

SSB STAGE 1 - NEW PATTERN



WHAT'S CHANGING?

SSB Stage 1 screening process is undergoing a major change with the introduction of CSSS (Computerised Stage-1 Selection System) and OPAM (Objective Personality Assessment Measure).

Traditional OIR + PPDT based screening is gradually moving towards a more computerised and objective evaluation system.



OLD vs NEW

OLD STAGE 1 PATTERN (Traditional)

① OIR (Officer Intelligence Rating Test)

- Verbal and Non-Verbal reasoning
- Multiple booklets
- Speed + accuracy

② PPDT (Picture Perception & Discussion Test)

- Picture shown for ~30 sec
- Story writing
- Individual narration
- Group discussion



Candidates clearing both proceed to Stage 2.

NEW STAGE 1 PATTERN (CSSS + OPAM)



① CSSS - Cognitive Battery Test

- (~70 Questions)
- Space perception & visualization
 - Linguistic ability
 - Working memory
 - Map memory
 - Selective attention
 - Auditory processing
 - Logical / Cognitive skills



② OPAM - Objective Personality Assessment Measure

Computerised assessment to evaluate Officer Like Qualities (OLQs) more objectively.



IMPORTANT POINT

The rollout is being discussed as a phased implementation and may vary across boards/trials. Some centres may still follow the traditional model while the newer CSSS framework gets adopted.

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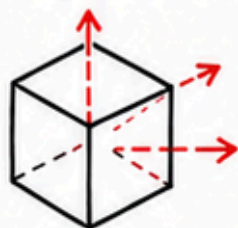
① CSSS - COGNITIVE BATTERY TEST

A computer based test of ~70 questions that evaluates various cognitive abilities.



AREAS COVERED

① Space Perception & Visualization



Ability to understand shapes, patterns, rotation and 3D visualization.

② Linguistic Ability



Vocabulary, grammar, comprehension and language usage.

③ Working Memory



Remembering and manipulating information over short periods.

④ Map Memory



Observing a map and recalling locations, paths and details.

⑤ Selective Attention



Focusing on important information while ignoring distractions.

⑥ Auditory Processing



Understanding and interpreting spoken information.

⑦ Logical / Cognitive Skills



Logical reasoning, problem solving and analytical thinking.



FOCUS AREA!

Speed, Accuracy and Consistency are all important.

② OPAM - OBJECTIVE PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT MEASURE

A computerised assessment that evaluates Officer Like Qualities (OLQs) through objective measurement.



KEY AREAS EVALUATED



Leadership



Decision Making



Responsibility



Social Adaptability



Initiative



Communication Tendencies



Other OLQ linked Traits

Designed to assess personality traits in a more objective and standardised manner.

NOTE



The new system aims to reduce subjectivity and provide a more holistic and fair evaluation of candidates.



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OBJECTIVE

The new system aims to assess candidates more objectively using technology and standardised evaluation, focusing on officer like qualities (OLQs) and cognitive abilities.



MAJOR DIFFERENCES

OLD SYSTEM (TRADITIONAL)

OIR + PPDT



OIR (Officer Intelligence Rating Test)
- Verbal & Non-Verbal reasoning, multiple booklets.



PPDT - Picture shown for ~30 sec, story writing.



Individual narration is crucial.



Group discussion carries significant weightage.



Heavily dependent on paper tests and human observation.



Communication & narration skills play a major role.

NEW SYSTEM (CSSS + OPAM)

CSSS + OPAM



CSSS - Cognitive battery tests covering multiple cognitive domains.



OPAM - Objective personality assessment to evaluate OLQs.



More emphasis on cognitive abilities and personality traits.



Reduced dependence on narration and group discussion.



Technology-driven evaluation ensuring more objectivity.



Focus on potential, decision making, adaptability and leadership traits.



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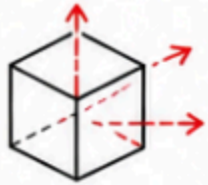
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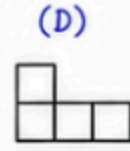
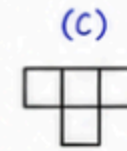
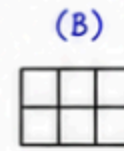
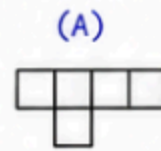
① SPACE PERCEPTION & VISUALIZATION



Ability to understand shapes, patterns, rotation and 3D visualization.

EXAMPLE:

Which option is the top view of the given object?



② LINGUISTIC ABILITY



Vocabulary, grammar, comprehension and language usage.

EXAMPLE:

Choose the word most similar in meaning to "METICULOUS".

- (A) Careless (B) Rough (C) Diligent (D) Hasty

③ WORKING MEMORY



Remembering and manipulating information over short periods.

EXAMPLE:

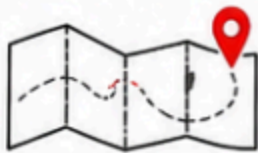
Read the sequence for 20 seconds and answer.

6 2 9 4 7 1 8 3 5

What is the 6th number from the left?

