

Subject Combinations

Passing professional examinations are all about preparation, dedication and in most cases, the combination of subjects undertaken together.

Goldsmith IBS recommends the following subject combinations if you are attempting any professional examinations which allows you a choice as to the combination of papers/subjects you may undertake at each examination sitting. Knowledge acquired at each level is normally required at higher levels so

‘ ... be prepared to carry knowledge to the END!’

– Ladi Tokosi MSc, PGTLHE, MCMI, ACIA, CIA, FCCA

We suggest that you attempt ALL papers/subjects at the first level of each examination sitting (i.e. June or December Examination session) except if your job demands a lot more extra hours from you.

You must endeavour to plan ahead of the examination session you wish to undertake and secure assurances from your line manager that the nature and demand of your work will not materially change in this period.

If your job demands more hours than you feel you will need to accomplish all the modules at one (1) sitting, we strongly suggest that you register for and attempt **at least two (2) modules at a sitting**; this is the minimum requirement to be registered with Goldsmith IBS.

Your combination should include one computational module and one theory based module; you may prefer to tackle computational modules only thus, option One will be your preference.

- Option One - Computational subject only
- Option Two - Theoretical subjects only
- Option Three - Mixed subjects

All modules have some form of relationship so studying them together will be of advantage to you as the links between the modules supports your understanding of other modules.

We strongly advise that you should attempt all modules at the second level only if time permits as the contents and scope of these modules tend to be varied though interrelated.

Professional examinations are commonly held over a week and will sometimes require that you undertake two (2) modules/papers in one day of the examination; so be warned mate!

If you decide against attempting all modules at a sitting, we suggest the following combinations (on the same basis of tackling theory based modules along with computational based modules at the same sitting).

This allows you complement knowledge gained from the theories in accounting & finance with pure calculations.

- Option One - Computational subject only
- Option Two - Theoretical subjects only
- Option Three - Mixed subjects

In most cases, at the final level of each professional examination, you tend NOT to have choices or options of papers to combine. You will need to attempt all the examinations at this level at the same sitting!

You will need to conserve energy and prepare mentally for this huge and demanding schedule.

You will need to draw from the knowledge acquired from the previous levels of the examination, which serves to re-enforce your overall presentation at this level.

Good luck.