

Disclaimer-Open Book Examinations

PIPFA allows Open Book Exam for specific papers of Corporate and the Public Sector stream. In these Examinations, a student is allowed to bring books (specified and authorized by the concerned authorities) into the examination hall for reference purposes, only. The Allowed Books are limited to those identified by titles, printed in the Question Papers, only, and are mentioned in PIPFA syllabi for Corporate and Public Sector (AGP, CGA, PMAD, PG, PRAD, WAPDA & other Public Sector organizations).

An Open Book Examination is an assessment method designed to allow students to refer to specified books for a particular paper. The Question Paper with Open Book method requires students to apply their knowledge through analysis, critical thinking, reasoning and quoting correct references. It has been observed that the students presume that they will be able to find all the answers in the allowed books during an examination which is misleading on their part.

It is clarified that the questions in open book exams are devised to assess the concepts, interpretations, applications of knowledge and analytical thinking skills of the examinees. The students are evaluated on understanding rather than memorization or reproducing the text from books. In an Open Book Examination, the students are required;

- to apply critical reasoning skills in response to a given scenario.
- to apply and make use of the information from Allowed Books rather than simply locating and re-writing the information.
- to apply material to new situations

The students should not underestimate the importance of preparation needed for an open book exam. They need to prepare themselves how to quickly find the correct reference and its interpretation and usage in the light of given scenario according to requirements of the question.

The students are expected to provide their own commentary on the information for demonstrating their concept and approach towards what they have been asked.
