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Overview

Official SSC CGL 2026 syllabus and exam pattern from SSC's notice dated 21 May 2026. The examination has two computer-based tiers: Tier-I (100 questions, 200 marks, 60 minutes) and Tier-II, whose Paper-I is compulsory for all posts. Paper-II (Statistics) and Paper-III (Finance and Economics) apply only to candidates shortlisted for specific posts.

Important information

Item	Details
Stages	Tier-I and Tier-II (both computer-based)
Tier-I sectional timing	15 minutes per subject (20 minutes for candidates eligible for a scribe)
Negative marking (Tier-I)	0.50 mark per wrong answer
Negative marking (Tier-II)	1 mark per wrong answer in Paper-I Sections I–III; 0.50 mark in Paper-II and Paper-III
Question language	English and Hindi, except the English Comprehension / English Language and Comprehension parts
Qualifying sections	Every section of Tier-II Paper-I must be qualified separately; Computer Knowledge Test and Data Entry Speed Test are qualifying
Data Entry Speed Test	About 2,000 key depressions in 15 minutes; mandatory for all posts, qualifying in nature
Paper-II (Statistics)	Only for candidates shortlisted for JSO (MoSPI) and Statistical Investigator Grade-II (RGI)
Paper-III (Finance & Economics)	Only for candidates shortlisted for Assistant Audit Officer / Assistant Accounts Officer
Level of questions (Tier-I)	Graduation level; Quantitative Aptitude at 10th standard level

Exam pattern

Paper / Stage	Subjects	Questions	Marks	Duration
Tier-I (CBT)	General Intelligence & Reasoning (25), General Awareness (25), Quantitative Aptitude (25), English Comprehension (25)	100	200	60 min (15 min per subject)
Tier-II Paper-I, Section-I	Mathematical Abilities (30), Reasoning and General Intelligence (30)	60	180	1 hour
Tier-II Paper-I, Section-II	English Language and Comprehension (45), General Awareness (25)	70	210	1 hour
Tier-II Paper-I, Section-III (qualifying)	Computer Knowledge Test	20	60	15 min

Paper / Stage	Subjects	Questions	Marks	Duration
Tier-II Paper-I, Section-IV (qualifying)	Data Entry Speed Test (Session-II)	1 task	—	15 min
Tier-II Paper-II (JSO / SI Gr-II only)	Statistics	100	200	2 hours
Tier-II Paper-III (AAO only)	General Studies (Finance and Economics)	100	200	2 hours

Detailed syllabus

1. Tier-I: General Intelligence & Reasoning (50 marks)

- Semantic Analogy
- Symbolic/Number Analogy
- Figural Analogy
- Semantic Classification
- Symbolic/Number Classification
- Figural Classification
- Semantic Series
- Number Series
- Figural Series
- Problem Solving
- Word Building
- Coding & de-coding
- Numerical Operations
- Symbolic Operations
- Trends
- Space Orientation
- Space Visualization
- Venn Diagrams
- Drawing inferences
- Punched hole/pattern-folding & un-folding
- Figural Pattern-folding and completion
- Indexing
- Address matching
- Date & city matching
- Classification of centre codes/roll numbers
- Small & Capital letters/numbers coding, decoding and classification
- Embedded Figures
- Critical thinking
- Emotional Intelligence
- Social Intelligence

Verbal and non-verbal questions, including statement-conclusion and syllogistic reasoning.

2. Tier-I: General Awareness (50 marks)

- Current events
- Everyday observation and experience in their scientific aspect

- History
- Culture
- Geography
- Economic Scene
- General Policy
- Scientific Research

Questions relating to India and its neighbouring countries, especially History, Culture, Geography, Economic Scene, General Policy and Scientific Research.

