

## **How to Plan Studies - for IPCC Students**

### **Students joining IPCC after passing CPT :**

1. As far as possible plan to appear for both the groups. It gives you the benefit of set off of surplus marks for aggregation purpose and there is a chance of AIR.
2. After CPT result, you have 9 months for your IPCC exam. For example, if you clear CPT in May 2017 exam, result is out in June 2017 and your first IPCC attempt is due in May 2018. It means, you get study time between August, 2017 to April, 2018 i.e. a period of 9 months. Let's plan for these 9 months -
3. Generally, first 3.5 months goes for Group I preparation & classes etc. Next 2.5 months goes for Group II preparation & classes. In short, 6 months will go for first time study of the subject.
4. It is natural for human being to forget. Hence, next 2 months should be spent for revising each subject. You have to prepare brief notes for revision purpose, so that in less time you can revise the whole syllabus. If you find it difficult to do revision on your own, then you may think of joining revision classes or make use of revision lectures available on DVD or pen drive.
5. Last one month should be used for Self Testing i.e. for Test Series. You may join the paid test series of ICAI or any coaching institute or download the past question papers of ICAI from website and solve it at home in a time bound manner. Then check your answers with the suggested answers of ICAI.
6. From self testing exercise, you will come to know your areas of strength and weakness. Please improve upon the areas of weaknesses. The self testing will provide you the feel of exam and then you will be fully confident to take up your main ICAI exam.
7. Those who don't do the self testing before actual exam, will make their first trial in either May or November. This trial may cost you 6 months. Hence, it is strongly recommended to appear for few tests before the actual exam conducted by ICAI. Our past experience shows that those students who do self testing at home stand a much better chance of clearing the exam in the first attempt.
8. Once the exam is over, relax for few days and join ICAI Information Technology Training (ITT) of 100 hours and Orientation Course. Complete it before your IPCC result is declared. So that immediately after the result, you are eligible to join articleship training.

### **Students joining IPCC after Graduation (Direct Entry) :**

1. Direct entry students will have tough time managing their articleship training with coaching classes.
2. These students may take one group at a time due to heavy schedule. They may join classes or do self study in the morning and evening time.
3. However, if you do not find the classes which are suitable for your time schedule, then you may make use of video lectures on pen drive for convenience. So that you can make your own time table of study.
4. Direct entry students can also take the clue from points written above for CPT students. They also have to do revision and self testing before the exam as mentioned above.

### **Students appearing for Group I only :**

1. Those students who find it tough to handle both the groups together for any reason, may go for single group at a time.
2. Such students should first appear for Group I after thorough preparation. Just after appearing for Group I exam, they should immediately prepare for Group II till the time result of Group I is declared. If they clear Group I, then they can spend the remaining time in revising Group II. In case, if they fail in Group I, they should revise both the groups in the remaining time and should appear for both groups together in the next attempt.

### **Important Note for all IPCC students :**

1. Those who are committed to do CA, are advised to do B.Com **externally**. This will reduce your burden of attending college, completing project book or journal, practical, internal exam etc. So that, you can fully concentrate on your CA preparation without any disturbance.
2. There is a huge transformation from CPT to IPCC. You are shifting from Objective type (MCQ) questions to Subjective type (Essay type) questions. Hence, you have to develop the habit of writing. You need to justify the answer by writing all the steps. Writing skill is very important for IPCC and Final.
3. Do not study from multiple books or study material. You are likely to get confused. Generally, 90% contents in all the study material are same. But due to difference in the way of presentation of each teacher or author, you will get confused. Please stick to one literature, one teacher or one author only.

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