STUDY FRAMEWORK™

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING
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NAIL THE CONCEPTS

INTENSE NOTES

ALL COMES TOGETHER

PASS THE CPA EXAM!

NON-STOP MCQ

JUST RE-WRITE IT
Nail the Concepts

Read your NINJA Book before doing ANY MCQ. Begin reading the NINJA Notes and listening to the NINJA Audio - even if you haven’t covered a particular subject in the NINJA Book. One key to success is to listen to the NINJA Audio and read the NINJA Notes as many times as possible in the weeks leading up to the exam.

As you are Nailing the Concepts by reading the NINJA Book and NINJA Notes and listening to the NINJA Audio, take **Intense Notes**. The goal is to never have to go back and re-read the book because you’ve written down the key concepts covered.

You’ve read your NINJA Book and the NINJA Notes. You’ve listened to the NINJA Audio. You’ve taken Intense Notes and have a killer stack of Keywords and Notes going. Now it’s time to dive into NINJA MCQ. If you miss a question, write down the Keywords and Notes that the question is testing you on and add it to your stack of notes. If you get a question correct, but think you’ll forget the concept later on, write it down.

It’s tedious. It’s awful. It works. The process will take about a week, so plan accordingly. Take your stack of notes and re-write them into the Keywords and Notes area of this study planner (you’ll likely need to make multiple copies of each page). The easy road is to skip this step. Don’t take the easy road - it will pay dividends on Exam Day.

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Nail the Concepts

✓ Read the NINJA Book cover to cover
✓ Read NINJA Notes in your down time instead of social media, etc.
✓ Listen to NINJA Audio 24/7 in the car, at the gym, etc.
✓ Take Intense Notes while reading the NINJA Book and Notes and listening to the NINJA Audio (see page 6).
✓ Don’t move on to the MCQ until you have read the complete NINJA Book - or have gone past the time you’ve budgeted for the book. If you get behind - it’s ok to skim and read the examples. It’s more important to stay on schedule.

**Conceptual Framework & Financial Statement Presentation**
- Accounting Standards
- Conceptual Framework
- Financial Reporting
- Other Financial Statements

**Financial Statement Accounts**
- Cash and Equivalents
- Receivables
- Payables
- Inventory
- Property Plant & Equipment
- Investments
- Intangible Assets
- Long-Term Debt
- Equity
- Revenue Recognition
- Costs and Expenses
- Compensation and Benefits
- Post-Employment Benefits
- Stock Compensation
- Income Taxes
Recognition, Valuation, & Measurement

- Accounting Changes
- Business Combinations
- Consolidations
- Contingencies
- Earnings Per Share
- Unusual Items & Discontinued Operations
- Going Concern
- Fair Value
- Derivatives & Hedging
- Foreign Currency
- Asset Impairment
- Interim Financial Reporting
- Leases
- Liabilities Vs. Equity
- Non-Monetary Transactions
- R&D
- Risk and Uncertainty
- Segment Reporting
- Software
- Subsequent Events
- Servicing of Financial Assets

Governmental Accounting

- Governmental Accounting Concepts
- Governmental Financial Reporting
- Recognition & Presentation

Not-For-Profit Accounting

- Governmental NFP
- Non-Governmental NFP
- NFP Financial Statements
- NFP Recognition & Measurement

IFRS

- IFRS
### NINJA Notes Checkoff List

- IFRS
- Accounting Changes
- Financial Reporting
- Bonds & Debt Restructure
- Consolidations
- Deferred Taxes
- Derivatives, Hedging, & Translation
- Fixed Assets
- Governmental Accounting
- Segments & Interim Reporting
- Partnership Accounting
- Inventory
- Investments
- Leases
- Current Assets & Liabilities
- Not-For Profit Accounting
- Pensions
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Stockholders' Equity

### NINJA Audio Checkoff List

- Financial Reporting
- Working Capital & Ratios
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Stockholders Equity
- Consolidations
- Segment & Interim Reporting
- Fixed Assets
- Bonds
- Leases
- Inventory
- Investments
- Deferred Taxes
- Derivatives & Hedging
- Partnership Accounting
- Governmental Accounting
- NFP Accounting
- Pensions
- IFRS
Intense Notes

✓ As you read the NINJA Book and NINJA Notes, and listen to the NINJA Audio, take intense notes. The goal is to never have to go back and re-read the book because you’ve written down the key concepts covered.

