

SSC CGL Syllabus & Exam Pattern

Exam Structure



The **SSC CGL 2025 Exam** is conducted in **four tiers**:

1. ***Tier I – Computer-Based Test (Objective)***
2. ***Tier II – Computer-Based Test (Objective)***
3. ***Tier III – Descriptive Paper (Offline Mode)***
4. ***Tier IV – Computer Proficiency Test/Skill Test/Data Entry Speed Test (as per post requirements)***

SSC CGL Tier I (Objective Test – Online Mode)

The **Tier I** exam consists of four sections:

1. ***General Intelligence & Reasoning***
2. ***Quantitative Aptitude***
3. ***General Awareness***
4. ***English Comprehension***

Each section carries **25 questions for 50 marks**, making a total of **200 marks** for 100 questions.
The exam is **conducted in 60 minutes**.

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Marks</i>
<i>General Awareness</i>	25	50
<i>General Intelligence & Reasoning</i>	25	50
<i>Quantitative Aptitude</i>	25	50
<i>English Comprehension</i>	25	50
<i>Total</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>200</i>

General Intelligence & Reasoning

This section tests logical thinking, analytical ability, and problem-solving skills.

Key Topics:

- **Verbal Reasoning:** Analogy, Classification, Blood Relations, Coding-Decoding, Venn Diagrams, Syllogism, Seating Arrangement, Statements & Conclusions
- **Non-Verbal Reasoning:** Mirror and Water Images, Paper Folding & Cutting, Embedded Figures, Pattern Completion, Series, Cubes & Dice
- **Logical Reasoning:** Number & Alphabet Series, Puzzles, Order & Ranking, Mathematical Operations

Quantitative Aptitude

This section evaluates numerical ability and mathematical skills.

Key Topics:

- **Arithmetic:** Percentage, Profit & Loss, Simple & Compound Interest, Ratio & Proportion, Time & Work, Time, Speed & Distance, Average, Mixtures & Allegations
- **Algebra:** Simplification, Factorization, Linear & Quadratic Equations
- **Geometry:** Lines, Angles, Triangles, Circles, Mensuration (2D & 3D)
- **Trigonometry:** Height & Distance, Basic Identities
- **Data Interpretation:** Bar Graphs, Pie Charts, Line Graphs, Tabular Data

General Awareness

This section assesses knowledge of current affairs and general knowledge.

Key Topics:

- **Static GK:** Indian History, Geography, Polity, Economy, Books & Authors, Important Dates
- **Science & Technology:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics (Basic concepts), Computer Awareness
- **Current Affairs:** National & International Events, Government Schemes, Sports, Awards & Honors

English Comprehension

This section tests grammar, vocabulary, and comprehension skills.

Key Topics:

- **Vocabulary:** Synonyms, Antonyms, One-Word Substitutions, Idioms & Phrases
- **Grammar:** Sentence Correction, Error Spotting, Active & Passive Voice, Direct & Indirect Speech
- **Comprehension:** Reading Passages, Cloze Test, Fill in the Blanks

SSC CGL Syllabus Tier II (Objective Test – Online Mode)

The **Tier II** exam consists of multiple papers depending on the post applied for:

1. **Paper 1: Quantitative Aptitude & Reasoning – Mandatory for all posts**
2. **Paper 2: English Language & Comprehension – Mandatory for all posts**
3. **Paper 3: Statistics – For Statistical Investigator Grade-II & Compiler Posts**
4. **Paper 4: General Studies (Finance & Economics) – For Assistant Audit Officer/Assistant Accounts Officer**

Section	Subject	Question	Marks	Time
Section 1	Quantitative Aptitude	30	90	1 Hour
	Statistics	30	90	
Section 2	English Language	45	135	1 Hour
	General Studies (Finance & Economics)	25	75	

Quantitative Aptitude & Reasoning

Paper 1 – 180 Marks

- **Advanced Mathematics:** Algebra, Trigonometry, Geometry, Coordinate Geometry
- **Data Interpretation:** Histogram, Frequency Polygon, Data Sufficiency, Pie Charts
- **Number System:** HCF & LCM, Divisibility Rules, Surds & Indices

English Language & Comprehension

Paper 2 – 200 Marks

- **Advanced Grammar:** Tenses, Articles, Modals, Parallelism
- **Reading Comprehension:** Passages, Para Jumbles, Sentence Rearrangement
- **Writing Skills:** Precis Writing, Sentence Correction

Statistics

Paper 3 – 200 Marks (Only for Statistical Investigator Post)

- **Collection & Representation of Data:** Graphs, Sampling Methods
- **Probability Theory:** Permutations & Combinations, Random Variables
- **Correlation & Regression Analysis:** Variance, Standard Deviation

General Studies (Finance & Economics)

Paper 4 – 200 Marks (Only for AAO Post)

- **Finance & Accounting:** Principles, Financial Statements, Budgeting
- **Economics & Governance:** Economic Reforms, Public Finance, National & International Institutions

SSC CGL Tier III (Descriptive Paper – Offline Mode)



- **Mode:** Pen-and-paper-based
- **Language:** English or Hindi
- **Types of Questions:** Essay Writing, Letter Writing, Precis Writing, Application Writing
- **Total Marks:** 100
- **Time Duration:** 60 minutes

SSC CGL Tier IV (Skill Test & Computer Proficiency Test)

- **Data Entry Speed Test (DEST):** Candidates must type 8,000 key depressions per hour.
- **Computer Proficiency Test (CPT):** Assesses knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

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