

EXAM SYLLABUS

SSC CGL Syllabus 2026: Tier 1 & Tier 2 Detailed Topics and Exam Pattern

11 subjects · 235 topics

SSC CGL Syllabus 2026 for Tier 1 & 2. Comprehensive guide to Quantitative Aptitude, Reasoning, English, General Awareness, Statistics, and Computer knowledge. Includes exam pattern, weightage, and important topics.

WHAT TO STUDY FIRST

Begin by thoroughly understanding the syllabus for both Tier 1 and Tier 2, paying close attention to the weightage assigned to each subject. Prioritize Quantitative Aptitude and General Awareness for Tier 1, as these sections often carry significant marks and require consistent practice. For Tier 2, focus on Mathematical Abilities, English, and General Awareness. Regularly revisit important topics identified for each section to ensure comprehensive preparation.

EXAM PATTERN

MCQ / Objective

SSC CGL Tier 1 and Tier 2 Exam Pattern 2026

Marking: Tier 1: 0.5 marks deducted for each incorrect answer. Tier 2, Paper 1: 1 mark deducted for each incorrect answer in Sections I, II, and Module I of Section III. Paper 2 & 3: 0.50 marks deducted for each incorrect answer. In Paper 1, Section III Module 1 (Computer Knowledge) and Section IV (DEST) are qualifying. For Paper-I of Tier-II, there is negative marking of 1 mark for each wrong answer in Section-I, Section-II, and Module-I of Section-III. For Paper-II and Paper-III, there is a negative ma

Negative: Yes, for all papers/sections except qualifying ones.

SSC CGL Tier 1

100 Q · 200 marks · 60 min

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SSC CGL Tier 2 - Paper 1

450 marks · 135 min

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SSC CGL Tier 2 - Paper 2

100 Q · 200 marks

MCQ

SSC CGL Tier 2 - Paper 3

100 Q · 200 marks

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Data Entry Skill Test (DEST)

15 min

Typing Test

- Two Tiers: Tier 1 (Qualifying) and Tier 2 (Scoring/Merit-based).
- Tier 1 has sectional timings of 15 minutes per section.
- Tier 2 includes Paper 1 (compulsory), Paper 2 (Statistics for JSO), and Paper 3 (Finance & Economics for AAO/AAO posts).

- Data Entry Skill Test (DEST) is qualifying and mandatory for all posts.
- MCQ-based objective questions in all tiers and papers.

SUBJECT-WISE SYLLABUS

01 Tier 1: General Intelligence and Reasoning

18 topics · 200 Marks (Total for Tier 1)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Analytical Reasoning by M.K. Pandey
- A Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning by R.S. Aggarwal
- NCERT Books

- 1 Observation
- 2 Similarities and differences
- 3 Space visualization
- 4 Spatial orientation
- 5 Problem-solving
- 6 Analysis
- 7 Judgment
- 8 Decision making
- 9 Visual memory
- 10 Discrimination
- 11 Relationship concepts
- 12 Arithmetical reasoning
- 13 Figural classification
- 14 Statement conclusion
- 15 Syllogistic reasoning
- 16 Non-verbal series
- 17 Blood Relations
- 18 Symbolic operations

02 Tier 1: General Awareness

17 topics · 200 Marks (Total for Tier 1)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Lucent's General Knowledge
- Manorama Year Book
- NCERT Books (History, Geography, Polity, Science)

- 1 India and its neighboring countries
- 2 History
- 3 Culture

- 4 Geography
- 5 Economic Scene
- 6 General Policy
- 7 Scientific Research
- 8 People in News
- 9 Sports
- 10 Static GK
- 11 Important Schemes
- 12 Portfolio
- 13 Books and Authors
- 14 Current Affairs
- 15 Science and Technology
- 16 Indian and World Geography
- 17 Polity and Economy in India

03 Tier 1: Quantitative Aptitude

32 topics · 200 Marks (Total for Tier 1)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Examinations by R.S. Aggarwal
- Magical Book on Quicker Maths by M. Tyra
- NCERT Books (Class X level)

