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CFA Study Materials

Guide: Schweser vs CFAI vs UWorld vs Mark Meldrum

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This guide is designed to be actionable. Each section includes specific data, templates, and step-by-step advice you can apply immediately. Bookmark the sections most relevant to your current stage.

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CFA Study Materials Guide

A comprehensive comparison of all major CFA prep providers to help you choose the right materials.

Provider Comparison

Provider	Cost (INR)	Format	Best For	Rating
CFA Institute	Included	Official	Most comprehensive, can be verbose	★★★★★
Schweser	■25-40K	Notes + QBank	Concise, exam-focused, most popular	★★★★★
UWorld (ex-Wiley)	■20-35K	Books + Videos	Good explanations, clean format	★★★★★
Mark Meldrum	■15-25K	Videos + Notes	Excellent video teaching, affordable	★★★★★
AnalystPrep	■10-18K	Videos + QBank	Most affordable, good for budget	★★★

What's Included Per Provider

CFA Institute Curriculum (included with registration):

- ✓ Complete curriculum readings (3,000+ pages per level)
- ✓ Online practice questions (Learning Ecosystem)
- ✓ Mock exams (1-2 per exam window)
- ✓ Adaptive practice engine

Schweser:

- ✓ SchweserNotes (5 volumes of condensed curriculum)
- ✓ QBank (2,000+ questions per level)
- ✓ 6 practice exams
- ✓ QuickSheet formula reference
- ✓ Video lectures (with Premium package)

Mark Meldrum:

- ✓ Video lectures covering all topics (200+ hours)
- ✓ Summary notes in PDF format
- ✓ Practice questions integrated with videos
- ✓ Live review sessions before exams

Best for Each Learning Style

Learning Style	Best Provider	Why
Visual/Video Learner	Mark Meldrum	200+ hours of clear video explanations
Textbook/Reader	Schweser Notes	Concise, well-organized written summaries
Practice-Heavy Learner	CFA Institute + Schweser	Largest question banks combined
Budget-Conscious	AnalystPrep + CFA Institute	Low cost with official materials
Completionist	CFA Institute + Schweser	Full curriculum + concise summaries

Free Resources

- ✓ CFA Institute Learning Ecosystem (included with registration)
- ✓ Mark Meldrum YouTube channel (selected free videos)
- ✓ IFT (free Level 1 video lectures on YouTube)
- ✓ 300 Hours blog (study tips, strategies, reviews)
- ✓ AnalystForum (community Q&A; and discussion)
- ✓ CFA Society India events (free for candidates)

Level-Specific Recommendations

Level 1: Breadth matters

- ✓ Use Schweser Notes for primary study + CFA Institute for practice questions
- ✓ Mark Meldrum videos for topics you find difficult

Level 2: Depth matters

- ✓ CFA Institute curriculum becomes more important (case-study format)
- ✓ Schweser for review and quick reference

Level 3: Application matters

- ✓ CFA Institute curriculum is essential (essay/constructed response)
- ✓ Practice writing answers, not just selecting them

★ **Discount tip: Register early for CFA exams (■20-25K savings per level) and use the saved amount to buy Schweser or Mark Meldrum.**

Study Strategy & Material Optimization

How to Use Multiple Resources Effectively

- ✓ Primary resource: Use one main source for each topic (don't switch mid-topic)
- ✓ Secondary resource: Use for topics you find difficult (watch videos if text is unclear)
- ✓ Practice questions: Always use CFA Institute's question bank — it's the closest to the real exam
- ✓ Formula sheets: Build your own — the act of creating them reinforces memory
- ✓ Mock exams: Use at least 2 different providers to see varied question styles

Time Allocation by Material Type

Activity	% Time	Hours	How to Approach
Reading/Notes	40%	~120 hours	Primary learning — read actively, take notes
Practice Questions	35%	~105 hours	Active recall — where real learning happens
Mock Exams	15%	~45 hours	Exam simulation — build stamina and timing
Revision/Formulas	10%	~30 hours	Review weak areas and memorize formulas

