

# ONE NIGHT STANDS

The one night stand is the "IN" thing now. Here I am talking about the one night stands with the books, of course!! If it was related to anything else, you'd have probably been looking at a caution message (just like the ones you get on your computer). Now let's go back in time, let's say 5-6 years. A few nights before the examination and you're glued to your study table religiously revising your syllabus. The preparations had begun a month ago. We had our rear ends fixed to the chairs. We all did it the hard way. As a matter of fact, that was the ONLY way back then. But times do change and so do people. And so did our methods of tackling exams.

The approach changed over the years in most of our cases, more of it after entering college. But there are some who still slug it out in the old stereotype way... The exams do leave you with tons of memories. The night outs, hanging out at the famous "tapirs", early mornings and those bon appétit sessions. The last night fights for survival!!! You'll remember them all.

But there is a lot more to that last night apart from these happy-go-lucky memories. There are hours of introspection, searching for the books(read G4 and VBD's) in the wee hours when half the world is asleep and the remaining half is just like you, searching for someone who could engrave the entire syllabus into our brains with startling results. There would be times when you are on your phone for hours discussing what to study and if only you had some time.....you would find someone praying to add a few more hours to the night or for a simpler question paper. So much for desperation!

Most of us take our stand the same way-learning one night before, or more aptly, "trying" to learn one night before! But sitting and staring at the question paper the next day is not that much fun. We're oblivious to far too many questions. And in fact, deliberately equivocating on such questions has become an integral part of our answer sheets. Doodling up obscure diagrams and making up answers in our genius minds is an art we have acquired over a period of time. The answer sheets do look like a message from outer space!!

The results are even lesser fun. They vary like the Indian cricket team's performance (had to talk about cricket). It happens due to caprices in teachers' minds or because of our handwriting. Many of us do it the same way but most of us never get the same results!!

Still the one night stands have their own charm. The sudden rushes of emotions they bring with them are unexplainable. There's something that allures us towards them. These words from a Phil Collins song come to mind "give me just one more night."

P.S.: This article itself was written during a one night stand.

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