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Sharp Seminars in NY – CFA® Level I Courses

Comments From CFA Level I 2011 Candidates

- Anthony D. "The notes were great. Being that this was the first time learning these topics, the notes gave me the knowledge base needed to pass the exam."
- Oskar H. "Professor was knowledgeable. Small classes made it easy to ask questions."
- John P. "The depth of material provided was good. The constant pace of class required us (as students) to study hard to keep up."
- Jamie Z. "There were no surprises on the exam. You covered all material and put emphasis on the right areas. I thought the instructor was very responsive and helpful. I really appreciate you getting me through Level I."

Comments From CFA Level I 2006–2010 Candidates

- Kim C. "I thought Sharp was a great course and there were no surprises in the exam, based on the material we covered in class. I am looking forward to signing up for Level 2 with Sharp."
- Daniel D. "The instructor went over everything that was likely to be on the test. The instructor worked through examples and problems, which was very helpful. The review class was key in that it tied everything together and had a question on every LOS."
- Chris H. "I am pleased to inform you that I passed December 2008 CFA Level I exam. There has been only a handful of feats that I have accomplished in my life up to this point that parallel this and I am confident that I couldn't have done it without completing your program. To be honest, I don't think I would have known where to start without you. The chapter notes, the practice questions and mock exam were absolutely phenomenal. I will undoubtedly be using your program again and I recommend it to everyone that I speak with who is planning to take the exams. Thank you."
- Brian L. "I passed Level 1. Thank you for the help, and I will be back in class for Level 2."
- Helene T. "I finally passed the CFA I exam after several failed attempts. Your class was the final push helping me to pass the exam. Thanks for everything!!"
- Q.C. Zheng "Thank you for your help! I got >70% in every topic."
- Jennifer A. "Good overall review of the material."
- Henry C. "The notes were helpful, the lectures were key. Also, I thought just going through examples was very important as it helped to identify details that may have been confusing."
- Ralph D. "Problems very helpful for understanding concepts."
- William G. "Thank you for the great instruction I received at your Level I Course. I could not have passed the exam without the course. The SharpNotes were great as well as Last 6 Weeks Review. The new material for ethics and corporate governance was right on the money. See you at Level 2 Course and again, thank you."
- Gregory N. "I think the class was very well organized and well taught. You do a good job of keeping your students on track and help provide the necessary material to pass. Thanks a lot! Wouldn't Have Passed W/out Sharp!"
- Anthony P. "The sample questions were thorough. Covering them, I felt like I was exposing myself to all the important material."
- Stephen P. "I passed the Level I exam. your classes were no doubt a large factor in effort and result."
- John P. "I was prepared for the exam. I passed (70%+) every section."
- Mitchell S. "The structure of the class helped me keep up to date on the material and on course."

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- Katheryn S. "Practice problems are key to success on the exam."
Brian W. "Enjoyed format/pace of Sample Questions class. Practice exam was excellent preparation."

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- Wen C. "Sample Exam Questions are well designed." "This course is very well organized and covers all the LOS for the exam. I think it was very useful."
Kimberly H. "Organization of the material was great — it was a good timeline to work with for the exam. All the practice problems, mock exam questions were extremely helpful in preparation for the exam."
Neal C. "The practice questions and exams. Very helpful! Also, the instructor knew which topics to 'gloss over' and which to concentrate on. This was very helpful from a time allocation perspective. Lastly, the flexibility of the program was crucial — being able to attend alternative classes ensured that one wasn't 'left behind' if he/she missed a class."
Peter G. "The SharpNotes were invaluable. Also, the abundance of questions really helped me to prepare."
Virginia H. "(1) I work better with the gradual pace of the Sharp Courses versus the cram of the one week courses.
(2) Dr. Diamond was excellent — knew the material very well, has a wonderful dry sense of humor, low key approach. But he definitely cared that we studied hard and did well!
(3) The books help explain the concepts very well."
Jasmine Z. "The seminars broke down long complicated subjects into simple, smaller components that were much easier to understand and practice on. The sample exam questions reinforced answers to the Learning Outcome Statements."

