

LOOK Less COOK Less

Switching off cell phones, Unsubscribing data plans, postponing excursion plans, Cancelling movie plans, being Room arrest or Home arrest are all yester years hacks to prepare for competitive exams. I would like to suggest a few more simple yet effective hacks that may sound a bit strange but if understood properly will improve your efficiency while preparing for examination. Some have managed to clear while the rest will be preparing for May 2017 exams. Also there might be students who have been continuously attempting from last 3-4 times , but still haven't managed to clear through.

There is no doubt that the Standard of Education and Performance as set by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India is quite high. Here we cannot ask the institute to set low standards or reframe their standards rather we need to raise the standard and level of our own preparation to match with the Institute's expectation. Raising our preparation level needs more concentration and focus on your part. Hard work does not works all the time. Say if we are solving a practical problem but we are not concentrating on the key objective of that particular problem or the reason or adjustment or some principle that the problem wants us to apply /understand then our efforts are not worth it.

Now here's the first Hack.

A millionaire has a day consisting of 24 hours and so a beggar has-Neither a second more nor a second less. Interestingly in spite of having so much wealth, the millionaire cannot add an extra minute and make it 24 hours and 1 minute.

So, the resources have been equally divided, but how one utilizes it matters the most.

Similar is the case with concentration and focus- we all have been gifted with this power but the only issue is that we have knowingly/ unknowingly distributed our concentration and focus on so many areas and hence the balance left is at present somewhere not sufficient for our preparation. In simple words,

in order to Increase our focus / concentration on one area we need to cut off or divert our attention from less important areas to the important ones.

Now time for the Second Hack

Productivity largely depends on the infrastructure. The business minds know the importance of right infrastructure, else who would have thought that one day workplaces would be equipped with modern Gyms and Meditation Halls. If you Google about the infrastructure of a few top business houses , you would be amazed to see how in depth the organizations are working on this -right from the colour of the walls to the right height of the table and the chair, to the interior of the cubicle in order to boost productivity and to get the most out of their employees .

In your case you should try to keep the room/ place at which you regularly prepare for your examination as quite and as clean as possible. Small room is better rather than studying in a jam packed room. Preparing for Direct Taxation and having books of say Accountancy or Indirect Taxation or any other subject right in front of you not only distracts your effective preparation by constantly reminding you that you need to study them as well..... and time is running out..... you have only been studying Direct Taxation all day long.... Bla...bla...bla... it also diverts your attention causing unnecessary panic.

Keep your room as empty as possible. Every thing has a thought attached to it, a memory attached with it. Our mind is a great escapist specially when it is made to work under pressure. It likes to relax itself by getting lost in petty issues-A Non Working TV will remind you of getting it repaired, a cricket bat may remind you of any unsettled score or an idea to start playing again in the name of maintaining physical fitness, Gym Gloves may remind you On and on...there is no end to it.

So whatever attention these things are seeking, its all going from that 24 hrs that we receive as a credit in our account everyday.

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Regards

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