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SSC CGL 2024 Comprehensive Syllabus & Exam Guide

The Staff Selection Commission (SSC) conducts the Combined Graduate Level (CGL) Examination for recruitment to various Group 'B' and Group 'C' posts in different ministries, departments, and organizations of the Government of India.

1. Overview of SSC CGL

- **Exam Name:** SSC Combined Graduate Level (CGL)
- **Mode of Exam:** Computer Based Examination (CBE)
- **Stages:**
 - Tier-I: Screening Test
 - Tier-II: Merit Deciding
 - Document Verification (DV)
- **Recruitment For:** Group "B" and "C" posts
- **Vacancies:** Approx. 17,727 (in 2024 - subject to change in upcoming years)
- **Application Mode:** Online only (<https://ssc.gov.in>)

2. Eligibility Criteria

Nationality/Citizenship

- A citizen of India, or
- A subject of Nepal/Bhutan, or
- Tibetan refugee (pre-1962), or
- Person of Indian origin from select countries with eligibility certificate

Age Limit (As on cut-off date)

- **Varies by post:** 18–27 / 18–30 / 18–32 years



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- **Age Relaxation:**

- SC/ST: 5 years
- OBC: 3 years
- PwBD (UR/OBC/SC-ST): 10/13/15 years
- Ex-Servicemen: 3 years after deduction of military service
- Others as per Govt. rules

Educational Qualification

- **General Posts:** Bachelor's Degree in any discipline
- **JSO:** Degree with 60% in Maths at 12th or Degree with Statistics
- **Statistical Investigator:** Degree with Statistics in all years/semesters
- **Research Assistant (NHRC):** Bachelor's Degree + desirable: 1 year research experience or Law/Human Rights degree

3. Posts and Pay Levels

Group "B" (Pay Level-6 to 7): Rs. 35,400 to Rs. 1,42,400

- ASO (Ministries: CSS, MEA, Railways, IB, etc.)
- Assistant Enforcement Officer
- Inspector (Income Tax, Excise, Preventive, Examiner)
- Sub-Inspector (CBI, NIA)
- Divisional Accountant
- Executive Assistant (CBIC)
- Junior Statistical Officer

Group "C" (Pay Level-4 to 5): Rs. 25,500 to Rs. 92,300

- Auditors (CAG, CGDA, others)
 - Accountants (CAG, CGA)
 - Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant
 - UDC, Senior Secretariat Assistant
 - Tax Assistants (CBDT, CBIC)
 - Sub-Inspector (Narcotics)
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4. Application Details

- **One-Time Registration (OTR)** mandatory
- **Live Photo:** No cap or spectacles
- **Signature Upload:** 6 cm x 2 cm (10-20 KB JPEG)
- **Application Fee:** Rs. 100/-
 - **Exempted Categories:** SC/ST, Women, PwBD, ESM
 - **Correction Fee:** Rs. 200 (first), Rs. 500 (second)

5. Scheme of Examination

Tier-I: Computer-Based Exam

Section	Questions	Marks	Duration
General Intelligence & Reasoning	25	50	
General Awareness	25	50	
Quantitative Aptitude	25	50	
English Comprehension	25	50	60 min (80 min for PwBD)

- **Negative Marking:** 0.50 marks per wrong answer

Tier-II: Computer-Based Exam

Paper-I (Compulsory for all posts)

- **Section-I**
 - Mathematical Abilities (30 Qs, 90 Marks)
 - Reasoning & General Intelligence (30 Qs, 90 Marks)
- **Section-II**
 - English Language & Comprehension (45 Qs, 135 Marks)
 - General Awareness (25 Qs, 75 Marks)
- **Section-III**
 - Computer Knowledge Test (20 Qs, 60 Marks) [Qualifying]
 - DEST (Data Entry Speed Test) [Qualifying]



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Paper-II (For JSO & Statistical Investigator only)

- Statistics (100 Qs, 200 Marks, 2 Hours)
- **Negative Marking:**
 - Paper-I: 1 mark per wrong answer in Section-I, II, and Module-I of Section-III
 - Paper-II: 0.50 marks per wrong answer

6. Detailed Syllabus

Tier-I

General Intelligence & Reasoning

- Verbal and non-verbal reasoning
- Topics: Analogy, Series, Coding-Decoding, Venn Diagrams, Puzzle, Directions, Word Building, Emotional & Social Intelligence

General Awareness

- Indian History, Geography, Culture, Polity, Economy
- Scientific Research, Current Affairs

Quantitative Aptitude

- Number system, Ratio, Proportion
- Time & Work, Time & Distance, Profit & Loss
- Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry
- Graphs: Pie, Bar, Histogram

English Comprehension

- Grammar, Vocabulary, Sentence Correction
 - Reading Comprehension, Cloze Test, Para Jumbles
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Tier-II

Mathematical Abilities (Module-I of Section-I)

- Arithmetic: Percentages, Ratio, Time, Profit, etc.
- Algebra & Geometry
- Trigonometry & Mensuration
- Statistics: Mean, Median, Mode



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- Probability: Basic level

Reasoning & General Intelligence (Module-II of Section-I)

- Advanced reasoning topics similar to Tier-I

English Language & Comprehension (Module-I of Section-II)

- Vocabulary, Synonyms/Antonyms, Idioms
- Grammar, Active/Passive Voice
- Cloze Tests, Reading Comprehension

General Awareness (Module-II of Section-II)

- Same as Tier-I but more in-depth

Computer Knowledge (Module-I of Section-III)

- Basics: CPU, Memory, I/O Devices
- MS Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Internet & Email basics
- Cyber Security basics

Paper-II (Statistics)

- Data Collection & Presentation
- Measures of Central Tendency & Dispersion
- Probability & Distributions
- Sampling, Hypothesis Testing
- ANOVA, Time Series, Index Numbers

7. Skill Tests

DEST (Data Entry Speed Test)

- 2000 key depressions in 15 minutes
- Qualifying only
- Higher standards for certain posts (e.g., Tax Assistant)

CPT (Computer Proficiency Test)

- Required for posts like ASO in MEA/IB/AFHQ
 - Includes Word Processing, Spreadsheet, and Slide Generation
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8. Document Verification (DV)

- Conducted by user departments
 - Required Documents:
 - Degree certificate
 - Caste/ESM/PwBD/EWS certificate (if applicable)
 - Valid Photo ID
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9. Final Selection Criteria

- Based on normalized scores of Tier-II
 - Preference-cum-merit based allotment
 - No post change after allotment
 - Some posts have physical/medical standards
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10. Tie-Breaking Criteria

1. Marks in Paper-I of Tier-II
 2. Total Marks in Tier-I
 3. Date of Birth (older preferred)
 4. Alphabetical order of name
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11. Important Notes

- Final result will be declared based on normalized marks
 - Admit card and updates will be available on SSC website
 - Misrepresentation leads to disqualification and debarment
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Stay updated with SSC notifications and adhere to official guidelines. Success in SSC CGL requires consistent preparation and full understanding of the exam structure and syllabus.

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