

12.3 The Commission will endeavour to accommodate the candidates in the Centres opted by them. However, the Commission reserves the right to add new Centre(s) of Examination in addition to the list of Centres given at **Para 12.1** above or to cancel any Centre from the aforesaid list and ask the candidates opting that Centre to appear from any another Centre. The Commission also reserves the right to divert candidates of a Centre to some other Centre to take the examination.

13. **Scheme of the Examination:**

13.1 The Computer Based Examination will be conducted in two tiers as indicated below:

13.1.1 Tier-I

13.1.2 Tier-II

13.2 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.

13.3 Tentative Answer Keys of the Computer Based Examinations 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 stipulated time limit on payment of ₹ 100/- per question, which is non-refundable. Representations received through any other mode e.g. letter, application, email, etc. will not be entertained. Representations regarding the Tentative Answer Keys will be scrutinized 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.

13.4 The schedule of examinations indicated in the Notice is tentative. Any change in the schedule of examinations or any other information about the examination will be communicated to candidates only through the website of the Commission.

13.5 In the question papers, wherever necessary, the Metric systems of weights and measures will be used.

13.6 There shall be no provision for re-evaluation/ re-checking of the scores of any stage/ Tier(s) of the examination. No correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.

13.7 **Scheme of Tier-I Examination:**

Tier	Subject	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Time allowed
I	A. General Intelligence and Reasoning	25	50	1 hour (1 hour and 20 minutes for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3)
	B. General Awareness	25	50	
	C. Quantitative Aptitude	25	50	
	D. English Comprehension	25	50	

13.7.1 Tier-I will consist of Objective Type, Multiple choice questions. The questions will be set both in English & Hindi except for English Comprehension.

13.7.2 There will be negative marking of 0.50 marks for each wrong answer.

13.8 Scheme of Tier-II Examination:

Tier	Paper	Session	Subject	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Time allowed
II	Paper-I:	Session-I (2 hours and 15 minutes)	Section-I: A: Mathematical Abilities B: Reasoning and General Intelligence.	30 30 Total = 60	60*3 = 180	1 hour (For each section) (1 hours and 20 minutes for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3)
			Section-II: A: English Language and Comprehension B: General Awareness	45 25 Total = 70	70*3 = 210	
			Section-III: Computer Knowledge Test	20	20*3 = 60	15 Minutes (For Section-III & IV each)
		Session-II (15 minutes)	Section-IV: Data Entry Speed Test	One Data Entry Task	-	(20 minutes for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3)
	Paper-II		Statistics	100	100*2 = 200	2 hours (2 hours and 40 minutes for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3)

- 13.8.1 Tier-II will include conducting of Paper-I & Paper-II in separate shift(s)/ day(s).
- 13.8.2 Paper-I is compulsory for all the posts.
- 13.8.3 Paper-II will be for only those candidates who apply for the posts of Junior Statistical Officer (JSO) in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Statistical Investigator Grade-II in the office of Registrar General of India (M/o Home Affairs) and who are shortlisted in Tier-I for these Posts.
- 13.8.4 Paper-I will include following four sections as under:
- 13.8.4.1 **Section-I:**
- 13.8.4.1.1 **A:** Mathematical Abilities
- 13.8.4.1.2 **B:** Reasoning and General Intelligence.
- 13.8.4.2 **Section-II:**
- 13.8.4.2.1 **A:** English Language and Comprehension
- 13.8.4.2.2 **B:** General Awareness
- 13.8.4.3 **Section-III:** Computer Knowledge Test
- 13.8.4.4 **Section-IV:** Data Entry Speed Test
- 13.8.5 Paper-I will be conducted in two Sessions: Session-I & Session-II, on the same day.
- 13.8.5.1 Session-I will include conducting of Section-I, Section-II and Section-III. Therefore, duration of Session-I will be 2 hours and 15 minutes.
- 13.8.5.2 Section-I has two Parts viz. **A** (Mathematical Abilities) and **B** (Reasoning and General Intelligence). The candidates will get one hour to complete this section. On completion of one hour, this section will get automatically closed.
- 13.8.5.3 Immediately after completion of Section-I, the two Parts of Section-II viz. **A** (English Language and Comprehension) and **B** (General Awareness), will start. Section-II will also be for one hour and immediately on completion of one hour, this section will get automatically closed.
- 13.8.5.4 Section-III viz. Computer Knowledge Test will commence immediately after completion of Section-II and will be for a duration of 15 minutes. On completion of Section-III, Session-I will come to an end.
- 13.8.5.5 After the completion of Session-I, the candidates will get a break for re-registration for Session-II.
- 13.8.5.6 Session-II will include conducting of Section-IV of Paper-I i.e. Data Entry Speed Test. Therefore, duration of Session-II will be 15 minutes only. After completion of Session-II, Paper-I will come to an end.
- 13.8.6 **It will be mandatory for the candidates to qualify all the Sections of Paper-I separately.**
- 13.8.7 Tier-II (Paper-I & Paper-II) will consist of Objective Type, Multiple choice questions, except for Section-IV of Paper-I. The questions will be set both in English & Hindi except for English Language and Comprehension Part in Section-II of Paper-I.

