Exam Pattern

1 Tier 1 — Screening (Qualifying only, marks not carried to merit)

Section	Questions	Marks	Duration
English Comprehension	25	50	15 mins
General Awareness	25	50	15 mins
General Intelligence & Reasoning	25	50	15 mins
Quantitative Aptitude	25	50	15 mins
Total	100	200	60 mins



60 min duration (80 min for scribe) | -0.50 negative marking | Sectional timing introduced.

2 Tier 2 — Merit-Deciding

Section	Module	Questions	Marks	Duration
I	Mod 1: Mathematical Abilities	30	90	30 mins
I	Mod 2: Reasoning & Gen. Intelligence	30	90	30 mins
II	Mod 1: English Language	45	135	40 mins
II	Mod 2: General Awareness	25	75	20 mins
III	Mod 1: Computer Knowledge	20	60	15 min
III	Mod 2: DEST (typing, qualifying)	1 task	—	15 min
Total (Paper I)		150 + DEST	450	2.5 hrs



- Paper II (Statistics, 200m, 2 hrs) — ONLY for JSO post. Paper III (Finance & Economics) — only for AAO post, when vacancies exist.
- Negative marking: -1 mark per wrong answer in Tier 2 (vs -0.5 in Tier 1).
- DEST (Data Entry Speed Test): 2000 key depressions in 15 min — qualifying, mandatory for all.

3 Selection Process



- Stage 1 — Tier 1: qualifying/screening, shortlists for Tier 2 (separate cut-off lists for AAO, JSO, SI, and all other posts).
- Stage 2 — Tier 2: decides final merit; Computer Knowledge + DEST are qualifying modules within Tier 2, not merit-additive.
- Stage 3 — Document Verification.
- No interview at any stage. Final merit = Tier 2 Paper I score (+ Paper II/III where applicable), subject to qualifying all compulsory modules.





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SSC CGL Cut Off Tier 1 + Tier 2

1 Tier 1 Cut-off Trend — “All Other Posts” List (out of 200)

Category	2023	2024	2025
UR	149.78	148.27	136.83
OBC	145.22	144.89	130.36
EWS	146.13	145.65	127.41
SC	129.67	128.31	114.97
ST	118.76	117.23	106.36



*Minimum Qualifying %: UR 30% · OBC/EWS 25% · SC/ST/Others 20% (fixed by rule, distinct from the shortlisting cut-off above).

2 Final (Tier 2) Cut-off Trend — “All Other Posts” (out of 450)

Category	2024
UR	322.77
OBC	306.28
EWS	300.04
SC	285.46
ST	266.50