3. Tier-I: Quantitative Aptitude (50 marks)

- Computation of whole numbers, decimals, fractions and relationships between numbers
- Percentage
- Ratio & Proportion
- Square roots
- Averages
- Interest
- Profit and Loss
- Discount
- Partnership Business
- Mixture and Alligation
- Time and distance
- Time & Work
- Basic algebraic identities of School Algebra & Elementary surds
- Graphs of Linear Equations
- Triangle and its various kinds of centres
- Congruence and similarity of triangles
- Circle and its chords, tangents, angles subtended by chords, common tangents to two or more circles
- Mensuration: Triangle, Quadrilaterals, Regular Polygons, Circle, Right Prism, Right Circular Cone, Right Circular Cylinder, Sphere, Hemispheres, Rectangular Parallelepiped, Regular Right Pyramid with triangular or square base
- Trigonometric ratio
- Degree and Radian Measures
- Standard Identities
- Complementary angles
- Heights and Distances
- Histogram
- Frequency polygon
- Bar diagram & Pie chart

Questions in this part are of 10th standard level.

4. Tier-I: English Comprehension (50 marks)

- Understanding correct English
- Basic comprehension
- Writing ability

5. Tier-II Paper-I: Mathematical Abilities (90 marks)

- Number Systems: computation of whole number, decimal and fractions, relationship between numbers

- Fundamental arithmetical operations: percentages, ratio and proportion, square roots, averages, interest (simple and compound), profit and loss, discount, partnership business, mixture and alligation, time and distance, time and work
- Algebra: basic algebraic identities of school algebra and elementary surds (simple problems), graphs of linear equations
- Geometry: triangle and its various kinds of centres, congruence and similarity of triangles, circle and its chords, tangents, angles subtended by chords of a circle, common tangents to two or more circles
- Mensuration: triangle, quadrilaterals, regular polygons, circle, right prism, right circular cone, right circular cylinder, sphere, hemispheres, rectangular parallelepiped, regular right pyramid with triangular or square base
- Trigonometry: trigonometric ratios, complementary angles, height and distances (simple problems only), standard identities like $\sin^2? + \cos^2? = 1$
- Statistics and probability: histogram, frequency polygon, bar diagram, pie chart; mean, median, mode, standard deviation; calculation of simple probabilities

30 questions, 3 marks each.

6. Tier-II Paper-I: Reasoning and General Intelligence (90 marks)

- Semantic Analogy
- Symbolic operations
- Symbolic/Number Analogy
- Trends
- Figural Analogy
- Space Orientation
- Semantic Classification
- Venn Diagrams
- Symbolic/Number Classification
- Drawing inferences
- Figural Classification
- Punched hole/pattern-folding & unfolding
- Semantic Series
- Figural Pattern-folding and completion
- Number Series
- Embedded figures
- Figural Series
- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Emotional Intelligence
- Word Building
- Social Intelligence
- Coding and de-coding
- Numerical operations

30 questions, 3 marks each. Verbal and non-verbal questions.

7. Tier-II Paper-I: English Language and Comprehension (135 marks)

- Vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure, synonyms, antonyms and their correct usage
- Spot the Error
- Fill in the Blanks
- Synonyms/Homonyms

- Antonyms
- Spellings/Detecting mis-spelt words
- Idioms & Phrases
- One word substitution
- Improvement of Sentences
- Active/Passive Voice of Verbs
- Conversion into Direct/Indirect narration
- Shuffling of Sentence parts
- Shuffling of Sentences in a passage
- Cloze Passage
- Comprehension Passage

45 questions, 3 marks each. Comprehension: three or more paragraphs — at least one simple passage based on a book or story, and others on current affairs based on a report or editorial.

8. Tier-II Paper-I: General Awareness (75 marks)

- Current events
- Everyday observation and experience in their scientific aspect
- History
- Culture
- Geography
- Economic Scene
- General policy
- Scientific research

25 questions, 3 marks each. Questions relating to India and its neighbouring countries.

