



IBS VIGYAN

VISIONING BANKERS



Evangelistically Speaking

Dear Stakeholders,

The Certification examinations of IIBF under the existing syllabus has just got over. In 2023, the examinations will be rolled out under revised syllabus. The brace by the aspirants to use their last chance to clear the certification, under our guidance, has been exemplary. The evolution of our examination-oriented pedagogy with thrust on conceptual clarity has been embraced by them with outstretched arms.

At IBS, we are gearing ourselves to cater to the additional topics and modules that are coming up under the revised syllabus from next year. Meanwhile, I am pleased to carry select feedbacks from our career aspirants that vindicate the efficacy of our structured approach in upskilling professionals in BFSI sector. One response is of specific mention where the candidate did not read the Macmillan textbook prescribed by IIBF at all, but met with success purely through our multidimensional engagements of live sessions, access to recorded videos, updated study materials, mock tests and social media interventions.

Every New Year begins with resolutions. For us, a blend of proactive and responsive actions is a continuous process. It does not need time specific resolutions to egg us forward.

Team IBS wishes all a Happy and Prosperous 2023 ahead.

Sincerely Yours

Satheesh Kumar. S
Managing Director

Reflectively Speaking

It is a moment of happiness for all of us, when we get what we desire to achieve in quick time. It's indeed supportive and memorable to have a partner with you in your achievement, exactly the role played by IBS in our achievement. For achieving the CAIIB target, just before two and half months I started CAIIB preparation under encouraging words of the Business Executive to join IBS. Journey started from full tight schedule of banking and then online classes till 10 pm and practice sessions at night and then early morning googly of faculty, that perhaps I never missed. The hard words with soft heart of respected BFM Faculty and Forex exposure from Singapore of IB Faculty and finally the Giant Business Mathematician/magician Maths faculty who really replied in 3 minutes of query even at 12.30 am. This is called support. Finally, Hard work, Luck, Family IBS Support of three months all merged and gave success. One secret also to share – No Macmillan books purchased, only study material of IBS and classes with serious and intensive study are enough for clearing CAIIB.

(Gaurav Kandpal, Canara Bank)

My colleagues encouraged me a lot to write the exam and they referred me to IBS, one among the best and authentic institute where I can achieve it. Crash and exam oriented sessions helped me a lot. Moreover the steps you had given on how to face the examination with effective time management and last hour exam oriented questions and revision in telegram group, all together a great effort. May the journey continue.

(Reshma Antony, State Bank of India)



Curated Cube

A Monetary Policy Review that had two members dissenting on the rate hike or the stance of the policy. Yet, the RBI Governor went ahead with a 35 basis points hike to take the repo rate to 6.25%. Closely followed by this, the headline inflation data released by CSO showed the number dropping below 6%, though RBI holds mandate to keep CPI below 6%. The manufacturing Index data has been mixed with select sectors unable to catch up with growth. SBI has immediately followed this up with a raise in their retail deposit interest rates. Amidst all this, are we to infer that the interest rate cycle is likely to reverse soon? If so, how soon? Will the shift in stance of monetary policy precede pause and eventual roll back of rates?

We may have to look at clear signals from the US Economy. If they choose to create a high interest rate domain, the reversal of money flow to our capital markets could be delayed. The pressure will be seen on our domestic currency in exchange rate. Meanwhile, one of the MPC members has articulated on disjointed transmission of monetary policy measures across the yield curve and a likely two-year lag in reining inflation through policy action, given the frictions in financial markets and transmission and distribution losses across the yield curve.

(Cube gives a third dimension in geometry. Curated Cube endeavors to conflate events in the market over the past month.)

Feedback.....

A few years back, I enrolled for the JAIIB exam without any training and failed. Thereafter I was hesitant to apply for it. Meanwhile, IBS personnel approached me in bank premises and educated me about the online endeavours of IBS. I spotted the opportunity and enrolled for the Malayalam batch. All the teachers were very good and delivered the contents effectively. That time I cleared two papers, Legal and Principles but failed for Accountancy. Being a literature graduate, accountancy was a herculean task to me. But the classes had given a basic idea about accountancy. During the crash course, I have attended a session by another faculty and decided to join the English batch this time. Sir's classes gave me confidence to tackle accountancy paper. His approach was very ideal for people like me, who have no basic idea in accountancy. As a result, I could crack the accountancy paper this time. I wholeheartedly thank the faculty for his patience and perseverance in classes especially during doubt clearing sessions. I also thank the Director for his motivating sessions. It really worked in my case, whenever I was derailed from study due to busy schedule. I owe sincere gratitude to the coordinator, for her timely help, directions and encouragement. Thanks to the entire IBS team once again.

