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1. Tier-1 Examination Scheme (Computer Based)

Section / Subject	Questions	Maximum Marks	Duration
General Intelligence & Reasoning	25	50	60 Minutes (Composite)
General Awareness	25	50	—
Quantitative Aptitude	25	50	—
English Comprehension	25	50	Negative Marking: 0.50 per wrong answer

2. Tier-2 Examination Scheme & Computer Module

Tier-2 consists of Paper-I (Compulsory for all posts):

- Session-I (2 Hours 15 Mins): Section I: Math (30 Qs) + Reasoning (30 Qs) = 180 Marks. Section II: English (45 Qs) + General Awareness (25 Qs) = 210 Marks. Total Merit: 390 Marks.
- Section-III Module-I: Computer Knowledge Test (20 Qs, 60 Marks, 15 Mins) — Qualifying in nature with high cutoff for ASO, Postal Asst, and Inspector posts.
- Session-II (15 Mins): Data Entry Speed Test (DEST) — 2,000 Key Depressions in 15 Minutes on screen.

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