

SSC CGL Geography Syllabus

Tier 1 Geography Syllabus

Geography is a part of the **General Awareness** section in Tier 1. Questions are factual and based on NCER T-level concepts (mostly from Class 6 to 10). Around 3–5 questions are typically asked from Geography.

Topics Covered:

1. Physical Geography

- Structure of the Earth (Crust, Mantle, Core)
- Latitudes and Longitudes
- Motions of the Earth (Rotation and Revolution)
- Earthquakes and Volcanoes
- Interior of the Earth
- Types of Rocks (Igneous, Sedimentary, Metamorphic)
- Mountains, Plateaus, and Plains
- Atmosphere and its Layers
- Pressure and Wind Systems
- Ocean Currents and Tides
- Major Soil Types in India

2. Indian Geography

- Location and Physical Divisions of India
- Rivers and Lakes of India (Himalayan and Peninsular)
- Climate and Weather Patterns
- Natural Vegetation and Wildlife
- Major Soil Types and Soil Distribution
- Irrigation and Agriculture in India
- Mineral and Energy Resources (Coal, Petroleum, Natural Gas)
- Transport and Communication

3. World Geography (Basic)

- Continents and Oceans
- Important Geographical Features (Deserts, Mountains, Rivers)
- World Climate Zones

Tier 2 Geography Syllabus

In Tier 2, Geography may appear under the **General Studies section** (specifically in Paper 2 for JSO

or Assistant Audit/Accounts Officers, if applicable) or as part of **General Awareness in Paper 1**. The difficulty level is slightly higher, including analytical and applied understanding.

Topics Covered:

1. Advanced Physical Geography

- Geomorphology: Weathering, Erosion, and Landforms
- Plate Tectonics and Continental Drift
- Climatology: Heat Budget, Temperature Inversion, Winds, Cyclones
- Hydrology: Oceanography, Salinity, Ocean Floor Features
- Biogeography: Ecosystems, Biodiversity, and Conservation

2. Advanced Indian Geography

- Detailed River Systems and Water Disputes
- Agriculture: Cropping Patterns, Irrigation Projects, Green Revolution
- Mineral and Industrial Distribution
- Population: Growth, Distribution, Density, and Migration
- Urbanization and Smart Cities
- Regional Development and Planning
- Natural Hazards and Disaster Management

3. Economic and Human Geography

- Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Sectors
- Location of Major Industries
- Transport and Trade Routes
- Rural and Urban Settlements
- Demographic Indicators

4. Mapping and Current Geographical Issues

- Map-based questions on Indian and World Geography
- Recent natural disasters (earthquakes, cyclones, floods)
- Environmental policies, treaties, and conservation efforts