✓ Take Notes while reading the NINJA Book
✓ Take Notes while reading the NINJA Notes
✓ Take Notes while listening to the NINJA Audio

Throw away your highlighter and pick up your pen! According to Harvard Library:

“Throw away your highlighter. Highlighting can seem like an active reading strategy, but it can actually distract from the business of learning and dilute your comprehension. Those bright yellow lines you put on a printed page one day can seem strangely cryptic the next, unless you have a method for remembering why they were important to you at another moment in time. Pen or pencil will allow you to do more to a text you have to wrestle with.”

As for the actual notes, we recommend using the Cornell Method for note-taking, a method preferred by universities and other learning centers. The basic idea is that the left side of your page will contain keywords, key concepts, or questions while the right side of your page will contain general notes that correspond to the keywords and concepts on the left. The bottom of the page is reserved for you to write a summary of what is contained on that page.
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Non-Stop MCQ

Do not start the MCQ until you’ve read the NINJA Book (or you’ve surpassed the time budgeted in your study plan for the NINJA Book).

✓ Dive into NINJA MCQ

✓ The software knows what you do not based on the questions you answer incorrectly.

✓ If you miss a question, write down the “main point” of the question as a Keywords and Notes and add it to your stack of notes.

✓ If you get a question correct, but think you’ll forget the concept later on, write it down.

✓ There are three phases to NINJA MCQ:

1. The Assessment Phase (the first 35% of the material, which figures out what you know — and what you don’t),

2. The Adaptive Phase (the software tailors the questions to help you improve in the areas where you are weakest), and

3. The Final Phase, which is the ultimate goal, is the Review Phase, which you reach when you have answered each question successfully at least once.

Conceptual Framework, Standards, Standard Setting, and Presentation of Financial Statements

- Process by Which Accounting Standards Are Set and Roles of Accounting Standard-Setting Bodies
- Conceptual Framework
- Financial Reporting, Presentation, and Disclosures in General-Purpose Financial Statements
- SEC Reporting Requirements (e.g., Form 10-Q, 10-K)
- Other Financial Statement Presentations
- Special Purpose Frameworks
Financial Statement Accounts: Recognition, Measurement, Valuation, Calculation, Presentation, and Disclosures

- Cash and Cash Equivalents
- Receivables
- Inventory
- Property, Plant, and Equipment
- Investments
- Intangible Assets: Goodwill and Other
- Payables and Accrued Liabilities
- Deferred Revenue
- Long-Term Debt (Financial Liabilities)
- Equity
- Revenue Recognition
- Costs and Expenses
- Compensation and Benefits
- Income Taxes

Specific Transactions, Events, and Disclosures: Recognition, Measurement, Valuation, Calculation, Presentation, and Disclosures

- Accounting Changes and Error Corrections
- Asset Retirement and Environmental Obligations
- Business Combinations
- Consolidation (Including Off-Balance-Sheet Transactions, Variable-Interest Entities, and Noncontrolling Interests)
- Contingencies, Commitments, and Guarantees (Provisions)
- Earnings per Share
- Exit or Disposal Activities and Discontinued Operations
- Going Concern
- Fair Value Measurements, Disclosures, and Reporting
- Derivatives and Hedge Accounting
- Foreign Currency Transactions and Translation
- Impairment
- Interim Financial Reporting
- Leases
- Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity
- Nonmonetary Transactions (Barter Transactions)
- Research and Development Costs
- Risks and Uncertainties
- Segment Reporting
- Software Costs
- Subsequent Events
- Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Derecognition

**Governmental Accounting and Reporting**

- Governmental Accounting Concepts
- Format and Content of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
- Financial Reporting Entity
- Typical Items and Types of Trans/Events
- Accounting and Reporting for Governmental Not-for-Profit Organizations

**Not-for-Profit (Nongovernmental) Accounting and Reporting**

- Financial Statements
- Typical Items and Types of Trans/Events
## Just Rewrite It

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The ELL Plan™

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Schedule

✓ With the ELL Plan™ you will exceed the recommended 130 study hours in seven weeks.
✓ You will incorporate 25 hours of studying into each week using the Early-Lunch-Late method.
✓ You have an extra five hours of study time built in to allow for the unexpected.

