

SSC CGL Syllabus 2026 - Tier 1 & Tier 2 Student Checklist

A compact, printable map of the current exam scheme, subject areas, negative marking and an eight-week preparation tracker.

100 Tier I questions	200 Tier I marks	60 min Tier I total	4 x 15 Sectional timers
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2026 cycle note: the official notice was issued on 21 May 2026. Tier I was listed tentatively for August-September 2026 and Tier II for December 2026. Schedule changes must be checked at ssc.gov.in.

How to use this PDF

Print it or mark it digitally. Tick a topic only after you can explain it, solve recent questions from it, and review your errors. This is a planning aid, not a replacement for the official syllabus.

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1. Tier I exam pattern

The four subjects run on separate 15-minute sectional timers in the 2026 notice.

Subject	Questions	Marks	Section timer
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
Total	100	200	60 minutes

Marking and language

Tier I is an objective multiple-choice examination. The notice specifies 0.50 mark negative marking for every wrong answer. Questions are bilingual in English and Hindi except English Comprehension.

Timer consequence

A section closes when its timer ends. Build section-specific speed instead of relying on unused time from another subject. Use a watch-free mock interface that mimics the sectional lock.

Tier I test-day checks

- [] Know the order in which the four timed sections appear in your mock platform.
- [] Set a question-level skip rule before the test.
- [] Review guessed answers carefully because every wrong answer costs 0.50 mark.
- [] Practise at least three full mocks with four strict 15-minute sections.
- [] Check the official SSC website for any schedule or instruction change.



2. Tier I subject checklist

Suggested practice topics within the broad official Tier I subjects; the notice wording prevails.

General Intelligence and Reasoning

- ☐ Analogies, similarities, differences and classification
- ☐ Space visualisation, orientation and embedded figures
- ☐ Problem solving, judgement, decision making and observation
- ☐ Series, coding-decoding and symbolic operations
- ☐ Venn diagrams, syllogistic reasoning and conclusions
- ☐ Non-verbal reasoning, pattern folding and figure completion

General Awareness

- ☐ Current events with India-focused revision notes
- ☐ Indian polity, Constitution and public institutions
- ☐ General science and everyday scientific observation
- ☐ History, culture and geography of India
- ☐ Economy, development indicators and basic finance awareness
- ☐ Neighbouring countries and major international developments

Quantitative Aptitude

- ☐ Whole numbers, decimals, fractions and relationships
- ☐ Profit-loss, discount, interest, mixture and partnership
- ☐ Geometry, mensuration and trigonometric relationships
- ☐ Percentage, ratio, proportion and averages
- ☐ Time-work, work-rate applications, time-distance and basic algebra
- ☐ Tables, charts and elementary data interpretation

English Comprehension - suggested practice topics

- ☐ Vocabulary, synonyms, antonyms and spelling
- ☐ Fill in the blanks, sentence improvement and voice
- ☐ Idioms, phrases and one-word substitution
- ☐ Grammar, sentence structure and error recognition
- ☐ Direct-indirect speech and sentence rearrangement
- ☐ Cloze passages and reading comprehension



3. Tier II structure

Paper I is compulsory for every post; Papers II and III apply only to specified shortlisted candidates.

Paper / session	Component	Questions / task	Time
Paper I, Session I	Mathematical Abilities	30 questions	30 minutes
Paper I, Session I	Reasoning & General Intelligence	30 questions	30 minutes
Paper I, Session I	English Language & Comprehension	45 questions	40 minutes
Paper I, Session I	General Awareness	25 questions	20 minutes
Paper I, Session I	Computer Knowledge Test	20 questions	15 minutes
Paper I, Session II	Data Entry Speed Test	One task	15 minutes
Paper II	Statistics	100 questions	2 hours
Paper III	Finance and Economics	100 questions	2 hours

Who takes which paper?

Paper I is compulsory for all posts. Paper II is for candidates who applied and were shortlisted for Junior Statistical Officer or Statistical Investigator Grade II posts. Paper III is for candidates shortlisted for Assistant Audit Officer or Assistant Accounts Officer posts.

Negative marking

The notice specifies 1 mark negative marking in the objective sections of Paper I and 0.50 mark in Paper II and Paper III. The Data Entry Speed Test is a skill task, not an objective section.