CFA Level I 2004 Candidates Comments

- Austin F. "The Notes and questions at the end of chps are extremely good. I liked the problems we went over in class. All in all, great job. Looking forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks for Level II."
Kerry G. "Small size and great professor!"
George L. "Dr. Diamond's understanding of material and willingness to help during the week. Also good about pointing out what to look for on the exam. Dr. Diamond was very good."
John D. "Great course. I found the notes to be both succinct & thorough. The Sharp mock exam was very helpful in preparing me for the difficulty level of the level I test."
Kenneth L. "Thanks! I probably couldn't have passed without your course!"

CFA Level I 2003 Candidates Comments

- Joseph D. "The practice exams were excellent preparation. Overall the course was excellent!"
Eric E. "I liked the format."
Matthew M. "Above 70% on all categories — thanks for your help!"
Joaquim P. "The exam practice and sample questions review courses were crucial for my success in the exam. The exam practice course helped to improve my timing skills when taking the exam. The sample question review covered all the topics required by AIMR." *[Note: AIMR name changed to CFA Institute.]*
Subhanker P. "Thanks for all your help. Just back from taking the exam. I could relate to a huge bunch of questions from the sample question book."

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CFA Level I 2002 Candidates Comments

- Howard A. "I passed, thanks for all your help."
- Andrew B. "I passed. Got over 70% in every category except one. Thank you for your help and notes. They were invaluable."
- Eric C. "I found the SharpNotes invaluable in my CFA Level I preparation. I would, and have, recommend your course to anyone preparing for Level I."
- Benjamin G. "Thank you for all the help last winter and spring. I think there were at least 30 questions that were so easy to answer since they came right from similar questions in the review class. See you for Level II preparation."
- Yuriko I. "I couldn't have done it without your help."
- Chris J. "Course was very useful. Look forward to Level II."
- Anthony M. "Thank you for the review course."
- Ken N. "The course was very well organized and really forced me to start studying early."
- Joseph P. "Thank you for all your much needed help."
- Michael W. "The notes were comprehensive and helpful."
- Sharon W. "Very well organized. Made sense out of a lot of material."

CFA Level I 2001 Candidates Comments

- Sabina B. "Looking forward to Level II courses. Thank you so much! I was very pleased with the pre classes provided by Dr. Sharp, especially the comprehensive summarized material. The speed was just right too. Thank you."
- James D. "I could not have passed without your course. See you soon."
- Seb. G. "Thanks. See you at Level II."
- Brian H. "The class was the deciding factor The SharpNotes are excellent. Obviously, the results speak for themselves, but the pedagogy was a highlight (i.e., I still know the information.
- Tod M. "The Sharp Courses definitely helped me pass the exam. I will be taking some of the Level II courses this year. Thanks!"

CFA Level I 2000 Candidates Comments

- RE: "Thanks for all the help. Look forward to seeing you in the fall."
- MK: "I found the Sharp classes to be an excellent way to prepare. The classes kept me focused and disciplined. I am not sure I would have the same results without them. I look forward to taking your Level II courses."
- SM: "Great review course! I look forward to the fall accounting class as well as #6 and #7 next year. Keep a spot open for me."
- RP: Great class!! Keep up the good work!!"
- RS: Thanks for the help! See you in the fall for Level II."
- NS: "Some extremely helpful insights."
- ST: "Thank you for the excellent seminar and materials."

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- CW: "Great class. Extremely helpful."
YC: "The notes are very good and the lectures mostly excellent."
BF: "Thanks for helping me pass!"

CFA Level I 1999 Candidates Comments

- AP: "I believe your Sharp CFA Level I courses were the best preparation I could have had in passing CFA Level I."
WD: "When studying on your own, it is difficult to know what is important. Your Sharp CFA Level I courses presented the important CFA Level I information concisely and in an easily understandable manner."
TH: "After taking another course, that was terrible, your Sharp CFA Level I course was a godsend in getting me through CFA Level I."
KF: "I found your SHarp CFA Level I courses extremely helpful in preparing for the CFA Level I exam."
KL: "Your Sharp CFA Level I courses were excellent and thorough. I was extremely well prepared for the CFA Level I exam."
CL: "Many thanks for your excellent Sharp CFA Level I courses."
AW: "Your Sharp CFA Level I courses provided the information I needed to pass the CFA Level I exam. Great courses!"
AT: "Two years ago I took your Sharp Level I courses and passed the CFA Level I exam so easily. I thought I could get through CFA Level II on my own. What a mistake! I learned my lesson and will now be back for CFA Level II and CFA Level III."