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20 One-Liners to Remember

Quick-fire facts for last-minute revision.

- 1 CAIIB rewards understanding, application and analysis, unlike JAIIB which rewards memory and last-minute revision.**
This difference means CAIIB preparation needs deeper conceptual study rather than cramming.
- 2 Cramming a day or two before the exam is described as the single most common CAIIB exam mistake.**
CAIIB's concept-heavy papers do not respond well to last-minute cramming.
- 3 Splitting study into three or four 30-40 minute sessions a day helps candidates with limited continuous time.**
This approach fits daily study around demanding banking-job hours.
- 4 Choosing an optional paper just because a friend called it easy is flagged as a common CAIIB mistake.**
A paper that is easy for one candidate may not suit another's background or interest.
- 5 The right optional paper should be chosen based on existing knowledge, genuine interest and career direction.**
Personal fit matters more than peer recommendations when selecting an optional subject.

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6 Much of the foundational knowledge needed for CAIIB comes from JAIIB.

Rusty JAIIB fundamentals should be revised whenever a CAIIB topic demands them.

7 Relying only on incomplete free notes instead of the official syllabus leaves candidates under-prepared.

Many circulating study materials cover only the main areas, not the full syllabus.

8 A study plan keeps aspirants goal-oriented and reduces exam stress as daily targets are met.

Building a schedule also forces candidates to analyse the syllabus early.

9 Taking notes while studying builds attention to detail and speeds up later revision.

Well-organised notes make important points easier to spot during revision.

10 CAIIB leans heavily on calculations, formulas and case studies, unlike JAIIB.

This makes active problem-solving more important than passive reading for CAIIB.

11 Changing the parameters of a worked example and re-solving it helps candidates understand the role of each variable.

This technique deepens understanding beyond memorising a single worked solution.

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12 **Revise little but often is the recommended principle for regular CAIIB revision.**

Frequent short reviews help candidates answer multiple questions from one concept accurately.

13 **A weekly revision slot, such as 20-30 minutes every Sunday, helps reinforce topics already studied.**

Regular revision on top of daily study time is suggested to lock in retention.

14 **Failing to analyse mistakes from a previous CAIIB attempt is described as the costliest mistake of all.**

Identifying specific weaknesses from a past attempt helps target the next attempt's preparation.

15 **Asking precise questions about weak topics helps aspirants pinpoint their real preparation gaps.**

Specific self-analysis is more useful than general blame when learning from past failures.

16 **Structured video lessons, digital notes and online mock tests are examples of using technology for preparation.**

Smart use of technology turns short breaks into productive revision time.

17 **Treating mock tests casually, instead of like the real exam, undermines time-management practice.**

Serious mock attempts build the confidence and speed needed for the actual exam.

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18 Relying on too many scattered study sources is a subtle habit that can drain marks.

A few solid, complete resources are considered better than many half-read materials.

19 Passive studying, such as only highlighting text, is less effective than actively solving and recalling material.

Highlighting alone does not build the recall needed to answer exam questions.

20 A practical CAIIB study plan starts with mapping the syllabus and rating each module as strong, average or weak.

This self-audit step helps candidates allocate study time where it is needed most.

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