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20 One-Liners to Remember

Quick-fire facts for last-minute revision.

- 1 Digital banking is a dedicated module inside CAIIB's Retail Banking & Wealth Management (RBWM) elective.**

IIBF folded Digital Banking into the RBWM elective as its own focused topic within the syllabus.

- 2 Digital banking means the automation and digitisation of everyday retail banking products, channels and services.**

It replaces paper-based branch processes with apps, cards and online transactions for convenience and speed.

- 3 EMV is the global chip-card standard named after Europay, Mastercard and Visa.**

EMV defines how secure chip-based debit and credit cards process transactions worldwide.

- 4 EMV chip cards generate a unique dynamic code for every transaction, unlike older magnetic-stripe cards.**

This dynamic code makes EMV chip cards far harder to clone than magnetic-stripe cards.

- 5 An ATM (Automated Teller Machine) primarily dispenses cash and handles balance enquiries.**

ATMs are self-service machines built mainly for cash withdrawal and simple account checks.

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- 6 A Cash Deposit Machine (CDM) accepts cash deposits and credits them directly to the customer's account.**

CDMs let customers deposit cash without visiting a teller counter.

- 7 A Cash Recycler both accepts deposited notes and re-dispenses them to other customers.**

By reusing deposited notes, cash recyclers reduce a bank's overall cash-handling costs.

- 8 Mobile banking delivers banking services through a smartphone app or messaging.**

It lets customers transfer funds, pay bills and manage accounts from a mobile device.

- 9 Internet banking, or net banking, delivers banking services through a web browser.**

It offers the same core services as mobile banking but accessed via a browser instead of an app.

- 10 A POS (Point of Sale) terminal lets merchants accept card and digital payments.**

POS terminals are the standard device merchants use to process customer card payments.

- 11 Branchless banking extends banking services to areas without a physical branch, often via Business Correspondents.**

Business Correspondents act as an extension of the bank in areas lacking a full branch.

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- 12 The CAIIB RBWM paper is an objective, multiple-choice exam conducted in online mode.**

Candidates answer MCQs on a computer rather than writing descriptive answers on paper.

- 13 The standard CAIIB exam pattern generally has no negative marking for wrong answers.**

Since wrong answers are not penalised in the usual pattern, candidates are advised to attempt every question.

- 14 Candidates should always verify exact marks, duration and pass criteria against the latest official IIBF notification.**

IIBF can revise exam parameters between cycles, so relying on old figures is risky.

- 15 The RBWM elective also covers retail products, marketing, CRM, securitisation and loan-recovery laws.**

Digital banking is one focused module within the broader RBWM syllabus structure.

- 16 Recovery of retail loans under RBWM can involve the SARFAESI Act, the DRT Act and Lok Adalat.**

These are among the legal recovery mechanisms bankers study in the RBWM module on retail banking issues.

- 17 Retail banking refers to banking services for individual customers rather than large corporates.**

This distinguishes retail banking from corporate or wholesale banking, which serve businesses.

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- 18 RBWM is one of the most-chosen CAIIB electives because it relates closely to everyday branch work.**

Many candidates already work in retail roles, making the elective's concepts feel familiar.

- 19 Digital banking questions in RBWM are technology- and detail-driven, testing terms like EMV and POS.**

Candidates who skim the digital banking section risk losing easy, fact-based marks.

- 20 IIBF also offers a separate Certified Digital Banking certification programme distinct from the CAIIB exam.**

Preparing for the CAIIB digital banking module can also support this related IIBF certification.

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