Mechanisms to get good grades with minimal studying for the exam: PYQs

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Ah, I asked Claude to write a banger heading, but here is my response to the following comment from @subyroy 2/n https://t.co/LHF4uxiDBN

Exactly, except it has evolved into advanced methods; ragging is rare now, as I have seen almost zero. These things are available via google drive and thus don't require everyone to have a connection with their senior, every class has WhatsApp groups so they share it there. 3/n

And even in the class, we have several other groups; the elites would be in one group, the Delhites would be in one group, and the same with Tamils and Biharis; when it comes to categories like upper/lower, they have their exclusive secret groups. 4/n

So, every single individual is part of several groups, which breaks the information flow barrier. For example, if someone got access to the class study materials from some seniors he has two options: 5/n

i) Share it with the class WhatsApp group where every single one of them is there
ii) Keep it to himself and maybe share it with a few of his close friends 6/n

But since it is simply a link and quickly ends up with everyone, also their class reps or those who are going to go for the college politics of getting elected for several roles, they are very cautious with all such kinds of things in order to attract more and more votes. 7/n

Again, whether the question paper would be predictable or not is totally in the hands of professors, but still, it's the fact that they create such paper that truly contains previous years' questions directly or indirectly. More than 70% of the time. But why? 8/n

And thus, one who solves last 5 years' question papers a night before the exam may get more marks than the one who studies for the whole semester except that he/she didn't solve those PYQs of 5 years. This is a really big issue, and why professors do it, I don't understand. 9/n

I used to abuse them initially and sent a lot of emails, etc., to find justice and all, but later on, I too learned how exactly to solve the last five years' paper with 20 more boys in the room sitting to get an explanation from you exactly the night before the exam. 10/n

Yes, if they know that you have studied, they will seduce you by every single means and call you 20 times to come to the war room the night before the exams. This is very vicious. Do you know what answers I got from my professors? 11/n

They said to me, see, if you have to study, you study; we are not in your path, but what can we do to those who have already decided that they won't study, do what you want? We need to make sure that they also pass the exams & get a job! 12/n

@abandopa would refuse, but not all. Even when they speak furiously, they take action, but then they quietly make sure that people pass, and if people don't pass, they may get pressure from HOD and bad feedback at the end of the course. Thus, not all is well.

But rest assured, this is a very bad mechanism since this may lead to bad grades for those who study for the entire semester compared to those who solved 3 years or 5 years PYQs the night before the exam. This is evil. 13/n

So now I have painted a picture that makes it feel like there is no ragging and everything is democratic; it is not; it is somewhere around 40% but not 100%; the flow of information is not 100% democratic. 14/n

At least it was not till the point I was there @iitdelhi, and it was quite clear that it was limited to those who had a connection with their seniors. They could get it but to all. 15/n

I raised this issue in a meeting with the dean of academics of IIT Delhi, and he quite interestingly told me that it would be resolved; we may not be able to ask

every single professor to create unique questions every single year. 16/n

But we can collect question papers from every single one of them, make a repository of it, and post it to students the next year through official channels to show that it gets access for everyone, regardless of whether the student has connections with seniors or not. 17/n

Thus, at @iitdelhi it is being implemented. When it comes to answers to the question, I think ChatGPT is enough to explain. Even if it shows some level of hallucination, it's enough. 18/n