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 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: Module-I: Mathematical Abilities Module-II: 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: Module-I: English Language and Comprehension Module-II: General Awareness	45 25 Total = 70	70*3 = 210	

		Section-III: Module-I: Computer Knowledge Module	20	20*3 = 60	15 Minutes (For each module) (20 minutes for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3)
	Session-II (15 minutes)	Section-III: Module-II: Data Entry Speed Test Module	One Data Entry Task	-	
Paper-II		Statistics	100	100*2 = 200	2 hours (For each Paper) (2 hours and 40 minutes for the candidates eligible for scribe as per Para-7.1, 7.2 and 7.3)
Paper-III		General Studies (Finance and Economics)	100	100*2 = 200	

13.8.1   Tier-II will include conducting of Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper-III 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-III will be for only those candidates who are shortlisted in Tier-I for Paper-III i.e. for the posts of Assistant Audit Officer/ Assistant Accounts Officer.

13.8.5   Paper-I will include following three sections having two modules each:

    13.8.5.1   **Section-I:**

        13.8.5.1.1   **Module-I:** Mathematical Abilities

        13.8.5.1.2   **Module-II:** Reasoning and General Intelligence.

    13.8.5.2   **Section-II:**

        13.8.5.2.1   **Module-I:** English Language and Comprehension

        13.8.5.2.2   **Module-II:** General Awareness

    13.8.5.3   **Section-III:**

        13.8.5.3.1   **Module-I:** Computer Knowledge Test

        13.8.5.3.2   **Module-II:** Data Entry Speed Test

13.8.6   Paper-I will be conducted in two sessions - Session –I & Session-II, on same day.

13.8.6.1 Session-I will include conducting of Section-I, Section-II and Module-I of Section-III. Therefore, duration of Session-I will be 2 hours and 15 minutes.

13.8.6.2 Section-I has two modules viz. Module-I (Mathematical Abilities) and Module-II (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.

13.8.6.3 Immediately after completion of Section-I, the two modules of Section-II viz. Module-I (English Language and Comprehension) and Module-II (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.

13.8.6.4 Section-III will have two modules. Module-I (Computer Knowledge Test) will commence immediately after completion of Section-II and will be for a duration of 15 minutes. On completion of Module-I of Section-III, Session-I will come to an end.

13.8.6.5 After the completion of Session-I, the candidates will get a break for re-registration for Session-II.

13.8.6.6 Session-II will include conducting of Module-II of Section-III i.e. Data Entry Speed Test. Therefore, duration of Session-II will be 15 minutes only.

13.8.7 **It will be mandatory for the candidates to qualify all the sections of Paper-I.**

13.8.8 Tier-II (Paper-I, Paper-II & Paper-III) will consist of Objective Type, Multiple choice questions, except for Module-II of Section-III of Paper-I. The questions will be set both in English & Hindi except for English Language and Comprehension module in Section-II of Paper-I.

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

13.8.10 Module-I of 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.

13.8.11 **Module-II of Section-III of Paper-I i.e. Data Entry Speed Test (DEST):**

13.8.11.1 Module-II of Section-III 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.

13.8.11.2 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 are available on the Commission's website https://ssc.nic.in (Candidate's Corner).

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

13.8.11.4   While shortlisting the candidates for the posts where either Computer Proficiency is prescribed (**as mentioned at Para 13.8.10**) 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.

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

13.8.11.6   PwBD-OH candidates are eligible for exemption from attempting DEST, provided such candidates submit a Certificate in the prescribed format (**Annexure-XVI**) 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 13.8.10**) or where DEST is prescribed (**as mentioned at Para 13.8.11.4**) 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.

13.8.11.7   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.