Digital vs Physical Materials

- ✓ Digital: Better for search, portability, and practice on the go
- ✓ Physical: Better for deep reading and retention (less screen fatigue)
- ✓ Optimal combo: Physical books for initial learning, digital for revision and practice
- ✓ Tablet + stylus: Good middle ground for note-taking on PDFs

Money-Saving Tips for CFA Materials

- ✓ CFA Institute curriculum is included free with registration — don't ignore it
- ✓ Look for group discounts on Schweser (study groups often get 10-15% off)
- ✓ Mark Meldrum offers some content free on YouTube — start there
- ✓ Previous year materials can be used for ~80% of content (core concepts don't change)
- ✓ QuintEdge coaching includes all materials — check if it's more cost-effective than buying separately

How QuintEdge Gives You the Edge

QuintEdge is one of India's fastest-growing finance education platforms, trusted by over 50,000 students across Delhi, Mumbai, and online cohorts. Here's what sets our coaching apart.

50,000+ Students Trained

Across CFA, FRM, ACCA & Financial Modeling programs

88% CFA Pass Rate

Consistently above global average of ~44%

100% Practitioner Faculty

Every instructor works in finance — no full-time academics

4.8/5 Student Rating

Based on verified Google and course-end surveys

What You Get with QuintEdge Coaching

- ✓ AI-powered study notes that adapt to your learning pace and weak areas
- ✓ Live + recorded classes with unlimited doubt-clearing sessions
- ✓ Comprehensive mock exams modeled on actual exam patterns
- ✓ Dedicated mentorship from CFA/FRM/ACCA charterholders
- ✓ Placement support with resume reviews, mock interviews, and recruiter connects
- ✓ Flexible batch timings — morning, evening, and weekend options
- ✓ Study groups and peer learning communities on WhatsApp/Telegram

★ Students who complete QuintEdge's full coaching program pass at nearly 2x the global average rate. Our structured approach eliminates guesswork.

QuintEdge: Programs & Outcomes

Our Course Offerings

Program	Coverage	Highlight	Learn More
CFA Program Coaching	Level 1, 2 & 3	88% pass rate	quintedge.com/cfa-coaching-classes/
FRM Program Coaching	Part 1 & 2	82% pass rate	quintedge.com/frm-coaching-classes/
ACCA Program Coaching	All 13 papers	78% pass rate	quintedge.com/acca-coaching-classes/
Financial Modeling	3-Statement, DCF, LBO	Job-ready skills	quintedge.com/financial-modeling-course-certification/

The QuintEdge Learning Experience

Phase 1: Foundation Building

- ✓ Diagnostic assessment to identify your starting level and knowledge gaps
- ✓ Personalized study plan created by your dedicated mentor
- ✓ Access to AI-powered study notes that highlight your weak areas

Phase 2: Structured Learning

- ✓ Live classes with industry practitioners (not academic theorists)
- ✓ Recorded sessions for revision — watch at 1.5x or 2x speed
- ✓ Weekly quizzes and topic tests to track progress
- ✓ Doubt-clearing sessions within 24 hours of raising a query

Phase 3: Exam Readiness

- ✓ Full-length mock exams under exam conditions
- ✓ Detailed score analysis with topic-wise breakdown
- ✓ One-on-one strategy sessions for the final 2 weeks before exam
- ✓ Last-mile revision notes covering high-frequency exam topics

Phase 4: Career Support

- ✓ Resume and LinkedIn profile review by hiring managers
- ✓ Mock interviews with industry professionals
- ✓ Job referrals through our network of 500+ corporate partners
- ✓ Lifetime access to the QuintEdge alumni network

Student Outcomes

- ✓ Average salary increase of 40-60% within 12 months of certification
- ✓ Graduates placed at Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Deloitte, EY, HDFC, ICICI, Kotak & more
- ✓ Active alumni network of 10,000+ working professionals across 15 countries

✓ 98% of students recommend QuintEdge to peers (NPS 72)

✓ **QuintEdge offers EMI options starting at ■3,999/month. Scholarships available for meritorious students and those from economically weaker backgrounds.**

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