

How to Prepare for SSC CGL Reasoning 2018 - Get the Expert Tips!

SSC CGL exam has gained immense popularity in recent years, which has increased the completion to excel in this exam. The [SSC CGL Prelims 2018](#) exam is scheduled to take place from **25th July to 20th August 2018**. So you all must have started the exam preparation in full swing. We have received many questions from many aspirants asking how to prepare for SSC CGL Reasoning Ability section. So here we are to your rescue, as in this article, we are going to cover tips and strategies that you need to follow during preparation and actual exam to tackle reasoning ability based questions easily. You can also download these tips as PDF for future reference.

Before you move forward, check the SSC CGL Syllabus & Exam Pattern 2018.

[Detailed SSC CGL Exam Pattern 2018](#)

[SSC CGL Syllabus 2018](#)

SSC CGL Reasoning - Topic wise weightage

Before you begin with the preparation, it is very important that you know the topic-wise weightage of various topics that come under the reasoning section of CGL exam. This will help you to understand the importance of various topics based on the amount of marks that they hold in the exam.

Topic	Weightage	Total Marks	Total Qs
Classification	2-3	50	25



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Analogy	2-3		
Coding - Decoding	2-3		
Puzzles	2-3		
Matrix	0-1		
Word formation	0-1		
Arranging words in Meaningful or Dictionary Order	1-2		
Venn Diagram	1-3		
Direction and Distances	0-1		
Blood Relations	0-1		
Missing numbers	1-2		
Series	2-3		
Non verbal Reasoning	4-5		
Verbal Reasoning	1-2		

How to Prepare for SSC CGL Reasoning

As you must be aware, the reasoning is a comparatively time -consuming section of SSC Exam. So, here are some tips and strategies that will help you to solve this section easily in less time.

SSC CGL Reasoning - Easy Questions

Classification & Analogies

- You are bound to face at least one question based on **Classification and Analogies**.
- These are comparatively **easy** and **less time-consuming**.



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- So, you should practice them well to solve them incorrectly and secure maximum marks.
- This is one of the easiest topic asked from Reasoning Section.
- The questions asked on Classification topic are either **Number, Letter, GK and Meaningful Words based**.
- In Analogies, you have to find out the fourth blank part of the question to complete the set.
- In both of these sections, out of the given options, you have to find out the most suitable alternative or odd man out.

Syllogism

- In these questions, you will be given statements & Conclusions and you will have to decide which of the given conclusions logically follow(s) from the given statements.
- The trick to avoid confusion between the categories mentioned in different statements is to solve them by drawing Venn Diagrams.
- Reading the question clearly and taking one step at a time will help avoid the overlapping of categories.
- Solve more questions based on this topic for practice.

Verbal analogies

- The trick to solve verbal analogies fast is to try to find the relationship between terms in first pair.
- Building up strong vocabulary will be of great help to solve this questions on this topic.

SSC CGL Reasoning - Moderate Questions

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Blood Relations

- This includes General blood relation, Family tree, Coded blood Relation.
- You can draw tree diagram to help you solve these questions
- Read the articles for understanding the basic tricks for figuring out this topic in one go: (1) [General Understanding of Blood Relations](#) and (2) [Understanding Complex Relations](#).

Data Sufficiency

- This topic includes **Ordering & Ranking, Blood Relations, Coding decoding, Circular Arrangements, Directions & Distances, Ages & Birth dates.**
- There is no specific trick to solve questions based on Data Sufficiency, all you need to do is solve more questions for practice.

Seating Arrangement (Circular & Linear)

- Linear Seating Arrangement includes, Floor Based, Persons sitting in a single row / dual row.
- All of them may be facing to one direction only (either north or south) or both direction north & south.
- One more variable may be given to make the problem more complicated.
- Circular Arrangement includes, Uni & Bi-directional problems on circular, square, rectangular tables.
- In Linear, do questions of **Single or Double rows** facing each other/ away from each other/ in the same direction.
- Read these articles for more understanding: (1) [How to Approach Circular Arrangements](#) and (2) [Circular Arrangements](#).

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SSC CGL Reasoning - Tricky Questions

Coding & Decoding

- This includes **Letter Shifting**, [Coding in Fictitious Language](#), **Operation on place values**, **Coding by analogy**, **Coding by words**, **Conditional Matrix**.
- **Pay attention to the numbers and alphabets** in the given code.
- **Also, check if the sequences** given in the questions are in an ascending or descending order.
- To get the definite answers you should first check the pattern that the question follows.
- Read more to understand Coding Decoding here: **(1)** [Shortcut to Solve Coding Decoding](#) and **(2)** [Coding Decoding for Bank Exams](#).

Non verbal reasoning

- The type of questions asked are pictorial analogies, symbol series, finding the next picture based on the previous set of pictures, symbolic operations, numeric patterns, spatial relations, space visualizations etc.
- Having a strong spatial reasoning aptitude would help with this section. Mirror image, space image are few examples of these types of questions.

Matrix and puzzles

- Matrix and Puzzles are not only tricky but also time consuming.
- The best way to solve questions based on these topics is to read the questions carefully.
- For this, you need to improve your reading speed to understand the question quickly.



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- Also, solve number of questions or quizzes to build hand on solving Puzzles.

As suggested above, to solve the questions easily, you must attempt tests and quizzes on each and every topic from Reasoning Section. Here's the compilation of quizzes for all the topics that you need to attempt to score high in Reasoning Section.

Compilation of SSC Reasoning Quiz for SSC CGL

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