13.8.8 There will be negative marking of **1 mark** for each wrong answer in Section-I, Section-II and Section-III of Paper-I and of **0.50 marks** for each wrong answer in Paper-II.

13.8.9 Section-III of Paper-I i.e. Computer Knowledge Test is mandatory but qualifying in nature. However, while shortlisting the candidates for the posts where Computer Proficiency is prescribed viz. Assistant Section Officer in CSS, MEA & AFHQ, Assistant in Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Assistant (GSI) in the Ministry of Mines, Assistant in Indian Meteorological Department (Ministry of Earth Sciences), Inspector (CGST & Central Excise), Inspector (Preventive Officer), Inspector (Examiner) & Executive Assistant in CBIC and Postal Assistant/Sorting Assistant in Department of Post etc., higher qualifying standards will be set in comparison to other posts.

13.8.10 **Section-IV of Paper-I i.e. Data Entry Speed Test (DEST):**

13.8.10.1 Section-IV of Paper-I will include conducting of a Data Entry Speed Test (DEST) for a duration of 15 minutes in Session-II on the same day.

13.8.10.2 The “Data Entry Speed Test” (DEST) Skill Test will be conducted for a passage of about 2000 (two thousand) key depressions for a duration of 15 (fifteen) minutes. Detailed instructions regarding Skill Test will be provided by the Regional Offices of the Commission. Information about evaluation of Typing Test/DEST is available on the Commission’s new website <https://ssc.gov.in> (‘For Candidates’).

13.8.10.3 DEST will be mandatory for all the posts; however, it will be qualifying in nature.

13.8.10.4 While shortlisting the candidates for the posts where either Computer Proficiency is prescribed (**as mentioned at Para 13.8.9**) or where DEST is prescribed viz. Tax Assistant in CBIC, Tax Assistant in CBDT, and UDC/ SSA in Central Bureau of Narcotics (Ministry of Finance) etc., higher qualifying standards will be set in comparison to other posts.

13.8.10.5 DEST will be conducted in the manner decided by the Commission for the purpose.

13.8.10.6 PwBD-OH candidates are eligible for exemption from attempting DEST, provided such candidates submit a Certificate in the prescribed format (**Annexure-XV**) to the Commission from the competent Medical Authority, i.e., the Civil Surgeon of a Government Health Care Institution declaring him to be permanently unfit for the Typing Test because of a physical disability. However, such exemption is not available for the posts where either Computer Proficiency is prescribed (**as mentioned at Para 13.8.9**) or where DEST is prescribed (**as mentioned at Para 13.8.10.4**) except for the post of the Tax Assistant in CBDT, for which exemption from attempting DEST is available. All other PwBD candidates are not eligible for exemption from DEST.

13.8.10.7 PwBD/ PwD candidates who are eligible for scribes as per **Para-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3** of the Notice of Examination will be allowed additional compensatory time of 5 (five) minutes in DEST. Only those VH candidates who opt for scribes in the written examination will be provided passage reader at the time of DEST.