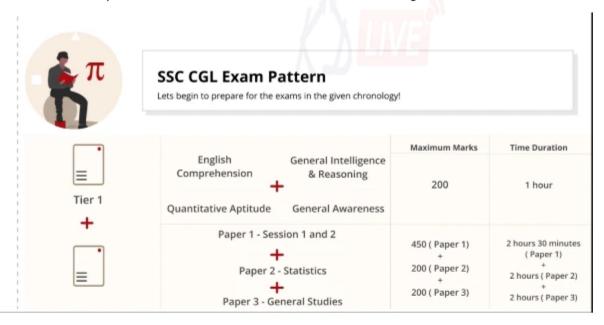Are you preparing for the

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CGL exam and want to know what to prepare for? Understanding the exam pattern is your first step towards success. In this blog, we'll break down the Pattern of SSC CGL for you in simple terms. From the types of questions you'll face to how the exam is structured, the syllabus, the marking scheme and all the important exam dates, we'll cover it all. Let's dig in and make your preparation easier and more effective!

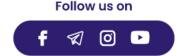# Pattern of SSC CGL - Overview

The Staff Selection Commission conducts the Combined Graduate Level Examination, to fill various Group 'B' and Group 'C' posts across different Ministries, Departments, and Organizations of the Government of India, and various Constitutional Bodies, Statutory Bodies, Tribunals, and more. To crack this exam, it is essential to understand the pattern of the SSC CGL. The SSC CGL examination is conducted in 2 stages – Tier 1 and Tier 2. Both Tier 1 and Tier 2 exams are conducted in Computer-based Online mode. Please refer to the image below for an overview of the SSC CGL pattern.

SSC CGL Exam Pattern
Lets begin to prepare for the exams in the given chronology!

		Maximum Marks	Time Duration
Tier 1	English Comprehension + General Intelligence & Reasoning + Quantitative Aptitude + General Awareness	200	1 hour
	Paper 1 - Session 1 and 2 + Paper 2 - Statistics + Paper 3 - General Studies	450 (Paper 1) + 200 (Paper 2) + 200 (Paper 3)	2 hours 30 minutes (Paper 1) + 2 hours (Paper 2) + 2 hours (Paper 3)

[Source: KD Live]

Pattern of SSC CGL - Tier 1

Below, we have simplified the exam pattern for SSC CGL Tier 1.

Pattern of SSC CGL - 100 Questions in 60 Minutes

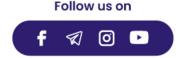| Tier	Subject	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Time allowed
I	A. General Intelligence and Reasoning	25	50	1 hour (1 hour and 20 minutes for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3)
	B. General Awareness	25	50	
	C. Quantitative Aptitude	25	50	
	D. English Comprehension	25	50	

[Source: ssc.gov.in]

- The Tier 1 pattern of SSC CGL consists of 4 sections – General Intelligence & Reasoning, English Comprehension, Quantitative Aptitude and General Awareness.
- The exam will be conducted online for a total of 200 marks for 100 questions.
- The total cumulative duration of the exam is 60 minutes or 1 hour.
- There is no sectional time limit in the Tier 1 exam.
- Tier I will consist of objective type, multiple choice questions. Except for English Comprehension, the questions will be provided in both English and Hindi.
- It is important to note that there will be a negative marking for incorrect answers in Tier 1. Specifically, each wrong answer will result in a deduction of 0.50 marks.

Pattern of SSC CGL - Tier 2

The SSC CGL Tier 2 exam will be conducted in 3 papers - Paper I, Paper II, and Paper III.

- **Paper I** which is compulsory for all posts
- **Paper II** for candidates who apply for the posts of Junior Statistical Officer (JSO) in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Statistical Investigator Grade-II in the office of Registrar General of India (M/o Home Affairs).
- **Paper III** for candidates who apply for the posts of Assistant Audit Officer/ Assistant Accounts Officer.

Tier	Paper	Session	Subject	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Time allowed
II	Paper-I:	Session-I (2 hours and 15 minutes)	**Section-I:** **Module-I:** Mathematical Abilities **Module-II:** Reasoning and General Intelligence.	30 30 Total = 60	60*3 = 180	1 hour (For each section) (1 hours and 20 minutes for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3)
			Section-II: **Module-I:** English Language and Comprehension **Module-II:** General Awareness	45 25 Total = 70	70*3 = 210	

[Source: ssc.gov.in]

Tier	Paper	Session	Subject	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Time allowed
			Section-III: **Module-I:** Computer Knowledge Module	20	20*3 = 60	15 Minutes (For each module) (20 minutes for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3)
		Session-II (15 minutes)	**Section-III:** **Module-II:** Data Entry Speed Test Module	One Data Entry Task	-	
	Paper-II		Statistics	100	100*2 = 200	2 hours (For each Paper) (2 hours and 40 minutes for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3)
	Paper-III		General Studies (Finance and Economics)	100	100*2 = 200	

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Pattern of SSC CGL - 100 Questions in 60 Minutes

- Tier 2 exam will involve conducting Paper I, Paper II, and Paper III on separate shifts or days.
- Paper I will be held in two sessions, Session I and Session II, on the same day.
- Tier 2 (Paper I, Paper II, and Paper III) will consist of Objective Type, Multiple Choice Questions, with the exception of Module II of Section III in Paper I.
- Questions will be provided in both English and Hindi, except for the English Language and Comprehension module in Section II of Paper I.
- Negative marking will apply 1 mark deduction for each wrong answer in Section I, Section II, and Module I of Section III in Paper I, and 0.50 marks deduction for each wrong answer in Paper II and Paper III.

Pattern of SSC CGL - Syllabus

Now that we've delved into the details of the pattern of SSC CGL, it's natural for you to be eager to understand what specific topics require your focus in preparation for the CGL examinations. So, let's explore the syllabus for the SSC CGL Examination.

Tier 1 examination:

- General Intelligence and Reasoning
- General Awareness
- Quantitative Aptitude
- English Comprehension

Tier 2 examination:

As you are aware the SSC CGL Tier 2 exam will be conducted in 3 papers - Paper I, Paper II, and Paper III.

Paper I

- Mathematical Abilities
- Reasoning and General Intelligence
- English Language and Comprehension
- General Awareness
- Computer Knowledge Module
- Data Entry Speed Test Module

Paper II

- Statistics

Paper III

• General Studies (Finance and Economics)

Moreover, for better understanding, check out our blog titled

SSC CGL Syllabus 2024

by clicking on the provided link.

Pattern of SSC CGL - Important Dates

Taking the SSC CGL 2024 exam? Here are the key dates to remember! The official announcement is expected around June 11th, 2024. Make sure to note down when the application window opens and closes, and when you'll get your exam ticket. Thus, we have provided you with a table that contains all the tentative dates as released in the

SSC Exam Calendar 2024-25

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Events	Dates
SSC CGL Notification 2024 Release Date	11th June 2024
SSC CGL 2024 Apply Online Start Date	11th June 2024
SSC CGL 2024 Apply Online Start Date	10th July 2024
SSC CGL 2024 Exam Date	September-October 2024

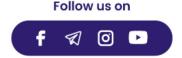Moreover, you can check out our blog on

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for a better understanding.

All set for the SSC CGL exam? Now you've got a road map for what the SSC CGL Exam will be like. Remember, this is just a guide, so keep an eye out on the official SSC website for any updates. With this knowledge and some solid studying, you'll be well on your way to SSC CGL success! Make sure to revisit our blogs exclusively on

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. Best of luck!