9. Tier-II Paper-I: Computer Knowledge Test (qualifying) (60 marks)

- Computer Basics: organization of a computer, CPU, input/output devices, computer memory, memory organization, back-up devices, ports, Windows Explorer, keyboard shortcuts
- Software: Windows operating system including basics of Microsoft Office like MS Word, MS Excel and PowerPoint
- Working with Internet and e-mails: web browsing & searching, downloading & uploading, managing an e-mail account, e-Banking
- Basics of networking and cyber security: networking devices and protocols, network and information security threats (hacking, virus, worms, Trojan etc.) and preventive measures

20 questions, 3 marks each, 15 minutes. Mandatory for all posts, qualifying in nature; higher standards for posts where computer proficiency is prescribed.

10. Tier-II Paper-II: Statistics (200 marks)

- Collection, classification and presentation of statistical data: primary and secondary data, methods of data collection, tabulation, graphs and charts, frequency distributions
- Measures of central tendency: mean, median, mode; partition values — quartiles, deciles, percentiles
- Measures of dispersion: range, quartile deviation, mean deviation, standard deviation; measures of relative dispersion
- Moments, skewness and kurtosis
- Correlation and regression: scatter diagram, simple correlation coefficient, simple regression lines, Spearman's rank correlation, association of attributes, multiple regression, multiple and partial correlation (three variables)
- Probability theory: definitions, conditional and compound probability, independent events, Bayes' theorem

- Random variables and probability distributions: expectation and variance, higher moments, Binomial, Poisson, Normal and Exponential distributions, joint distribution of two discrete random variables
- Sampling theory: population and sample, parameter and statistic, sampling and non-sampling errors, probability and non-probability sampling techniques, sampling distribution, sample size decisions
- Statistical inference: point and interval estimation, properties of a good estimator, methods of estimation, testing of hypothesis, small and large sample tests, Z, t, Chi-square and F tests, confidence intervals
- Analysis of variance: one-way and two-way classified data
- Time series analysis: components, trend by different methods, seasonal variation
- Index numbers: construction problems, types, formulae, base shifting and splicing, cost of living index numbers, uses

100 questions, 2 marks each, 2 hours. Only for candidates shortlisted for JSO and Statistical Investigator Grade-II.

11. Tier-II Paper-III: Finance and Accounts (Part A) (80 marks)

- Financial accounting: nature and scope, limitations, basic concepts and conventions, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
- Single and double entry, books of original entry, bank reconciliation, journal, ledgers, trial balance, rectification of errors
- Manufacturing, trading, profit & loss appropriation accounts, balance sheet, capital vs revenue expenditure
- Depreciation accounting, valuation of inventories
- Non-profit organisations' accounts, receipts and payments and income & expenditure accounts
- Bills of exchange, self-balancing ledgers

Paper-III (General Studies — Finance and Economics) is only for candidates shortlisted for Assistant Audit Officer / Assistant Accounts Officer.

12. Tier-II Paper-III: Economics and Governance (Part B) (120 marks)

- Comptroller & Auditor General of India: constitutional provisions, role and responsibility
- Finance Commission: role and functions
- Basic concepts of economics and introduction to micro economics
- Theory of demand and supply, elasticity, consumer behaviour (Marshallian and indifference curve approaches)
- Theory of production and cost: factors of production, law of variable proportions, returns to scale
- Forms of market and price determination: perfect competition, monopoly, monopolistic competition, oligopoly
- Indian economy: role of agriculture, industry and services; national income; population; poverty and unemployment; infrastructure
- Economic reforms in India since 1991: liberalisation, privatisation, globalisation and disinvestment
- Money and banking: monetary/fiscal policy, role and functions of RBI, commercial banks/RRBs/ payment banks, budget and fiscal deficits, balance of payments, FRBM Act 2003
- Role of information technology in governance

Official sources

Official syllabus: https://ssc.gov.in/api/attachment/uploads/masterData/NoticeBoards/Notice_of_adv_cgl_2025.pdf

Official website: https://ssc.gov.in

Online version: https://www.jobnirdesh.com/syllabus/ssc-cgl-syllabus-2026

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