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SSC CGL Syllabus 2026 PDF

Tier 1 Exam Pattern

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Subject	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Time Allowed
General Intelligence and Reasoning	25	50	15 minutes
General Awareness	25	50	15 minutes
Quantitative Aptitude	25	50	15 minutes
English Comprehension	25	50	15 minutes

SSC CGL Tier-I Syllabus

1. General Intelligence & Reasoning

Section	Topics Included
Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning	Questions of both verbal and non-verbal type
Analogy	Semantic Analogy, Symbolic/Number Analogy, Figural Analogy
Classification	Semantic Classification, Symbolic/Number Classification, Figural Classification
Series	Semantic Series, Number Series, Figural Series, Non-Verbal Series
Logical Reasoning	Problem Solving, Analysis, Judgment, Decision Making, Statement Conclusion, Syllogistic Reasoning
Coding-Decoding	Coding & Decoding, Small & Capital Letters/Numbers Coding, Decoding & Classification
Mathematical & Numerical Reasoning	Arithmetical Reasoning, Arithmetic Number Series, Numerical Operations, Symbolic Operations
Similarity & Relationship Concepts	Similarities and Differences, Relationship Concepts, Discrimination
Space & Visual Ability	Space Visualization, Spatial Orientation, Visual Memory, Observation
Diagram & Figure-Based Topics	Venn Diagrams, Embedded Figures, Figural Pattern Folding & Completion, Punched Hole/Pattern Folding & Unfolding
Miscellaneous Topics	Trends, Drawing Inferences, Word Building, Indexing, Address Matching, Date & City Matching, Classification of Centre Codes/Roll Numbers
Intelligence Skills	Critical Thinking, Emotional Intelligence, Social Intelligence

2. General Awareness

Section	Topics Included
Environment & Society	General awareness of the environment around the candidate and its application to society

Current Affairs	Knowledge of current events
Everyday Science	Matters of everyday observation and experience in their scientific aspect
History	History of India and neighboring countries
Culture	Culture
Geography	Geography
Economy	Economic Scene
Polity	General Policy
Science & Research	Scientific Research

3. Quantitative Aptitude

Section	Topics Included
Number System	Computation of Whole Numbers, Decimals, Fractions, Relationships Between Numbers
Arithmetic	Percentage, Ratio & Proportion, Square Roots, Averages
Profit & Interest	Interest, Profit & Loss, Discount
Business Mathematics	Partnership Business, Mixture & Alligation
Time-Based Problems	Time & Distance, Time & Work
Algebra	Basic Algebraic Identities of School Algebra, Elementary Surds, Graphs of Linear Equations
Geometry	Triangle and its Various Kinds of Centres, Congruence & Similarity of Triangles
Mensuration	Circle and its Chords, Tangents, Angles Subtended by Chords of a Circle, Common Tangents to Two or More Circles
Shapes & Solids	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 Ratio, Degree & Radian Measures, Standard Identities, Complementary Angles, Heights & Distances
Data Interpretation	Histogram, Frequency Polygon, Bar Diagram, Pie Chart

4. English Comprehension

Section	Topics Included
English Language	Understanding of correct English
Comprehension	Basic comprehension ability
Writing Ability	Basic writing ability

5. Educational Standard of Questions

Part	Standard
Part A – General Intelligence & Reasoning	Graduation Level
Part B – General Awareness	Graduation Level
Part C – Quantitative Aptitude	10th Standard Level
Part D – English Comprehension	Graduation Level

Tier 2 Paper-I Exam Pattern

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Section	Module	Number of Questions	Marks	Time Allowed

Section-I	Math Abilities & Reasoning	$30 + 30 = 60$	180	1 hour
Section-II	English & General Awareness	$45 + 25 = 70$	210	1 hour
Section-III	Computer Knowledge Test	20	60	15 Minutes
Section-IV	Data Entry Speed Test (DEST)	One Data Entry Task	Qualifying	15 Minutes

SSC CGL Tier-II Syllabus

Mathematical Abilities Topics

The Quantitative Aptitude section in Tier 1 and Mathematical Abilities in Tier 2 test your numerical sense and appropriate use of numbers. The scope covers basic arithmetic to advanced mathematics.

Broad Category

Specific Topics to Cover

Number Systems

Computation of Whole Numbers, Fractions, Decimals, Relationships between numbers.

