

SSC Stenographer C, D 2026 Exam Pattern / Syllabus

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13. Scheme of Examination:

13.1 The details of the Computer Based Examination are mentioned below:

Part	Subject	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks	Total Duration
I	General Intelligence & Reasoning	50	50	2 Hours (with sectional timer of 30 Minutes each for Part I & Part II and 60 Minutes for Part III)
II	General Awareness	50	50	
III	English Language and Comprehension	100	100	[2 hours and 40 minutes (Part-I -40 minutes, Part-II -40 minutes & Part-III- 80 minutes) for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 of this Notice

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- 13.2 Question paper will be of Objective Type Multiple Choice only. The questions will be set both in English & Hindi.
- 13.3 There will be negative marking of 0.25 marks for each wrong answer in Computer Based Examination. Candidates are, therefore, advised to keep this in mind while answering the questions.
- 13.4 Marks scored by the candidates in Computer Based Examination, if conducted in multiple shifts, will be normalized by using the procedure published by the Commission vide Notice dated 02-06-2025 and such normalized scores will be used to determine final merit and cut-off marks.
- 13.5 Tentative Answer Keys of Computer Based Examination will be placed on the website of the Commission after the Examination. Candidates may go through the Answer Keys and submit online representations, if any, within the time limit given by the Commission, on payment of Rs.50/- per question which is non-refundable. Representations on the matter received through any other modalities; i.e., letter, application, email, etc. will not be entertained. Representation regarding the Answer Keys will be scrutinized by the Experts before finalizing the Answer Keys and the decision of the Commission in this regard will be final. The Final Answer Keys will be used for processing the result of Computer Based Examination and the same will be uploaded on the website of the Commission after the declaration of result of Computer Based Examination.
- 13.6 The Commission has published ‘Guidelines regarding Challenge / Objection Management System’ vide its Notice dated 10.04.2026 on its website. The candidates are advised to go through the guidelines carefully as these will be applicable for this Examination.
- 13.7 There shall be no provision for re-evaluation/ re-checking of scores of any stage/ paper(s) of the Examination. No correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.

14 Indicative Syllabus for Computer Based Mode Examination:

- 14.1 **General Intelligence & Reasoning:** It would include questions of both verbal and non-verbal type. The test will include questions on analogies, similarities and differences, space visualization, problem solving, analysis, judgment, decision making, visual memory, discriminating observation, relationship concepts, arithmetical reasoning, verbal and figure classification, arithmetical number series, non-verbal series etc. The test will also include questions designed to test the candidate’s abilities to deal with abstract ideas and symbols and their relationship, arithmetical computation and other analytical functions.
- 14.2 **General Awareness:** Questions will be designed to test the ability of the candidates’ general awareness of the environment around him and its application to society. Questions will also be designed to test the knowledge of current events and of such matters of everyday observation and experience in their scientific aspects as may be expected of an educated person. The test will also include questions relating to India and its neighboring countries especially pertaining to Sports, History, Culture, Geography, Economic scene,

General Polity including Indian Constitution, and Scientific Research etc. These questions will be such that they do not require a special study of any discipline.

14.3 For VH candidates of 40% and above visual disability, there will be no component of Maps/Graphs/Diagrams/Statistical Data in the General Intelligence & Reasoning/ General Awareness Paper.

14.4 **English Language & Comprehension:** In addition to the testing of candidates' understanding of the English Language, its vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure, synonyms, antonyms and its correct usage, etc., his/ her writing ability would also be tested.

15 **Skill Test in Stenography:**

15.1 The candidates who are shortlisted in the Computer Based Examination will be required to appear in the Skill Test for Stenography. The candidates will be given one dictation for 10 minutes in English or Hindi (as opted by the candidates in the online Application Form) at the speed of 100 words per minute (w.p.m.) for the post of Stenographer Grade 'C' and 80 w.p.m. for the post of Stenographer Grade 'D'. The matter will have to be transcribed on computer. The transcription time is as follows:

S. No.	Post	Language of Skill Test	Time Duration (in minutes)	Time Duration (in minutes) for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 above
1	Stenographer Grade 'D'	English	50	70
2	Stenographer Grade 'D'	Hindi	65	90
3	Stenographer Grade 'C'	English	40	55
4	Stenographer Grade 'C'	Hindi	55	75

15.2 Candidates who opt to take the Stenography Test in Hindi will be required to learn English Stenography and vice versa after their appointment, failing which their probation may not be cleared by the appointing departments / Organizations. Candidates have to work as English/Hindi stenographers as per the functional requirement of the User Office irrespective of the medium of Skill Test of candidate during the examination.

15.3 The Skill Test will be held at the Commission's Regional Offices or at other Centre(s) as may be decided by the Commission.

15.4 Detailed instructions, if any, regarding Skill Test will be provided by the concerned Regional Offices of the Commission to the candidates called for the Skill Test.

15.5 Standard instructions regarding modality of evaluation of Skill Test is available at the "For Candidates" Section on the Commission's website.