Calculation of Standard Deviation:

The positive square root of Variance is called Standard deviation. That is, standard deviation is the positive square root of the mean of the squares of deviations of the given values from their mean. It is denoted by σ .

Standard deviation gives a clear idea about how far the values are spreading or deviating from the mean.



While computing standard deviation, arranging data in ascending order is not mandatory.
If the data values are given directly then to find standard deviation we can use the

formula
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x_i^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum x_i}{n}\right)^2}$$

If the data values are not given directly but the squares of the deviations from the mean of each observation is given then to find standard deviation we can use the

formula
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma \left(x_i - \overline{x}\right)^2}{n}}.$$

We can use any of the above methods for finding the standard deviation