(Lekshmi AR, Union Bank)

I had cleared JAIIB in November 2022. IBS's exam-oriented approach, timely guidance, revision contents and most importantly mock tests were very useful. Also, the "Zoom" classes, "WhatsApp" notes and "Telegram" sessions gave a feel of enthusiasm while preparing for the exam. Thank you IBS!

(Shiji Mathew Zacharia, Union Bank of India)

JAIIB/CAIIB - NEW BATCH - MAY/JUNE 2023

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT - JAIIB ON 23 DEC 2022 / CAIIB ON 04 JAN 2023





FOURTH PILLAR

CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY (e₹-W & e₹-R) – CBDC is the legal tender issued in digital form for Wholesale & Retail segments. It is same as the fiat currency and is exchangeable one-to-one which can be accepted as a medium of payment, and has a safe store value by all citizens, enterprises and Govt. agencies. It is a fungible legal tender for which holders need not have a bank account. CBDC will be freely convertible against commercial bank money and cash. CBDC will be transacted using wallets, which makes the payments final thereby reducing settlement risk.

E-INVOICES – The GST e-invoicing has been made mandatory for firms with annual turnover of over ₹5 crore (earlier ₹20 crore) from 1st Jan 2023, to ensure better compliance and prevent leakage.

NOF FOR ARC – Minimum Net Owned Fund for Assets Recovery Companies has been increased to ₹300 crore from ₹100 crore, on an ongoing basis, i.e., the existing ARCs should have ₹200 crore by 31.03.2024 and ₹300 crore by 31.03.2026.

CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME FOR STARTUPS (CGSS) – Govt. has approved CGSS to provide guarantee to MLIs to finance eligible startups. Startups recognized by DPIIT, which have reached stage of stable revenue stream and not in default to any lending institution would be eligible.

CGTMSE MAKES UDYAM REGISTRATION NUMBER MANDATORY – Obtaining the URN by the borrowers has become mandatory for getting guarantee cover from CGTMSE w.e.f. 16th Jan 2023.

2FA FOR MUTUAL FUND SUBSCRIPTION TRANSACTION - SEBI has decided to extend two factor authentication for subscription of units in MFs from 1st April 2023, to further safeguard the interest of investors.

(Fourth Pillar strives to position beyond the three pillars of Basel and is culled from the Four Estates)





INQUISITIVELY SPEAKING

(1) RBI has recently launched a new tech initiative named as an Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System expected to make the Supervisory process more robust.

- a. YOGYA
- b. DAKSH
- c. NIPUN
- d. SMARTH

(2) Among which of the following, Banks can open Savings Bank account as per the extant guidelines:

- a. Municipal Corporations
- b. State Housing Boards
- c. Panchayat Samitis
- d. Trusts
- e. Drainage Boards

(3) SEBI has recently cancelled the Certificate of Registration of which of the following Credit Rating Agency?

- a. Brickwork
- b. FITCH
- c. S&P
- d. Equifax

(4) SEBI has recently enhanced the disclosure rules for Credit Rating Agencies where it has put in place a framework for rating withdrawal of:

- a. Treasury Bills
- b. Corporate Bonds
- c. Perpetual Debt Securities
- d. Non-convertible Debentures

(5) What is the limit for a loan or advance account where the Forensic Audit is applicable?

- a. Above ₹10 crore
- b. Above ₹20 crore
- c. Above ₹50 crore
- d. Above ₹100 crore

(6) Companies are resorting to a new strategy called Shrinkflation to reduce the impact of rising input costs, which of the following is correct in respect of its implication:

- a. It can lead to customer frustration and deterioration of consumers' sentiment towards a producer's brand.
- b. It gives rise to hidden inflation
- c. It is because inflation indexes consider the changes in the average price levels but ignore minor changes in the sizes of the products
- d. All of the above are possible

ANSWER KEYS

(1) b (2) d (3) a (4) c (5) c (6) d

Stretch n Speak

UFCE - Unhedged Foreign Currency Exposure

ECAI – External Credit Assessment Institution

CGDAN – Credit Guarantee Demand Advance Notice

CCFR – CIBIL Credit & Farm Report

