

## EXAM SYLLABUS

# SSC CHSL Syllabus 2026 for Tier 1 and Tier 2

10 subjects · 146 topics · 60 min · 200 marks

SSC CHSL Syllabus 2026 details for Tier 1 & 2, including General Intelligence, Quantitative Aptitude, English, General Awareness, and Computer Proficiency. High-priority topics and book recommendations.

## WHAT TO STUDY FIRST

Begin with Tier 1 subjects: General Intelligence, General Awareness, Quantitative Aptitude, and English Language, as this is the initial screening stage. Focus on high-weightage topics identified in the syllabus to prioritize your study plan. Refer to standard books and NCERT materials for foundational knowledge in each subject before moving to the more advanced Tier 2 topics.

## EXAM PATTERN

60 min · 100 questions · 200 marks · MCQ / Objective

SSC CHSL Tier I and Tier II

Marking: +2 for each correct answer, -0.5 for each incorrect answer in Tier I. Tier II has different sectional marks and a negative marking of -1 for each incorrect answer in Session I.

Negative: Yes, 0.5 marks deducted for each incorrect answer in Tier I, and 1 mark deducted for each incorrect answer in Tier II (Session I).

### Tier I

100 Q · 200 marks · 60 min

MCQ

### Tier II - Session I

405 marks · 135 min

MCQ

### Tier II - Session II

30 min

Skill Test/Typing Test

- Two tiers: Tier I (objective) and Tier II (objective + skill/typing test).
- Tier I is qualifying; Tier II performance determines final merit.
- Skill/Typing test in Tier II is qualifying in nature.
- Questions available in English and Hindi (except English section).
- Normalisation process used for multi-shift exams.

## SUBJECT-WISE SYLLABUS

### 01 Tier 1 – General Intelligence

24 topics · 25% (approx. 50 marks)

#### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Analytical Reasoning by M.K. Pandey
- A Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning by R.S. Aggarwal
- NCERTs for basic concepts

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

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## 02 Tier 1 – General Awareness

9 topics · 25% (approx. 50 marks)

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Manorama Year Book
- Lucent's General Knowledge
- Newspapers (The Hindu, Indian Express) for current affairs

- 1 Current Events of National and International Importance
- 2 History
- 3 Geography
- 4 Indian Polity and Governance
- 5 Indian Economy

- 6 Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
- 7 Static GK
- 8 Sports
- 9 Awards and Honors

## 03 Tier 1 – Quantitative Aptitude

20 topics · 25% (approx. 50 marks)

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Examinations by R.S. Aggarwal
- Magical Book on Quicker Maths by M. Tyra
- NCERT Mathematics (Class 6-10)

- 1 Number system
- 2 Simplification and Approximation
- 3 Percentage
- 4 Ratio and Proportion
- 5 Average
- 6 Profit and Loss
- 7 Simple and Compound Interest
- 8 Discount
- 9 Partnership
- 10 Time and Work
- 11 Time, Speed, and Distance
- 12 Algebra (basic equations, factorization)
- 13 Geometry (triangles, circles, quadrilaterals)
- 14 Mensuration (area, volume, perimeter)
- 15 Trigonometry (ratios, heights and distances)
- 16 Data Interpretation (tables, charts, graphs)
- 17 Sequence and Series
- 18 LCM and HCF
- 19 Pipes and Cisterns
- 20 Probability and Statistics

## 04 Tier 1 – English Language

15 topics · 25% (approx. 50 marks)

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Objective General English by S.P. Bakshi
- Word Power Made Easy by Norman Lewis
- High School English Grammar and Composition by Wren & Martin

- 1 Reading comprehension
- 2 Error detection (spotting and correcting errors)
- 3 Fill in the blanks
- 4 Synonyms and antonyms
- 5 Vocabulary-based questions
- 6 Sentence improvement and rearrangement
- 7 Idioms and phrases
- 8 One-word substitution
- 9 Active and passive voice
- 10 Direct and indirect speech
- 11 Cloze test
- 12 Spellings
- 13 Punctuation
- 14 Sentence completion
- 15 Comprehension-based grammar questions

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## 05 Tier 2 – Session I, Section I: Mathematical Abilities

16 topics · Variable (Part of Session I)

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Examinations by R.S. Aggarwal
- Magical Book on Quicker Maths by M. Tyra
- NCERT Mathematics (Class 6-10)

- 1 Number Systems: Computation of whole numbers, decimals, fractions, relationship between numbers, fundamental arithmetical operations
- 2 Algebra: Basic algebraic identities of school algebra, factorization, graphs of linear equations
- 3 Geometry: Congruence and similarity of triangles, circle and its chords, tangents, angles subtended by various parts of a circle
- 4 Mensuration: Mensuration (Area and Perimeter of simple geometric figure; Area and circumference of circle; Pyramid and Spherical hemisphere; Cylinder, Cone and Sphere
- 5 Trigonometry: Trigonometry, ratio, Identities, standard angles, Heights and Distances
- 6 Statistics and Probability: Measures of Central Tendency (Mean, Median, Mode), Standard Deviation, Probability (Basic Concepts)
- 7 Basic Arithmetic Operations
- 8 Percentage
- 9 Ratio and Proportion
- 10 Interest (Simple and Compound)
- 11 Profit and Loss

- 12 Discount
- 13 Partnership
- 14 Time and Distance
- 15 Time and Work
- 16 Data Interpretation

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## 06 Tier 2 – Session I, Section II: English Language and Comprehension

17 topics · Variable (Part of Session I)

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Objective General English by S.P. Bakshi
- Word Power Made Easy by Norman Lewis
- High School English Grammar and Composition by Wren & Martin

- 1 Vocabulary
- 2 Grammar
- 3 Sentence structure
- 4 Synonyms/Homonyms
- 5 Antonyms
- 6 Spot the Error
- 7 Fill in the Blanks
- 8 Spellings/ Detecting misspelt words
- 9 Idioms and Phrases
- 10 One-word substitution
- 11 Improvement of Sentences
- 12 Active/ Passive Voice of Verbs
- 13 Conversion into Direct/ Indirect narration
- 14 Shuffling of Sentence parts
- 15 Shuffling of Sentences in a passage
- 16 Cloze Passage
- 17 Comprehension Passage

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## 07 Tier 2 – Session I, Section III: Computer Proficiency

10 topics · Qualifying (Part of Session I)

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

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

- 1 Computer Basics

- 2 Computer Hardware and Software
- 3 Operating Systems
- 4 MS Word
- 5 MS Excel
- 6 MS PowerPoint
- 7 Internet and Networking Concepts
- 8 Computer Abbreviations
- 9 Computer Viruses and Malware
- 10 Input and Output Devices

## 08 Tier 2 – Session II, Section I: Reasoning and General Intelligence

24 topics · Variable (Part of Session II)

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Analytical Reasoning by M.K. Pandey
- A Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning by R.S. Aggarwal
- NCERTs for basic concepts

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## 09 Tier 2 – Session II, Section II: General Awareness

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## 10 Tier 2 – Skill Test / Typing Test

2 topics · Qualifying

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Typing tutors and practice software
  - Online typing test platforms
- 1 Typing speed test (English/Hindi)
  - 2 Data Entry Speed Test (for DEO/DEO Grade A posts)

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10 subject(s), 146 topics listed above. Verify critical details with the official exam notification before applying.