- (A) 7 (B) 1 (C) 8 (D) 3

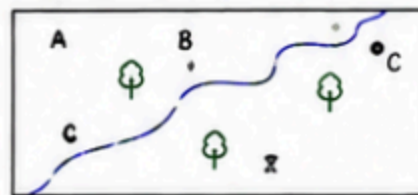
④ MAP MEMORY



Observing a map and recalling locations, paths and details.

EXAMPLE:

Study the map for 30 seconds.



Which direction is point D from point B?

- (A) North (B) South
(C) East (D) West

⑤ SELECTIVE ATTENTION



Focusing on important information while ignoring distractions.

EXAMPLE:

Count the number of '★' in the sequence below.

★ 3 △ ★ 6 ★ 2 ▲ 8 ★ 4 9 ★ △ ★ 7

- (A) 4 (B) 5 (C) 6 (D) 7

⑥ AUDITORY PROCESSING



Understanding and interpreting spoken information.

EXAMPLE:

Listen to the statement and answer the question.

"Rahul is taller than Amit. But Amit is not taller than Suresh."

Who is the tallest?

- (A) Rahul (B) Amit (C) Suresh (D) Cannot be determined

⑦ LOGICAL / COGNITIVE SKILLS



Logical reasoning, problem solving and analytical thinking.

EXAMPLE:

If all P are Q, and all Q are R, which of the following is definitely true?

- (A) All P are R (B) All R are P
(C) Some P are R (D) Some R are Q



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② OPAM - OBJECTIVE PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT MEASURE



A computerised assessment that evaluates Officer Like Qualities (OLQs) through objective measurement. It assesses personality traits, behavioural tendencies and decision making approach.

AREAS EVALUATED (OLQs)



① LEADERSHIP

Ability to influence, guide and motivate others towards a goal.



② DECISION MAKING

Judgement, analytical ability and taking timely decisions.



③ RESPONSIBILITY

Sense of duty, dependability and accountability.



④ SOCIAL ADAPTABILITY

Adjusting in group, cooperation and working effectively.



⑤ INITIATIVE

Taking action without waiting for instructions.



⑥ COMMUNICATION TENDENCIES

Clarity in expression and effective communication.



⑦ OTHER OLQ LINKED TRAITS

Confidence, emotional stability, resilience, motivation and more.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS (EXAMPLES)

SITUATIONAL JUDGEMENT



You see a classmate breaking the rules repeatedly. What will you do?

- Ignore it
- Report to authority immediately
- Talk to him privately and explain the impact
- Warn him in front of others

DECISION MAKING



You have to complete an important task in less time with limited resources. What will you do?

- Panic and rush
- Ask someone else to do it
- Plan your work and prioritise tasks
- Do only the easy parts

TEAM SITUATION



Your team is divided on an important decision. You should:

- Let others decide
- Take a side and argue
- Listen to everyone and help reach a consensus
- Avoid getting involved

RESPONSIBILITY



You made a mistake in an assignment which affected the team. What will you do?

- Hide the mistake
- Blame circumstances
- Accept it and find a solution
- Blame a teammate

INITIATIVE



You notice that your team is not prepared for the event. You should:

- Wait for instructions
- Complain to the incharge
- Take initiative and start preparations
- Ignore it

SOCIAL ADAPTABILITY



You are in a new environment where you don't know anyone. You will:

- Stay isolated
- Take time but try to adjust and interact
- Avoid talking to others
- Try to dominate the group

SELF & EMOTIONAL STABILITY



During a tough situation, you usually:

- Lose control of emotions
- Get stressed and anxious
- Stay calm and handle the situation
- Give up easily



NOTE:

OPAM is designed to objectively measure your personality traits and Officer Like Qualities (OLQs) using scientific tools and analytics.



TIP:

Answer honestly. There are no right or wrong answers. Consistency and authenticity matter the most.

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The new Stage 1 pattern is a scientific, holistic and fairer way to assess future officers. It tests how you think, how you behave and how you act in different situations. Focus on self-improvement, stay consistent and believe in yourself.

REMEMBER: SSB IS NOT ABOUT BEING PERFECT, IT IS ABOUT BEING GENUINE AND LEADERSHIP READY.

WHY THIS NEW PATTERN IS BETTER?



SCIENTIFIC & DATA DRIVEN

Reduces human bias and ensures fair assessment.



HOLISTIC EVALUATION

Covers multiple domains and real-life situations.



OBJECTIVE & TRANSPARENT

Clear parameters and standardised assessment.



TIME EFFICIENT

Better structure and optimal time utilisation.



BETTER PREDICTOR OF PERFORMANCE

Focuses on potential, not just past knowledge.

YOUR ROADMAP TO SUCCESS

- ✓ Understand the pattern deeply.
- ✓ Work on your OLQs every day.
- ✓ Stay physically fit and mentally strong.
- ✓ Practice mock tests and stay consistent.
- ✓ Learn from feedback and keep improving.
- ✓ Stay positive, confident and patient.



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LEADERSHIP TOMORROW

☆ GOLDEN TIP ☆



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