Arithmetic

Percentages, Ratio & Proportion, Square roots, Averages, Interest (Simple & Compound), Profit & Loss, Discount, Partnership, Mixture & Alligation, Time & Distance, Time & Work.

Algebra

Topics include basic school algebraic identities, elementary surds, and linear equation graphs.

Geometry

Triangle and its various 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, Circle, Regular Polygons, Right Prism, Right Circular Cylinder, Right Circular Cone, Sphere, Hemispheres, Rectangular Parallelepiped, Regular Right Pyramid with triangular or square Base.
Trigonometry	Trigonometry, Trigonometric ratios, Complementary angles, Height and distances, Standard Identities like $\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$.
Statistics & Probability	This section covers data interpretation tools like tables, graphs, histograms, frequency polygons, bar diagrams, and pie charts. It also includes core statistics topics like central tendency (mean, median, mode), standard deviation, and simple probability calculations.

English Language Topics

This segment evaluates your ability to understand correct English, basic comprehension, and writing ability. In Tier 2, the English Language and Comprehension module carries the highest weightage (45 questions for 135 marks).

Focus your preparation on the following official parameters:

- **Grammar & Sentence Structure:** Fill in the Blanks, Spot the Error, Active/Passive Voice of Verbs, Improvement of Sentences, Conversion into Direct/Indirect narration.
- **Vocabulary:** Synonyms, Antonyms and their correct usage, Spellings/Detecting mis-spelt words, Idioms & Phrases, One-word substitution.
- **Reading Comprehension:** Shuffling of Sentence parts, Shuffling of Sentences in a passage, Cloze Passage, Comprehension Passage.

Expect three or more paragraphs for comprehension testing in Tier 2. At least one will be a simple paragraph based on a book or story, while the others will be based on current affairs, reports, or editorials.

Reasoning Topics

General Intelligence and Reasoning questions include both verbal and non-verbal types. This section tests your logical deduction, spatial visualization, and analytical judgment.

Key topics include:

- **Analogies & Classification:** Semantic Analogy, Symbolic/Number Analogy, Semantic Classification, Figural Analogy, Figural Classification, Symbolic/Number Classification.
- **Series & Trends:** Semantic Series, Number Series, Figural Series, Trends.

- **Visual & Spatial:** Space Orientation, Space Visualization, Venn Diagrams, Drawing inferences, Punched hole/pattern-folding & unfolding, Figural Pattern-folding and completion, Embedded figures.
- **Analytical:** Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, Emotional Intelligence, Social Intelligence, Word Building, Coding and decoding, Numerical operations.

General Awareness Topics

Questions in this component are designed to test your awareness of the environment around you and its application to society. It evaluates knowledge of everyday observations and current events.

You must study:

- **Current Affairs:** National and international current events.
- **India and Neighboring Countries:** History, Culture, Geography, Economic Scene, General Policy, and Scientific Research.

Do not limit your reading to static general knowledge; the Commission heavily integrates recent national and international developments into the static subjects.

Computer Knowledge Test Topics

Section-III of Tier 2 Paper-I is the Computer Knowledge Test. While it is qualifying in nature, it is mandatory. Furthermore, for specific posts like Assistant Section Officer (CSS, MEA, AFHQ) and Inspector (CGST & Central Excise), a higher qualifying standard is applied.

- **Computer Basics:** CPU, input/output devices, memory, PORTs, Windows Explorer, Keyboard shortcuts.
- **Software:** Windows Operating system, MS Word, MS Excel, and Power Point.
- **Internet & E-mails:** Web Browsing, Searching, Downloading/Uploading, Managing E-mail, e-Banking.
- **Networking & Cyber Security:** Networking devices and protocols, Network/information security threats (hacking, virus, worms, Trojans), preventive measures.

Statistics Syllabus

Paper-II of Tier 2 is strictly for candidates who apply for and are shortlisted for the posts of Junior Statistical Officer (JSO) and Statistical Investigator Grade-II. This paper is set at the graduation level.

Topics include:

- Collection, Classification, and Presentation of Statistical Data.
- Measures of Central Tendency and Measures of Dispersion.

- Moments, Skewness, and Kurtosis.
- Correlation and Regression.
- Probability Theory and Random Variable & Probability Distributions.
- Sampling Theory, Statistical Inference, and Analysis of Variance.
- Time Series Analysis and Index Numbers.

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