The Early Late Lunch Plan is simple. The sacrifice is not. The idea is that you set a schedule, make a habit of it over the course of the 7 weeks necessary to pull this off.

How it works:

EARLY

Get up 1.5 hours earlier than normal. If you are already getting up at 4, don’t shake your head in disgust. For those who normally get up at 6 or 6:30 am, start getting up at 4:30 or 5. Stumble to the coffee pot (which you loaded the night before) and hit the “go” button.

While the coffee is brewing, go take a quick shower and wake up. Head back to the coffee, grab a cup and sit down at your computer and books (which you also set up the night before).

Study for an hour.

Notice that checking your e-mail, Facebook, sports sites, or news was nowhere in this sequence.

LUNCH

Say no to the co-workers heading down the street to grab lunch and talk about how dumb their boss is for an hour. You take your lunch to your desk (which you also packed the night before). Start eating and hit play on your NINJA Audio.

Your legal pad and pen will get food smears on it while you take notes, as will your mouse, but who cares. Same rule applies as the morning: no e-mail or Internet.

Study for an hour.

LATE

This is where it will differ greatly based on your home situation, based on whether you are single with no children, married with no children, or married with children but your spouse is at home, etc.

Somewhere between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to -11:00 p.m. set aside the time to study. Study at a coffee shop, the library, stay late at work, do it at home...whatever works for your situation.

Study 2 hours.

Do this four days a week. Have lunch out Friday and take Friday night off.

Repeat for 7 Weeks!
Work Day Schedule

- **Friday**: Early
- **Thursday**: Early, Lunch
- **Wednesday**: Early, Lunch
- **Tuesday**: Early, Lunch
- **Monday**: Early, Lunch

Legend:
- Early
- Lunch
- Late
# The ELL Plan™ 7-Week Calendar

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You should complete 20 to 25 Hours of studying per Week to stay on a 7-week track.
## Week 1
- Read 25% of the NINJA Book
- Read all of the NINJA Notes
- Listen to all of the NINJA Audio 2 times
- Take your own notes on all of this

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## Week 2
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**Study Log**

### Week 3
- Read 25% of the NINJA Book
- Read all of the NINJA Notes
- Listen to all of the NINJA Audio 2 times
- Take your own notes on all of this

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### Week 4
- Read last 25% of the NINJA Book
- Read all of the NINJA Notes
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**Week 5**

- **Monday**
  - Early 1
  - Lunch 1
  - Late 2

- **Tuesday**
  - Early 1
  - Lunch 1
  - Late 2

- **Wednesday**
  - Early 1
  - Lunch 1
  - Late 2

- **Thursday**
  - Early 1
  - Lunch 1
  - Late 2

- **Friday**
  - Early 1
  - Lunch 1
  - Late 2

- **Saturday**
  - 4

- **Sunday**
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**TOTAL**

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**Week 6**

- **Monday**
  - Early 1
  - Lunch 1
  - Late 2

- **Tuesday**
  - Early 1
  - Lunch 1
  - Late 2

- **Wednesday**
  - Early 1
  - Lunch 1
  - Late 2

- **Thursday**
  - Early 1
  - Lunch 1
  - Late 2

- **Friday**
  - Early 1
  - Lunch 1
  - Late 2

- **Saturday**
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- **Sunday**
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**TOTAL**

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- MCQ Non-stop
- Take notes where applicable
- Listen to NINJA Audio 2 times

- Just rewrite it.
- Review all of your Keywords and Notes over and over again
You should now be in the Review Phase of the MCQ

1. Find your weakest section, based on your scores, and start there with drilling down into those questions until you are at 70% proficiency or higher.

2. Then move on to your second weakest topic

3. Your Trending Goal this week is to be at 85% or higher.

4. Those who have made it to the Review Phase and are trending at 85% or higher have a 85-90% pass rate.

1-3 Days Before Exam

1. Read NINJA FlashCards over and over again

2. Watch NINJA Blitz

1 Day Before Exam

1. Read NINJA Notes

2. Read your Keywords and Notes

Day of the Exam (try to schedule your exam for around 1:00 p.m.)

1. Do the MCQ of your weakest topic

2. Read NINJA Notes

3. Read your Keywords and Notes

4. En route to the Exam listen to the NINJA Audio topic that is your weakest section

5. At the testing center, in your car, review the NINJA Notes on your weakest topic.