

# 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 be 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 aptitude, interest, motivation and personality that one possesses, to make academic choices.

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

**Ans.** CBSE SGAI is a simple assessment specifically designed to assess aptitudes and interests of class X students.

#### **Q5. What is meant by "Global"?**

**Ans.** It is called "Global" because it helps in mapping various aptitudes and interests to provide a holistic or 'global' assessment.

#### **Q6. Who can participate in CBSE SGAI?**

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

#### **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 assessment?**

**Ans.** This assessment 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 academic choice for class 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 assessment as it enables a student to gain insight into his/ her aptitudes and interests which may help him/her to make right academic choices in Class XI.

**Q11. When is CBSE SGAI held?**

**Ans.** CBSE SGAI is invariably held once in a year in the month of December.

**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 assessment which requires students to provide their spontaneous responses to the questions/ statements.

**Q13. What is the duration of the CBSE SGAI?**

**Ans.** The entire CBSE-SGAI can be completed in approximately 1:30 to 2:00 hours, along with other formalities.

**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 result 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 teachers, 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 and understanding of his/her aptitudes and interests 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 student'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 student'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 a 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 student's career?**

**Ans.** SGAI is meant for larger population including Parents, Teachers and Students to initiate an ongoing dialogue on right academic 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 student to seek professional assistance of the school or career counsellor.

**Q21. What is the format of CBSE SGAI?**

**Ans.** Multiple Choice Questions having four options a, b, c and d or general statements are asked in CBSE SGAI to get general information about the background, aptitudes and interests of the students.

**Q22. How to register for CBSE SGAI?**

**Ans.** SGAI registration is done along with online List of Candidates (LOC) in the months of September-October through the affiliated schools @ ₹100/- per student at the concerned Regional Offices.

**Q23. What is the mode of CBSE SGAI?**

**Ans.** CBSE SGAI was a paper pencil test till 2013. However, SGAI Assessment is being offered in online (computer based) mode from 2014.