- 1 Whole numbers
- 2 Decimals
- 3 Fractions
- 4 Relationships between numbers
- 5 Percentage
- 6 Ratio & Proportion
- 7 Square roots
- 8 Averages
- 9 Interest (Simple and Compound)
- 10 Profit and Loss
- 11 Discount
- 12 Partnership Business
- 13 Mixture and Alligation
- 14 Time and distance
- 15 Time & Work

- 16 Basic algebraic identities of School Algebra & Elementary surds
- 17 Graphs of Linear Equations
- 18 Triangle and its various kinds of centres
- 19 Congruence and similarity of triangles
- 20 Quadrilaterals
- 21 Regular Polygons
- 22 Right Prism
- 23 Right Circular Cone
- 24 Sphere
- 25 Hemispheres
- 26 Rectangular Parallelepiped
- 27 Regular Right Pyramid with triangular or square base
- 28 Trigonometric ratio
- 29 Heights and Distances
- 30 Histogram
- 31 Frequency polygon
- 32 Bar diagram & Pie chart

04 Tier 1: English Comprehension

17 topics · 200 Marks (Total for Tier 1)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Objective General English by S.P. Bakshi
- High School English Grammar and Composition by Wren & Martin
- NCERT Books

- 1 Sentence Improvement
- 2 Active and Passive Voice
- 3 Error Spotting
- 4 Reading Comprehension
- 5 Fill in the Blanks
- 6 One Word Substitution
- 7 Cloze Test
- 8 Sentence Rearrangement (Para Jumbles)
- 9 Direct and Indirect Speech (Narration)
- 10 Synonyms and Antonyms
- 11 Spelling Correction / Detecting Misspelt Words
- 12 Idioms and Phrases

- 13 Sentence Correction
- 14 Vocabulary
- 15 Grammar
- 16 Word Usage
- 17 Verbal Ability Questions

05 Tier 2: Paper I - Section I: Mathematical Abilities

32 topics · Part of Tier 2 Scoring

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Examinations by R.S. Aggarwal
- Magical Book on Quicker Maths by M. Tyra
- NCERT Books (Class X level)

- 1 Whole numbers, decimals, and fractions
- 2 Relationships between numbers
- 3 Percentage
- 4 Ratio and proportion
- 5 Square roots
- 6 Averages
- 7 Simple and compound interest
- 8 Profit, loss, and discount
- 9 Partnership business
- 10 Mixture and allegation
- 11 Time and distance
- 12 Time and work
- 13 Basic algebraic identities
- 14 Surds
- 15 Graphs of Linear Equations
- 16 Triangle
- 17 Circle
- 18 Quadrilaterals
- 19 Regular Polygons
- 20 Right Prism
- 21 Right Circular Cone
- 22 Right Circular Cylinder
- 23 Sphere
- 24 Hemispheres

- 25 Rectangular Parallelepiped
- 26 Regular Right Pyramid with triangular or square base
- 27 Trigonometric ratio
- 28 Heights and Distances
- 29 Histogram
- 30 Frequency polygon
- 31 Bar diagram & Pie chart
- 32 Data Interpretation & Statistics

06 Tier 2: Paper I - Section I: Reasoning & General Intelligence

23 topics · Part of Tier 2 Scoring

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Analytical Reasoning by M.K. Pandey
- A Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning by R.S. Aggarwal
- NCERT Books

- 1 Semantic Analogy
- 2 Symbolic/ Number Analogy
- 3 Figural Analogy
- 4 Semantic Classification
- 5 Symbolic/ Number Classification
- 6 Figural Classification
- 7 Space Orientation
- 8 Venn Diagrams
- 9 Drawing inferences
- 10 Punched hole/ pattern-folding & unfolding
- 11 Semantic Series
- 12 Figural Pattern folding and completion
- 13 Number Series
- 14 Embedded figures
- 15 Figural Series
- 16 Critical Thinking
- 17 Problem-Solving
- 18 Emotional Intelligence
- 19 Word Building
- 20 Social Intelligence
- 21 Coding and Decoding

- 22 Numerical operations
- 23 Trends and patterns

07 Tier 2: Paper I - Section II: English Language & Comprehension

31 topics · Part of Tier 2 Scoring

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Objective General English by S.P. Bakshi
- High School English Grammar and Composition by Wren & Martin
- NCERT Books

