SSC Stenographer Syllabus 2026 (Grade C & D)

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Overview

Official SSC Stenographer Grade 'C' & 'D' Examination 2026 syllabus and exam pattern from SSC's notice of 24.04.2026: a computer-based examination of 200 questions followed by a qualifying stenography skill test.

Important information

Item	Details
Stages	Computer Based Examination -> Skill Test in Stenography
CBE	200 questions, 200 marks, 2 hours — sectional timers of 30, 30 and 60 minutes
Negative marking	0.25 mark per wrong answer
Language	English and Hindi
Dictation speed	Grade 'C': 100 w.p.m.; Grade 'D': 80 w.p.m. — one 10-minute dictation in English or Hindi
Transcription time	Grade 'D': 50 min (English), 65 min (Hindi); Grade 'C': 40 min (English), 55 min (Hindi)

Exam pattern

Paper / Stage	Subjects	Questions	Marks	Duration
CBE	General Intelligence & Reasoning (50), General Awareness (50), English Language and Comprehension (100)	200	200	2 hours (30 + 30 + 60 min)
Skill Test (qualifying)	10-minute dictation at 100 w.p.m. (Grade 'C') or 80 w.p.m. (Grade 'D'), transcribed on computer	—	—	40–65 min transcription

Detailed syllabus

1. General Intelligence & Reasoning (50 marks)

- Analogies
- Similarities and differences
- Space visualization
- Problem solving
- Analysis
- Judgment
- Decision making
- Visual memory
- Discriminating observation

- Relationship concepts
- Arithmetical reasoning
- Verbal and figure classification
- Arithmetical number series
- Non-verbal series
- Abstract ideas and symbols and their relationship
- Arithmetical computation

2. General Awareness (50 marks)

- Current events
- Everyday observation in its scientific aspect
- Sports
- History
- Culture
- Geography
- Economic scene
- General Polity including Indian Constitution
- Scientific Research

India and its neighbouring countries; no special study required.

3. English Language and Comprehension (100 marks)

- Vocabulary
- Grammar
- Sentence structure
- Synonyms
- Antonyms
- Correct usage
- Writing ability

4. Skill Test in Stenography (qualifying)

- Grade 'C': dictation at 100 w.p.m. for 10 minutes
- Grade 'D': dictation at 80 w.p.m. for 10 minutes
- Transcription on computer: Grade D — 50 min English / 65 min Hindi; Grade C — 40 min English / 55 min Hindi

Hindi stenographers must learn English stenography after appointment, and vice versa.

Official sources

Official syllabus: https://ssc.gov.in/api/attachment/uploads/masterData/NoticeBoards/Notice_of_adv_steno_2026.pdf

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

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

Always confirm the syllabus with the official notification of the conducting body before you prepare or apply.