

CENTRAL BOARD OF SECODARY EDUCATION

Student's Global Aptitude Index

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. What is an “Aptitude”?

Ans. It is a combination of native or acquired characteristics that are indicative of the ability of an individual to learn or to develop proficiency in some particular area if appropriate training is provided.

Q2. What is the difference between Ability and Aptitude?

Ans. The terms sound alike, but are vastly different. An individual may develop different abilities in his life to complete tasks but not an aptitude for it. Aptitude refers to possessing more of a natural talent for a task, even if that talent is not yet fully developed.

Q3. What is an aptitude test and what are its benefits?

Ans. Aptitude testing is a student-friendly, universally accepted mode of rating capabilities for particular field. Aptitude tests are known to be reliable predictors of future scholastic achievement. Aptitude tests are beneficial for a number of reasons.

- Aptitude tests may highlight potential talent, which in some cases may not even known to individual themselves.
- The results of the tests help the individual to set up a career plan, by clearly identifying his/her skills, strengths and weaknesses.
- They also assist individuals in making future educational choices. It's much better to be aware beforehand about the interest and aptitude that one possesses beforehand to make academic choices.

Q4. What is meant by CBSE SGAI (Student's Global Aptitude Index)?

Ans. CBSE SGAI is a test specifically designed to assess the student's aptitude, interest and motivation at the end of class X. It is a simple paper & pencil assessment based on basic knowledge.

Q5. What is meant by “Global”?

Ans. It is called “Global” because it helps in mapping various aptitudes, interests and motivation to provide a holistic or ‘global’ assessment.

Q6. Who can participate in CBSE SGAI? How?

Ans. Any interested student studying in class X in a CBSE affiliated school can register for CBSE SGAI through his/her school only in the month of September.

Q7. What is the registration fee for CBSE SGAI (Student's Global Aptitude Index)?

Ans. The registration fee for CBSE SGAI is ₹ 100 per student only.

Q8. Is end of class X the best time to take this Test?

Ans. The test should be taken by a student at the end of class X, when the concept of career starts developing in young minds and every student is to make right subject choice for XI.

Q9. Is there any negative marking or pass/fail in this assessment?

Ans. No, there is no negative marking or pass/fail in this assessment.

Q10. Is it compulsory for a student to take this assessment?

Ans. No, CBSE SGAI is an optional activity. However, it is advisable for the benefit of a student to take this test as it enables a student to gain insight into his/her aptitude, interest and motivation, which may help him/her to make suitable subject choices in Class XI.

Q11. When is CBSE SGAI held?

Ans. CBSE SGAI is held in the month of November. The students have to register themselves through schools in the online LOC. The information related to registration is given on CBSE website.

Q12. Does a student require any special preparation for CBSE SGAI?

Ans. No, the CBSE SGAI does not require any preparation. It is a simple Paper and Pencil test which requires students to provide their spontaneous responses to the questions/statements.

Q13. What is the duration of the CBSE SGAI?

Ans. Entire CBSE-SGAI can be completed in approximately 1 to 1½ hours, along with other formalities such as booklet distribution and collection etc.

Q14. Is there a common centre for taking CBSE SGAI?

Ans. No, schools that register or opt for SGAI conduct the assessment on designated date individually as self-centres.

Q15. What are the pre-requisites of taking CBSE SGAI?

Ans. There are hardly any pre-requisites for taking this simple test. However it is very important for a student to be mentally prepared and take the test with all sincerity. SGAI assessment report may depend upon environmental stimulus and motivation level of the student.

Q16. Are there any guides or reference books available in the market to prepare for this test?

Ans. No, SGAI assessment does not require any special preparation except for mental preparedness and sincerity on the part of the student. However, the board has prepared support material for teacher, students and parents to educate and popularise the concept.

Q17. What are the benefits of CBSE SGAI?

Ans. The most important benefit of CBSE SGAI for the student is realisation & understanding of his/her aptitude and interest in certain areas. This may help a student to make realistic decisions while making academic choices in class XI.

Q18. Is aptitude testing only indicator of a child's future scholastic achievement?

Ans. The reliability of aptitude tests is known to be high. Still parents and students should not use this assessment alone. SGAI score along with student's assessment from other sources help the students and parents in making realistic decisions about their future academic choices. SGAI is only a facilitator.

Q19. What if the results of SGAI (Student's Global Aptitude Index) do not match with the Child's career preference?

Ans. CBSE SGAI should not be taken as the sole indicator or the final word on the academic choice. However, it will help in indicating the aptitude based on their responses. In case of mismatch it is advisable to seek professional help from a school counsellor or a career counsellor.

Q20. What if the results of SGAI do not match with the parent's aspirations about the Child's career?

Ans. SGAI is meant for larger population including Parents, Teachers and Students to initiate an ongoing dialogue on subject choices and effective career planning. Parents are important decision makers in a student's life. However, in case of any disagreement, it is advisable for the parent and the child to seek professional assistance of the school or career counsellor.