- 1 Semantic Analogy
- 2 Symbolic/ Number Analogy
- 3 Trends
- 4 Figural Analogy
- 5 Venn Diagrams
- 6 Drawing inferences
- 7 Pattern-folding
- 8 Number Series
- 9 Embedded figures
- 10 Vocabulary
- 11 Sentence structure
- 12 Synonyms
- 13 Antonyms
- 14 Homonyms
- 15 Spot the error
- 16 Fill in the Blanks
- 17 Spellings/ Detecting misspelt words
- 18 Idioms & Phrases
- 19 Improvement of Sentences
- 20 Active/ Passive Voice
- 21 Sentence Improvement
- 22 Active Voice and Passive Voice
- 23 Direct and Indirect Speech (Narration)
- 24 Shuffling of Sentence Parts
- 25 Sentence Rearrangement (Para Jumbles)
- 26 Cloze Test
- 27 Reading Comprehension

- 28 Grammar
- 29 Word Usage
- 30 Sentence Correction
- 31 Verbal Ability Questions

08 Tier 2: Paper I - Section II: General Awareness

15 topics · Part of Tier 2 Scoring

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Lucent's General Knowledge
- Manorama Year Book
- NCERT Books (History, Geography, Polity, Science)

- 1 History
- 2 Culture
- 3 Geography
- 4 Economic Scene
- 5 General Policy
- 6 Scientific Research
- 7 People in News
- 8 Sports
- 9 Static GK
- 10 Important Schemes
- 11 Portfolio
- 12 Books and Authors
- 13 Current Affairs
- 14 Indian and World Geography
- 15 Polity and Economy in India

09 Tier 2: Paper I - Section III: Computer Proficiency

15 topics · Qualifying

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Objective Computer Knowledge & Literacy by Kiran Prakashan
- Basic Computer Knowledge by Arihant Experts

- 1 Computer Fundamentals
- 2 Hardware
- 3 Software
- 4 Input/Output Devices
- 5 Operating Systems

- 6 MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- 7 Internet Basics
- 8 Networking Concepts
- 9 Computer Abbreviations
- 10 Computer to Internet
- 11 Computer Memory
- 12 Computer Programming
- 13 Computer Languages
- 14 Computer Software
- 15 Computer Virus

10 Tier 2: Paper II - Statistics (For JSO Post Only)

12 topics · Part of Tier 2 Scoring (Specific Posts)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Fundamentals of Statistics by S.C. Gupta
- Introduction to Statistics by Sheldon M. Ross

- 1 Collection, Classification and Presentation of Data
- 2 Frequency Distributions
- 3 Diagrammatic and Graphic Representation of Data
- 4 Measures of Central Tendency (Mean, Median, Mode)
- 5 Measures of Dispersion (Range, Quartiles, Standard Deviation)
- 6 Probability Theory
- 7 Sampling Techniques
- 8 Estimation
- 9 Correlation and Regression
- 10 Index Numbers
- 11 Time Series Analysis
- 12 Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)

11 Tier 2: Paper III - General Studies: Finance & Economics (For AAO Post Only)

23 topics · Part of Tier 2 Scoring (Specific Posts)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Indian Economy by Ramesh Singh
- Indian Financial System by Bharati Pathak

- 1 Meaning and determinants of demand
- 2 Law of demand and elasticity of demand

- 3 Price, income and cross elasticity
- 4 Theory of consumer behaviour
- 5 Marshallian approach
- 6 Indifference curve approach
- 7 Meaning and determinants of supply
- 8 Law of supply
- 9 National Income
- 10 GDP, GNP, NNP
- 11 Per capita income
- 12 Inflation
- 13 Monetary Policy
- 14 Fiscal Policy
- 15 Budgetary Policy
- 16 Public Finance
- 17 Finance Commission
- 18 Indian Financial System
- 19 Banking and Non-Banking Financial Institutions
- 20 Stock Market
- 21 Capital Market
- 22 Money Market
- 23 International Trade

11 subject(s), 235 topics listed above. Verify critical details with the official exam notification before applying.