



SSC CPO (SUB-INSPECTOR) SYLLABUS



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1. SYLLABUS (OFFICIAL)

Paper 1 Syllabus



General Intelligence & Reasoning

Verbal Reasoning, Syllogism, Circular & Linear Seating Arrangement, Double Lineup, Scheduling, Input-Output, Blood Relations, Directions & Distances, Ordering & Ranking, Data Sufficiency, Coding-Decoding, Code Inequalities.



General Knowledge & General Awareness

Current Affairs, Awards & Honours, Books & Authors, Sports, Entertainment, Obituaries, Important Dates, Scientific Research.



Quantitative Aptitude

Percentage, Ratio & Proportion, Data Interpretation, Mensuration & Geometry, Quadratic Equations, SI/CI, Problems on Ages, Profit & Loss, Number Series, Speed-Distance-Time, Time & Work, Number System, Data Sufficiency.



English Comprehension

Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, Verbal Ability, Synonyms-Antonyms, Active & Passive Voice, Para Jumbles, Fill in the Blanks, Error Correction.

Paper 2 Syllabus (English Language & Comprehension only)



Error Recognition, Fill in the Blanks, Vocabulary, Spellings, Grammar, Sentence Structure, Synonyms, Antonyms, Sentence Completion, Idioms & Phrases, Comprehension passages.



NOTE: From 2026, Paper 2 syllabus has EXPANDED to include Reasoning, GA, and Quant in addition to English — see Exam Pattern below for the new weightage.

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2. SSC CPO EXAM PATTERN (New, per 2026 Notification)



Paper 1 — 15-min sectional timing per part

Subject	Questions	Marks	Duration
General Intelligence & Reasoning	25	25	15 min
General Knowledge & Gen. Awareness	25	25	15 min
Quantitative Aptitude	25	25	15 min
English Comprehension	25	25	15 min
Total	100	100	1 hour



Negative marking: -0.25 per wrong answer.



Paper 2 — Conducted after PET/PST

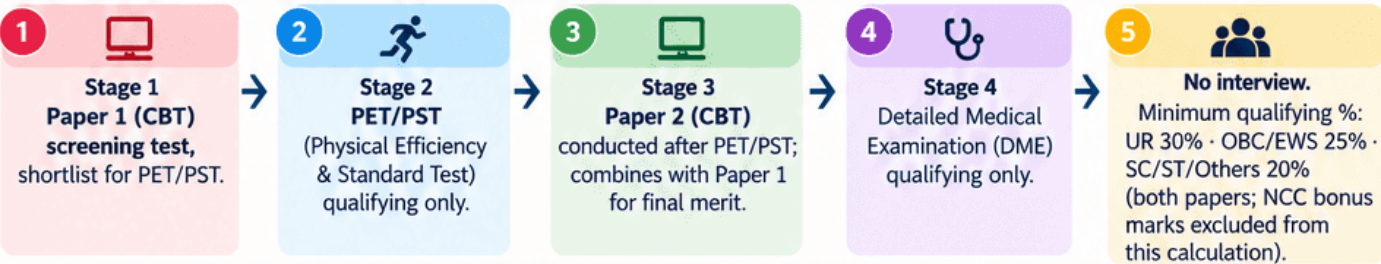
Subject	Questions	Marks	Duration
General Intelligence & Reasoning	20	40	20 min
General Knowledge & Gen. Awareness	20	40	20 min
Quantitative Aptitude	20	40	20 min
English Language & Comprehension	100	200	1 hour
Total	160	320	2 hours



- Negative marking: -0.50 per wrong answer — double that of Paper 1.
- English alone is 200 of 320 Paper 2 marks (62.5%) — by far the single biggest scoring lever in the entire exam.
- MAJOR 2026 CHANGE: Paper 1 marks reduced from 200 to 100 and Paper 2 expanded from a 200-mark English-only paper to a 320-mark, 4-subject paper.



3. SSC CPO Selection Process



PET/PST Standards

Category	Height	Chest (Unexpanded/Expanded)
Male (General)	170 cm	80 / 85 cm
Male — Hilly areas/J&K/NE/Sikkim	165 cm	80 / 85 cm
Male — ST	162.5 cm	77 / 82 cm
Female (General)	157 cm	—
Female — Hilly areas/J&K/NE/Sikkim	155 cm	—
Female — ST	154 cm	—



- Male PET: 100m in 16 sec · 1.6km in 6.5 min · Long Jump 3.65m (5 chances) · High Jump 1.2m (3 chances) · Shot Put 16 lbs, 4.5m (3 chances).
- Female PET: 100m in 18 sec · 800m in 4 min · Long Jump 2.7m (3 chances) · High Jump 0.9m (3 chances).

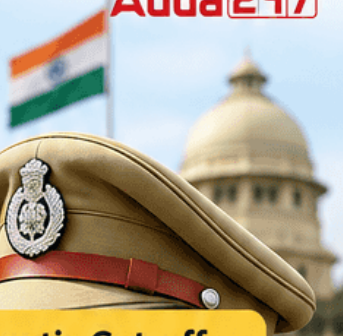


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4. Cut-off — Authentic (SSC CPO 2025 cycle, Paper 1, out of 200 — old pattern)

Category	Male	Female
UR	119.48	128.02
EWS	114.60	126.56
OBC	115.03	124.22
SC	88.95	100.92
ST	89.06	95.20
ESM	40.00	—



- 48,615 candidates cleared the CBT cut-off nationally and were shortlisted for PET/PST out of the total applicant pool for 5,308 vacancies.

5. 5-Year Paper 1 Cut-off Trend — UR, Male (out of 200)

2020-21	2022	2023	2024	2025
114.67	115.04	138.99	119.80	119.48



- 2023 was a notable spike (138.99) — well above the years before and after it.

6. Final (Paper 1 + Paper 2) Cut-off — UR, historical (out of 400/varies by year's scale)

Year	Male Final	Female Final
2022-23 (old 200+200 scale)	252.69	288.45
2020-21 (old 200+200 scale)	250.45	279.60
2018 (old scale)	300.15	286.81



SCALE WARNING: All historical cut-offs are on the OLD pattern (Paper 1 out of 200, Paper 2 out of 200 = 400 total). The NEW 2026 pattern uses Paper 1 out of 100 + Paper 2 out of 320 = 420 total, with different negative marking. No 2026 pattern cut-off is available yet (until after the 2026 cycle finishes); the final score will look like — the scales are different. No cut-off exists yet for the new 2026 pattern since that exam hasn't been conducted.