

# Detailed Exam Pattern for SSC

## CGL 2016

The Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has recently released a notification elaborating the revised scheme of CGL 2016 examination. The notification clarifies Tier-1 and Tier-2 stages of the examination for the candidates. Before going through the following elaboration of the detailed exam pattern for SSC CGL 2016, make sure you know about the [changed SSC 2016 exam pattern](#).

To know more about the important dates, length of each paper, questions and syllabus along with the detailed exam pattern for SSC CGL 2016, read this post.

### ***Particulars of the SSC CGL Exam Pattern:***

Here are some crucial details that you cannot afford to miss about the SSC CGL Tier-1, Tier-2, Tier-3 and Tier-4 exams:

- The SSC will conduct both the Tier-1 as well as the Tier-2 exam **online**.
- The marks obtained by the candidates in Tier I & Tier II, together, would determine the **eligibility** of the candidates to appear in Tier III & Tier IV of the CGL exam.
- The **final merit** of the successful candidates will depend on the total score obtained by them in Tier-I, Tier-II and Tier-III exams.

### ***Detailed Exam Pattern for SSC CGL 2016 Tier-1 Exam:***

See the table to know the about the marking scheme, time limit, etc. of the SSC CGL Tier-1 exam:

Sl. No.	Subject	Questions	Marks	Time
1.	General Intelligence & Reasoning	25	50	<b>75 minutes (Total)</b>  For VH & Candidates suffering from Cerebral Palsy: <b>100 minutes</b>
2.	General Awareness	25	50	
3.	Quantitative Aptitude	25	50	
4.	English Language	25	50	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	

- **Negative Marking:** There will be negative marking of 0.5 marks for each wrong answer in the Tier I exam.
- SSC CGL Tier-I examination will take place from **27.8.2016 to 11.9.2016**.
- The examination on the first three days viz., 27.8.2016 to 29.8.2016 would be conducted in two batches.
- Thereafter, from 30.8.2016 to 11.9.2016, the examination would be conducted in three batches per day.
- Following are the timings of the examination as per the SSC Notification:

Timing for Two Batches per day	Timings for Three Batches per day
<p><b>First Batch:</b> 10.00 AM – 11.15 AM</p> <p><b>Second Batch:</b> 4.15 PM – 5.30 PM</p>	<p><b>First Batch:</b> 10.00 AM - 11.15 AM</p> <p><b>Second Batch:</b> 1.15 PM - 2. 30 PM</p>

	<b>Third Batch:</b> 4.15PM – 5.30 PM
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- **Exam hall entry will close** half an hour before the scheduled commencement of the Examination. The time of commencement of the exam will be indicated in your Admission Certificate.
- Candidates who qualify Tier-I as per the cut-off marks fixed by the Commission would be eligible to appear in Tier-II of the SSC CGL examination.

## ***Detailed Exam Pattern for SSC CGL 2016 Tier-1 Exam:***

Tier-2 paper of SSC CGL will follow the following pattern:

- As mentioned before, Tier-2 exam will also be an **Online** exam.
- Tier-II of the examination consists of 4 papers in total.
- Duration of each paper is 2 hours.
- Out of these four papers, only two papers i.e. **Paper-I and Paper-II are compulsory** for all candidates.

## ***Paper-wise Pattern Details of Tier-2 exam:***

### **Detailed Exam Pattern for SSC CGL Tier-2 Paper-1:**

Paper-I would test your Quantitative Ability. It will have a total of 100 Questions and will be of 200 marks. Therefore, **each question would carry two marks**. Also,

for each **wrong question**, the candidate will lose **0.50 marks**. As per the SSC Notification, this paper would be of **10th Standard level**.

### Detailed Exam Pattern for SSC CGL Tier-2 Paper-2:

Paper-II aims to test your English Language and Comprehension skills. The paper worth 200 marks will consist of 200 Questions. Therefore, **each question would carry one mark** and 0.25 marks would be deducted for each wrong question. The questions asked in this paper would be of **10+2 level**.

### Detailed Exam Pattern for SSC CGL Tier-2 Paper-3:

The Paper-III of SSC CGL Tier-2 exam will be on Statistics. Consequently, only those applicants who have applied for the post of Statistical Investigator (now known as Junior Statistical Officer) have to appear for Paper-III. The exam will hold 200 marks and comprise 100 questions. Each question would **carry two marks** and 0.50 marks would be deducted for each wrong answer. This paper would be based on **graduation level** questions.

### Detailed Exam Pattern for SSC CGL Tier-2 Paper-4:

The Paper-4 SSC CGL Tier-2 exam will be for those candidates who have applied for the post of Assistant Audit Officer (AAO) in C&AG. The paper would comprise two parts i.e. Finance and Accounts and Economics and Governance. The pattern for SSC CGL Tier-2, Paper-4 will be:

Sl. No.	Parts of paper-4	Total questions	Marks
1.	Finance and Accounting	40	80
2.	Economics and Governance	60	120
	Total	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>

Therefore, the test will have 100 questions carrying 200 Marks in total.

Consequently, **each question will be of 2 marks**. And, **0.50 marks would be deducted** for each wrong answer. This paper will be of **graduate level**.

## ***Detailed Exam Pattern for SSC CGL 2016 Tier-3***

### ***Exam:***

SSC is introducing an additional stage of Examination, i.e. Tier-III, from this year onwards. Since written communication is a vital part of any government job, this paper of **1 hour**, will assess your writing skills. Some important points about the pattern for SSC CGL Tier-3 paper are:

- This will be a **descriptive type paper of 100 marks** and will be conducted in **Pen and Paper mode**.
- The Paper would comprise writing of an Essay/ Passage of 250 words and Letter /Application Writing of approximately 150 words.
- The qualifying marks in Tier-III would be 33 per cent.
- The paper will have to be written in **either Hindi or English**. If a candidate writes some part of the paper in Hindi and the rest of the paper in English, his/her paper will **not** be evaluated.
- The questions in this paper would be of 10+2 standard.

## ***Detailed Exam Pattern for SSC CGL 2016 Tier-4***

### ***Exam:***

Tier-IV of the Examination would be the **Data Entry Skill Test (DEST)/Computer Proficiency Test (CPT)**. This test would be of **qualifying nature**.

### ***Other Important Information:***

- The SSC will upload an **animated ‘walk through’** on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 on its website. This video will appropriately familiarise the candidates with the procedures of computer based Examination.
- The tentative time scheduling for conducting of Tier-II would be November, 2016. Tier–III and DEST/CPT is proposed to be held simultaneously in the month of January, 2017.
- The SSC would make a concerted effort to declare the final result for CGLE, 2016 by the last week of April, 2017.

If you are preparing for SSC CGL exam, go through the following study material before you sit for the exam:

**[SSC CGL Admit Card and Centres Notification](#)**

**[Latest SSC CGL Multiple Applications Notice](#)**

**[How to Prepare for SSC CGL Tier-1 Exam in 1 Month](#)**

**[5 Time Management Tips for SSC CGL Tier I](#)**

**[Detailed SSC CGL Syllabus for Tier I Exam Based on Predicted Pattern](#)**

Also, do let us know if you need more help to prepare for the exam.