

Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level Examination (SSC CGL Exam) - 2023

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The Staff Selection Commission has been instrumental in selecting and recruiting candidates for Group 'B', 'C', and 'D' through written exams and interviews for central Ministries and Departments of the Government of India and in Subordinate Offices. A solid foundation would facilitate you in cracking the exam easily.

What is SSC CGL?

Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level Examination (SSC CGL) is a national-level exam conducted by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) to shortlist suitable candidates. Every year, about 30 lakh candidates fill out the SSC CGL application form. Staff Selection Commission conducts the exam in four stages, or tiers. The two tiers of the Combined Graduate Level (CGL) exam are conducted online.

It is one of the biggest examinations to be conducted for



graduate students in India. It is a great opportunity for job-ready youth looking forward to a position in a reputed organisation under the Central Government. While a government job helps to build a stable career, it is also loaded with responsibilities.

A government job offers excellent pay and perquisites. Central government employees are considered privileged

because of the social status, recognition and respect they enjoy.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The candidates applying for the SSC Combined Graduate

Level Examination must have a Bachelor's degree from a recognised institute or University.

For this year, notification has been released on 3rd April 2023. While the last date is 3rd May 2023. The SSC CGL exam 2023 is scheduled from 14th July to 27th July.

For further details on eligibility criteria and exam dates kindly refer to www.ssc.nic.in

SSC CGL 2023 EXAM PATTERN

As per the SSC CGL new pattern, there will be only 2 tiers; instead of 4. Tier 1 will be a computer-based test (CBT); however, the Tier 2 exam will be conducted in 3 phases- Paper I, Paper II, and Paper III.

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The mode of all stages of the SSC CGL Exam is as follows-

Tier - 1 : Objective Multiple Choice- Computer-Based (online)

Tier - 2 : (Paper I, II, III) Paper I (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

Paper III for candidates who apply for the posts of Assistant Audit Officer/ Assistant Accounts Officer.

SSC CGL Tier-1 Exam Pattern

SSC CGL 2023 Tier-1 exam will be conducted online and comprising 4 sections with 100 multiple choice questions in total and with maximum marks of 200. The entire exam is needed to be completed in a time span of 60 minutes. SSC CGL Tier 1 Exam will be of qualifying nature and marks will not be counted in the final selection.

The sections asked in SSC CGL Tier-1 Exam are:

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

Serial No.	Sections	No. of Questions	Total Marks
1	General Intelligence and Reasoning	25	50
2	General Awareness	25	50
3	Quantitative Aptitude	25	50
4	English Comprehension	25	50
Total		100	200

There is a negative marking of 0.50 Marks for each wrong answer.

SSC CGL Tier-2 Exam Pattern

The SSC CGL Tier-2 exam will be conducted in 3 phases- Paper 1, Paper 2, and Paper 3. Paper I (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 Paper III for candidates who apply for the posts of Assistant Audit Officer/ Assistant Accounts Officer.

S. No.	Papers	Time Allotted
1	Paper-I: (Compulsory for all posts)	2 hours 30 minutes
2	Paper-II: Junior Statistical Officer (JSO)	2 hours
3	Paper-III: Assistant Audit Officer/Assistant Accounts Officer	2 hours

The detailed SSC CGL Tier 2 Exam Pattern has been discussed below along with the changes made by SSC this year.

Sessions	Sections	Module	Subject	No. of Questions		Duration
Session I	Section I	Module-I	Mathematical Abilities	30	23%	1 hour
		Module-II	Reasoning and General Intelligence	30	23%	
	Section II	Module-I	English Language and Comprehension	45	35%	1 hour
		Module-II	General Awareness	25	19%	
Session II	Section III	Module-I	Computer Knowledge Test	20	Qualifying	15 minutes
		Module-II	Data Entry Speed Test		Qualifying	15 minutes

Papers	Section	No. of question	Duration
Paper II	Statistics	100	2 hours
Paper III	General Studies (Finance and Economics)	100	2 hours

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Asteroid Psyche Mission to study the asteroid of the same name. Thus, there is a lot on the plate on the space front to study for this year's exam.

Current Affairs: The task of covering current affairs for the Civil Services examination, particularly for the prelims, is a formidable challenge. The sheer volume of events that occur on a daily basis can seem overwhelming, and yet it is essential to extract relevant information from this ocean of news. Neglecting current affairs is not an option, as static portions of the exam are often linked to current developments. For example, recent revisions to the list of national and state level political

parties by the Election Commission are a matter of current affairs, but understanding the criteria for recognition as a national or state party is equally important.

