SSC Exams in India (SSC CGL, CHSL, MTS, GD, CPO)

Introduction

SSC (Staff Selection Commission) exams are among the most popular government job exams in India. SSC recruits candidates for various posts in central government departments, ministries, and offices. SSC jobs offer excellent salary, job security, promotions, and stable career growth.

To crack SSC exams, candidates need strong fundamentals, regular practice, speed, accuracy, and mock test analysis. This guide covers complete SSC exam details including syllabus, pattern, marking scheme, eligibility, and preparation roadmap.

What is SSC?

SSC stands for **Staff Selection Commission**, a government body that conducts exams for recruitment into:

- Ministries and Departments of the Government of India
- Central Government Offices
- Subordinate Offices
- Various Government Organizations

Major SSC Exams

SSC conducts several exams, including:

1) SSC CGL

Combined Graduate Level (for graduate-level posts)

2) SSC CHSL

Combined Higher Secondary Level (for 12th pass posts)

3) SSC MTS

Multi Tasking Staff (for 10th pass posts)

4) SSC GD

General Duty Constable (CAPFs, BSF, CRPF, CISF, etc.)

5) SSC CPO

Central Police Organization (Sub Inspector in Delhi Police, CAPFs)

6) SSC Stenographer

Grade C and D

SSC Job Posts

SSC CGL Posts

- Assistant Section Officer (ASO)
- Inspector (Income Tax, GST, Central Excise)
- Auditor
- Accountant
- Junior Statistical Officer (JSO)
- Tax Assistant
- Assistant Enforcement Officer
- Many other Group B & C posts

SSC CHSL Posts

- Lower Division Clerk (LDC)
- Junior Secretariat Assistant (JSA)
- Data Entry Operator (DEO)
- Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant

SSC MTS Posts

- Multi Tasking Staff (General Central Service Group C)
- Havaldar (CBIC & CBN)

SSC Selection Process

Selection depends on the SSC exam type.

1) SSC CGL Selection

- Tier 1 (CBT)
- Tier 2 (CBT)
- Document Verification

2) SSC CHSL Selection

- Tier 1 (CBT)
- Tier 2 (Descriptive/Skill Test)
- Document Verification

3) SSC MTS Selection

- CBT Exam
- PET/PST (for Havaldar)
- Document Verification

4) SSC GD Selection

- CBT Exam
- Physical Test (PET/PST)
- Medical Test

SSC Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility depends on the exam.

Educational Qualification

- **SSC CGL:** Graduation
- **SSC CHSL:** 12th Pass
- **SSC MTS:** 10th Pass
- **SSC GD:** 10th Pass
- **SSC CPO:** Graduation

Age Limit (General Category)

- SSC CGL: 18 to 32 years (varies by post)
- SSC CHSL: 18 to 27 years
- SSC MTS: 18 to 25 years
- SSC GD: 18 to 23 years
- SSC CPO: 20 to 25 years

(Age relaxation applies for reserved categories.)

SSC Exam Pattern & Marking Scheme

A) SSC CGL Tier 1

Mode

- Computer Based Test (CBT)

Total Questions

- 100 Questions

Total Marks

- 200 Marks

Time

- 60 Minutes

Subjects

1. General Intelligence & Reasoning
2. General Awareness
3. Quantitative Aptitude
4. English Comprehension

Marking

- Correct: +2
- Wrong: -0.50 (negative marking)

B) SSC CGL Tier 2

Tier 2 includes multiple papers:

Paper 1 (Compulsory)

- Mathematical Abilities
- Reasoning & General Intelligence
- English Language & Comprehension
- General Awareness
- Computer Knowledge
- Data Entry Speed Test (DEST)

Marking

- Negative marking applies (varies section-wise)

SSC CHSL Pattern (Tier 1)

Total Questions

- 100

Total Marks

- 200

Time

- 60 minutes

Subjects

- Reasoning
- General Awareness
- Quant
- English

Marking

- Correct: +2
- Wrong: -0.50

SSC MTS Pattern

Mode

- CBT

Subjects

- Reasoning
- Numerical Aptitude
- General Awareness
- English

Marking

- Negative marking applies (as per latest SSC rules)

SSC Syllabus (Section-Wise)

1) Reasoning

- Analogy
- Series
- Coding-Decoding
- Blood Relation
- Direction
- Syllogism
- Venn Diagram
- Puzzle
- Classification
- Non-verbal reasoning

2) Quantitative Aptitude

- Simplification
- Percentage
- Ratio and proportion
- Profit and loss
- SI/CI
- Time and work
- Time, speed and distance
- Average
- Number system
- Algebra (basic)
- Geometry and mensuration
- Data Interpretation

3) English

- Reading comprehension
- Cloze test
- Error spotting
- Sentence improvement
- Fill in the blanks
- One word substitution
- Synonyms/antonyms
- Para-jumbles
- Active-passive
- Direct-indirect

4) General Awareness

- Current affairs
- History
- Geography
- Polity
- Economics
- Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
- Static GK
- Important government schemes

Skills Required to Crack SSC

SSC exams mainly test:

- Speed + accuracy
- Strong basics of math
- Quick reasoning ability
- Reading and grammar skills
- Strong GK and current affairs knowledge
- Time management

How to Prepare for SSC Exams

Step 1: Understand the Exam

- Choose the right SSC exam (CGL/CHSL/MTS/GD)
- Learn pattern and syllabus

Step 2: Build Fundamentals

- Quant basics (arithmetic + geometry)
- Reasoning practice daily
- English grammar rules
- GA through NCERT + current affairs

Step 3: Practice + Tests

- Daily topic-wise practice
- Weekly sectional tests
- Full mock tests regularly

Step 4: Analyse Mocks

- Find weak areas
- Improve speed
- Reduce silly mistakes

Study Material & Mock Tests

A complete SSC coaching program provides:

- Updated study material

- Topic-wise practice sheets
- SSC-level mock test series
- Previous year question papers
- Doubt clearing sessions
- Performance tracking

How EMGC SSC Coaching Can Help

EMGC SSC coaching offers structured preparation for SSC CGL, CHSL, MTS, GD, and CPO exams. With expert faculty, concept-based teaching, daily practice sessions, weekly tests, mock series, and doubt-solving support, EMGC helps students improve speed, accuracy, and exam confidence.

The program includes:

- Complete syllabus coverage
- Regular practice sessions
- Full mock tests + analysis
- Current affairs and GK support
- Doubt clearing + mentoring