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Let me say you this, I have no proper knowledge of IAS but I have seen students preparing for civils in front of my residence. (There is actually a library)

CSAT is like CPT which is extremely easier when compared to Prelims and Mains. I think even UPSC has a lot of mugging stuff as students are advised not to miss The Hindu everyday at any cost. The mugging/cramming starts in Prelims and mains but I think it is way different what we do in CA. There are no 40-50 pass rules there. Don't forget the fact that the

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competition is cut throat in UPSC. Even I am from science with a decent rank in my state CET and AIEEE exams. Take any decision after you are finished writing your Group 2.

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Are you being sarcastic? Hehe

You have cleared IPCC till now, hence the course appears to be logical and analytical to you. There is less logic in final subjects, even practical ones! Example: In accounts and SFM, the examiner can't complicate the question using concept alone, so they resort to LANGUAGE TWISTING to confuse the students. Hence, you end up MEMORIZING a lot of such adjustments/entries in accounts and SFM.

Yesterday I appeared for Costing exam, it was too easy for me! I had practised everything by hand around 4-5 times. It is also a kind of memorizing, such problems go into your muscle memory and you end up writing as fast as possible with minimal thinking. This is the ONLY WAY to attempt maximum questions in an insanely lengthy paper like costing. You stop writing even for few seconds in order to think, you lose!

BTW do you like the subject auditing? You must have passed it in group 2, did you study it thoroughly with interest? Normally students lose interest in auditing and start mugging up. Especially in finals, when there are several other subjects to deal with. The following subjects/topics require mugging up specifically:

Theory in accounts, SFM, costing, allied law, auditing and the WORST one ISCA! You also need to mug up a few things in DT and IDT like penalties, prosecutions, punishments etc.

NOTE: It may so appear that I am complaining unnecessarily, but it's my PERSONAL OPINION that mugging up is the worst kind of studies. IT IS MY ULTIMATE NEMESIS! It doesn't mean that those who can manage to mugup are inferior or anything, provided they have good IQ.



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