The linkage between the static and dynamic aspects of current affairs is critical to answering prelims questions. One must focus on events that have been regularly reported in newspapers and magazines over the past year, with greater emphasis on issues from the last six months. While UPSC may ask questions about older current issues, it is impractical to read up on all of them to prepare for a handful of questions that may or may not be asked.

The most efficient and effective way to prepare for current affairs is to make notes on a daily basis, writing them by hand rather than compiling them on a laptop or mobile device. This approach helps to commit topics to memory better. Commercial current affairs materials may be overwhelming, as they often include all kinds of current issues without much thought. Moreover, reading a complete article on an issue from a newspaper directly is essential to clarify one's concepts. Spending a good amount of time reading newspapers daily and deliberating on possible UPSC-style questions for each issue is critical. Current affairs

should be prepared under various headings and regularly updated with inputs from newspapers. Depending on a single newspaper is risky, so reading at least two newspapers regularly is advisable.

The habit of tuning in to AIR's Spotlight program every night can be highly beneficial, as other news channels tend to focus more on noise than news. Government websites such as PIB and Niti Aayog can provide information on current news relating to policies, schemes, and development challenges.

The essential headings under which current affairs should be studied include international issues, environmental issues, political issues, economic issues,

science and technology, art and culture, and government programs and policies. It is essential to cover all critical events such as treaties, conflict zones, international conferences, wildlife, climate change, heat stress, water stress, forests, recent judgments, important bills and acts, election related changes, bankruptcy of banks, inflation, food prices surge, oil prices, science and technology developments, places of cultural importance, and flagship pro-grams of the union as well as state governments.

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EXAM PREPARATION GUIDELINES

The key to success in any exam is to practice, improve speed, and clear concepts. Exam preparation requires dedication, preserving, hard work, and the best guidance. The competition for SSC is stiff as lakhs of students apply for them every year.

Preparation Strategy (WORK HARD & WORK SMART)

- Be selective about General Awareness
- Practice past years' papers
- English language: Focus on one-word substitution and idioms & phrases.
- Reasoning is the most scoring section.

The competition is fierce but once you practice, the chances of your success are high. One must focus on 4 key points.

1. General Awareness
2. Aptitude
3. English Grammar
4. Reasoning Ability

- The first thing one needs to do is study the whole syllabus and exam pattern of the examination. Identify the topics and sections in the syllabus which are easy and those that are tough. Note down weak topics and make plans and strategies to overcome them.

- Study regularly. Divide the preparation time on daily hours basis. Give more time to weaker areas. Plan your study time to manage a balanced preparation for all the sections and topics.

- Download the previous year's question papers and practice regularly.

- Read Newspapers daily.

HOW TO PREPARE

PLANNING: Planning is key to good revision. When left to our own devices we sometimes struggle to find the motivation draw out a timetable of allocated time slots to spend on each subject and stick to it!

- **BE ASSERTIVE:** Do a realistic review of where you stand and in which area improvement is required.

- **PREPARING A TIMETABLE:** The next step is to prepare a 30-day schedule until the exam day. Everything that is included in this schedule will be your preparation strategy for the next 1 month. Paste it on a wall where it is clearly visible to you. If possible, set alarms on your mobile phone according to this timetable every morning.

- **MARATHON REVISIONS:** The first thing to be incorporated into your schedule is, ample time for revision. By now you must have figured out the amount of time required to revise a subject or topic. Based on this, calculate the number of hours that you will need to revise all three subjects. Divide the total number of hours by 30. On average, you should be spending nearly 6-7 hours on revision. Now, this time is inclusive of all the breaks that you take between two subjects/chapters. Therefore, you must make the most of this time and minimise the time spent on breaks.

- **TIME MANAGEMENT IS THE KEY:** Managing time in an organised and wise manner is not just important during exam seasons but also throughout our lifetimes. Thus, you must plan your days and set reasonable targets for yourself. Good time management means maintaining a sustainable pace in completing your coursework, budgeting enough time for revision and incorporating extra-curricular activities into your routine.

- **TECHNOLOGY TO HONE YOUR ORGANISATION SKILLS:** Leveraging technology to manage your time and organise your work is a good idea. You may set schedules and arrange your tasks in an organiser app. Use notes and reminders, create events on Google Calendar, and use the timer while attempting mock tests.

- **MAINTAIN YOUR PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH:** While preparing for exams, aspirants should keep a balance between preparation time and relaxation time. Follow healthy food habits and a few exercises.

The last thing that should be on your timetable is 6-7 hours of **SLEEP**. It is important that you get adequate rest before the examination. Qualifying for a government job is a tough procedure but a good choice, worthy of the time and effort put in.

Perseverance is the key when it comes to working your way. Believe in yourself! You can make it happen!

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