Qualifying components

Computer Knowledge Test and Data Entry Speed Test are mandatory for all posts and qualifying in nature, subject to the exemptions and higher standards described in the notice. Candidates must qualify all Paper I sections separately.



4. Tier II Paper I topic map

Mathematical Abilities

- [] Number systems and arithmetic operations
- [] Geometry, mensuration and trigonometry
- [] Tables, graphs and data interpretation
- [] Algebra and elementary surds
- [] Statistics and probability basics

Reasoning and General Intelligence

- [] Verbal and non-verbal analogies and classification
- [] Semantic, symbolic and figural operations
- [] Numerical and spatial reasoning
- [] Series, coding-decoding and critical thinking
- [] Venn diagrams, inference and problem solving

English Language and Comprehension

- [] Vocabulary and grammar accuracy
- [] Active-passive voice and narration
- [] Reading comprehension and inference
- [] Sentence structure, correction and transformation
- [] Cloze test and para arrangement

General Awareness

- [] Current events and national issues
- [] History, culture, geography and economy
- [] India and neighbouring countries
- [] Polity, Constitution and scientific research

Computer Knowledge Test

- [] Computer basics, CPU, memory and input-output devices
- [] Internet, email, networking and cyber security basics
- [] Windows basics and office productivity tools

Data Entry Speed Test

- [] Practise a passage of about 2,000 key depressions in 15 minutes
- [] Build accuracy first, then speed under the exact time limit
- [] Review the latest regional instructions before the skill test



5. Special papers and score strategy

Paper II - Statistics (for specified posts)

- ☐ Data collection, classification and presentation
- ☐ Moments, skewness and kurtosis
- ☐ Random variables and probability distributions
- ☐ Index numbers
- ☐ Measures of central tendency and dispersion
- ☐ Correlation, regression and probability
- ☐ Sampling, inference, analysis of variance and time series

Paper III - General Studies: Finance and Economics

- ☐ Fundamental accounting principles and financial statements
- ☐ Comptroller and Auditor General framework awareness
- ☐ Indian economy, reforms, money, banking and public finance
- ☐ Accounting concepts, conventions and final accounts
- ☐ Microeconomics, demand, supply and market forms
- ☐ Governance, budgeting and economic institutions

Score rule for practice

Record raw attempts, correct answers, wrong answers and the exact negative-mark deduction after every mock. A high attempt count is useful only when the net score improves.

Mock	Attempted	Correct	Wrong	Net score	Top error cause
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					



6. Eight-week preparation tracker

Week	Main focus	Completion	Review
W1	Baseline mock; arithmetic and core reasoning	☐ Notes ☐ PYQs ☐ Mock	Score: ____ / ____
W2	English grammar; history and polity revision	☐ Notes ☐ PYQs ☐ Mock	Score: ____ / ____
W3	Geometry/mensuration; non-verbal reasoning	☐ Notes ☐ PYQs ☐ Mock	Score: ____ / ____
W4	Vocabulary/comprehension; economy and science	☐ Notes ☐ PYQs ☐ Mock	Score: ____ / ____
W5	Tier I sectional speed and weak-topic repair	☐ Notes ☐ PYQs ☐ Mock	Score: ____ / ____
W6	Tier II maths/reasoning/English depth	☐ Notes ☐ PYQs ☐ Mock	Score: ____ / ____
W7	Computer basics, DEST and special paper if applicable	☐ Notes ☐ PYQs ☐ Mock	Score: ____ / ____
W8	Full mocks, error notebook and final revision	☐ Notes ☐ PYQs ☐ Mock	Score: ____ / ____

Weekly minimum outputs

- ☐ One timed sectional set per Tier I subject
- ☐ One full mock with negative-mark calculation
- ☐ One error-log revision session
- ☐ One official-notice or SSC website check
- ☐ Short revision notes updated for every repeated mistake

Do not lock your plan to tentative dates



7. Final revision and official-source record

Area	Last revised	Mock accuracy	Action before exam
Reasoning			
General Awareness			
Quantitative Aptitude			
English			
Computer			
DEST			
Paper II / III if applicable			

Final 48-hour checks

- ☐ Download the current admit card only from the official SSC website.
- ☐ Read reporting time, identity-document and prohibited-item instructions.
- ☐ Confirm the latest examination schedule and city information.
- ☐ Avoid learning large new topics; revise formulas and the error notebook.
- ☐ Keep this checklist as a study aid, not as an authority document.

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