



金證照學員通過 2008 年 12 月 CFA L1 的過關心得

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My participation in “Go Charter” (金證照) kept me on track with my study. I utilized their review classes to make sure I’ve captured all the major points in the material. In addition, the two mock exams in the program offered great practice in regards to time management and comprehensive review.

I took the exam in December 2008 and started my study in the beginning of July. I gave myself average of a week for each subject for study. I was able to finish all my study a month before the exam date. The last month before the examination, I focused purely on practicing sample questions.

The key to study CFA are practice questions, take good notes and group study.

Practice exam questions is one of the most essential for this examination. Since the candidate only has 90 seconds for each question, speed and quick thinking are critical. I’ve done at least seven sets of full-length exam questions, each set consist of 240 questions. At the same time, finish all practice questions at the end of each chapter of the study. On the date of my examination, I was the first one to finish. I’ve scored over 70% on seven out of ten subjects.

Taking good notes is also essential. In times, it is very normal for you to forget what you have studied previously. Good notes help you call back what you have learned previously. Good examples help you consolidate the fundamentals in the material. Especially during the last two weeks to your exam date, these notes can be very handy. It helps you speed through all the fundamentals you need to know in a big picture.

The last but not least, group study is very important. It allows you to consolidate your study and let it out in a very logical way. Having a study partner helps you reconfirm what you have learn. It is a great practice for your reasoning. You will find it surprising how people think about things very differently.

Suggestions to the candidates:

1. Do not let the stress overtake you. Because the study is so hectic, I always say, “The parking lot is full!” As brain has no more space to park anymore new information. Relax yourself; don’t over work yourself. This will help you to retain all the information and let your brain make more space available for new information.
2. Do not study the day before the exam. Make sure you have a good night sleep the day before the exam. Consolidate about ten questions or key points on a sheet of paper for you to review the morning before examination, so your brain starts extracting the information out from your memory.
3. Try to get a hold of the practice questions as many as you can. The more familiar you are with the format and structure of the exam the better.
4. Personally, I do not find rechecking answer during the exam is very beneficial. The more you check, the more you doubt on the answer your picking. Have confident in yourself. I trust first instincts.