

Federal Public Service Commission

Central Superior Services (CSS) Examination

Multiple Choice Preliminary Test (MPT) - 2025

Subject 4: General Abilities

Total Marks: 60 (Out of 200 Total Marks)
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Syllabus Coverage

General abilities, including basic arithmetic SSC level, algebra SSC level and geometry SSC level, logical problems solving and analytical abilities and mental abilities

Main Components:

- **Basic Arithmetic (SSC Level):**
 - Number system and basic operations
 - Fractions, decimals, and percentages
 - Ratio and proportion
 - Average, mean, median, mode
 - Profit and loss
 - Simple and compound interest
 - Time, work, and distance problems
 - Mensuration basics
- **Algebra (SSC Level):**
 - Basic algebraic expressions
 - Linear equations in one and two variables
 - Quadratic equations
 - Factorization and expansion
 - Indices and surds
 - Simple inequalities
 - Simultaneous equations
- **Geometry (SSC Level):**

- Lines, angles, and triangles
- Properties of circles
- Polygons and quadrilaterals
- Area and perimeter calculations
- Volume and surface area of basic solids
- Coordinate geometry basics
- Pythagorean theorem
- **Logical Problem Solving:**
 - Logical reasoning and deduction
 - Pattern recognition and series
 - Syllogisms and logical arguments
 - Conditional reasoning (if-then statements)
 - Logical puzzles and brain teasers
 - Statement and assumption problems
- **Analytical Abilities:**
 - Data interpretation and analysis
 - Chart and graph reading
 - Sequence and series analysis
 - Classification and categorization
 - Analogies and relationships
 - Coding and decoding problems
- **Mental Abilities:**
 - Spatial reasoning and visualization
 - Mental arithmetic and calculations
 - Memory and concentration tests
 - Quick decision making
 - Abstract reasoning
 - Logical thinking under time pressure

Assessment Details

- Number of MCQs: 60
- Time Allocation: 60 minutes
- Marking: 1 mark per correct answer
- Negative Marking: None
- Weightage: 30% of total MPT marks
- Standard: SSC (Secondary School Certificate) level

Preparation Guidelines

- Review SSC level mathematics concepts thoroughly
- Practice mental arithmetic for speed and accuracy
- Solve logical reasoning puzzles regularly
- Work on data interpretation and chart reading
- Develop pattern recognition skills
- Time management: aim for 1 minute per question
- Practice with calculator-free calculations

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