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"The question is not whether we are able to change, but whether we are changing fast enough." Angela Merkel



"NO TIME" IS NOT A VALID REASON!

Promising potential is often stifled when it is mistakenly thought that there is not enough time for studying after completion of secondary education. The message to all such is to become **CONVINCED** that postgraduate studies are of immense value. Please consider the following –

- You will never be the same age again, so **ACT NOW** to avoid regrets later.
- Many septuagenarians, octogenarians and nonagenarians can remember with ease facts and figures they learnt when aged 18-25, those fertile years when the brain is so receptive and retentive, but often struggle to recall details in later years.
- Guidance received is to study for 6 to 8 hours a week, which is less than 5% of total weekly hours.
- Make a study plan and then apply time management principles. We guarantee you'll find that at least 5% of your time, and possibly much more, is spent on non-essential activities. That discovered time can immediately be applied to achieving a valuable lifelong benefit.
- Prove that having an objective works and is so satisfying when reached!
- Remember: what you plant now you will harvest later. Galatians 6:9 will never cease to apply.

REVISION TIPS

Exams are always cropping up, so we felt that a few tips might be helpful, whether you are a slow burner or a last-minute crammer! Some candidates prefer steady revision with spaced out practice, while others feel more confident with as much fresh information in their heads as possible.

To make it practical we asked for tips from students who had recently taken exams. It's significant that almost everyone spoke highly of the **value of practice questions**, e.g. *'Work on sample questions for at least 3 weeks before the exam.'* *'Do as many questions on each topic as possible.'* *'Practice questions are the best way of learning; move on to them as quickly as possible – more important than pages of highlighted notes.'* *'Practise past questions and study the cribs.'* *'Do lots of past papers.'* *'If you get stuck on something, write it down or make a flashcard.'*

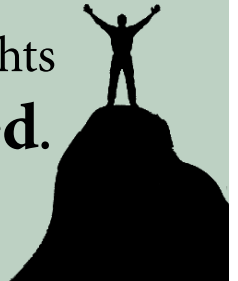
One or two other tips were – *'Consistent hard work throughout the course.'* *And at the exam – 'Take the easiest questions first.'* *'Don't overlook any words in the question.'*

It's pretty safe to follow advice flowing from hands-on experience and we hope exam candidates will derive some benefit from following these tips.

"Correction does much, but encouragement does more."

A human being is not
attaining his full heights
until he is **educated.**

~Horace Mann



THE FASCINATION OF ABM

ABM recently picked a random selection of their students and asked each one the same question:

WHAT OR WHERE IS THE MOST BIZARRE TIME OR PLACE YOU'VE DONE ABM?

Here are some of the answers:

- "At the river, on a beautiful sunny day, but I couldn't swim (due to surgery on my toe!), so I took ABM with me ... I wasn't in the photo, coz I was so cross!"
- "In Bahia Blanca, at 11:50pm on the deadline night, wondering why I hadn't started it earlier....." *Lucky for you that Argentina is four hours behind GMT... -Ed-*
- "By dim coach light to the melodic strains of 396 (on our night-time excursion to Vision 16)"
- "...racing through the streets of Sydney in the back of a Hyundai van with an Asian driver."
- "During a 2.5-hour flight to remote QLD in an old (should be scrapped) single engine! Needless to say the noise, heat and bumps made it hard to concentrate - but I stuck it out for a while!"
- "At airport with very little time to go till flight departure. Missed the boarding call, and only just managed to make the plane before they shut the gate." *Not recommended!... ☺-Ed-*
- "More to the point...where and when haven't I done ABM?? I've worked on assignments in airports, planes, trains, a dentist chair, a bathtub...I've listened to webinars while driving, designing floor plans, and barbecuing...ABM has been a constant companion through thick and thin, for better or for worse!"

What a powerful advertisement for ABM!

TELLING TESTIMONIALS

Having enrolled on the **CIMA Management Accounting Course** I soon found that it is not all about number crunching, formulas and boring legislation. It includes business acumen and an awareness of world affairs. The higher you climb the CIMA levels the more interesting it becomes, as what you learn can be applied directly to business. CIMA provides an excellent basis for all areas of business and it is well worth progressing to the higher levels in order to increase your skills and become an indispensable employee.

The outstanding **Sales & Marketing Course** has taught me fundamental skills that I never knew would apply to sales. It is packed with interesting material and advice which is very appropriate to my role at work. Early on in the Course I was learning skills which I found I could apply at work immediately. The assignments were a first-class means of compressing all I'd learnt into one document. My knowledge of sales and marketing has increased significantly and I haven't had to set aside unreasonable hours of study to achieve this.