

CIMA–E1 Area B – Self-Study Guide

Session (duration)	Component Learning Outcomes	Study Guidance/Tips	CIMA Technical Articles
SECTION B: INFORMATION SYSTEMS (20%)- Recommended study time - 33 hours over 3 weeks			
8 - 9 (Wk 4, 11 hours)	<p>1(a) identify the value of information and information systems organisations;</p> <p>1(b) discuss the reasons for organisations' increased dependence on information systems;</p> <p>1(c) discuss the transformation of organisations through technology.</p> <p><i>*CIMA Official Study Text – Chapter 4</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Information systems support operation and management activities within organisations. In particular they are used in recording transactions, decision making, planning, performance measure and control. You should appreciate these linkages as questions usually link section B with another part of the syllabus together. 	Information as key resources
<p>1(a) Exam questions: May-11-Q1.8, Q2b Sept-11-Q4a May-12-Q1.3</p> <p>1(b) Exam questions: May-10-Q1.1, Q2a, Q2b Nov-10-Q3c, Q4c</p> <p>1(c) Exam questions: May-10-Q1.2 Nov-10-Q2c May-11-Q1.6 Nov-11-Q4b Mar-12-Q4a</p>			

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10 - 11 (Wk 5, 11 hours)	<p>2(a) discuss ways for overcoming problems in information system implementation;</p> <p>2(b) discuss ways of organising and managing information system activities in the context of the wider organisation.</p> <p><i>*CIMA Official Study Text – Chapter 4</i></p>	<p>1. Familiarise yourself with theorise overcome user resistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewin/ Schein’s unfreeze, move, refreeze • Kotter & Schlesinger’s 6 methods of dealing with resistance 	<p>Data warehouse</p>
<p>2(a) Exam questions: Nov-10-Q1.6 May-11-Q1.7, Q1.10 Sept-11-Q2c Nov-11-Q4a Mar-12-Q4b May-12-Q1.6 Sept-12-Q2f</p> <p>2(b) Exam questions: May-11-Q2d Sept-11-Q4c May-12-Q1.5, Q1.7, Q1.10, Q3a Sept-12-Q2a, Q2b, Q2c</p>			
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12 - 13 (Wk 6, 11 hours)	Practice as many past exam questions as possible	<p>When practicing past exam papers you should try and time yourself to exam conditions, as a guide use 1.8 minutes per mark.</p> <p>Review the post exam guides and suggested answers to check if you are answering question requirements correctly.</p>	<p>An exam room approach to answering E1 questions</p>

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OTHER STUDY RESOURCES:

[Find all examiners suggested answers here](#)

[Post exam guides](#)

[CIMA Publishing](#)

[Velocity-Student e-magazine](#) [Financial Management magazine](#)

[Chat to other students on CIMAsphere-discussion boards for operational level](#)

Please note that the session duration time given for each area is a rough guide based on % of E1 syllabus weightings. Research has shown that students who study at **minimum of 11 hours** per week are more likely to pass. These timings must be taken into account with other personal commitments such as work, family time, recreation etc.

Obviously the more hours students can dedicate to studying the higher their chance of success.

Please use this as guidance rather than as an exact science of how to study, and please feel free to change it to suit your requirements.