

# Ameer Fazal (PAS) 2nd Position in Sindh, 2011

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**Q: Kindly tells us briefly about your educational background and the achievements?**

**Ameer Fazal:** Since, I belong to rural district of Khairpur Mir's; I got my education there up to the intermediate level. Then, I did B.Com from Shah Abdul Latif University. Later on, I completed Masters in Public Administration with distinction from Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad in 2010. During my university days, I remained active in extra-curricular activities like sports and debates. I remained the best representative of my department and, I also played positive role in student politics.

**Q: Being second position holder in Sindh, how did you plan your study schedule?**

**AF:** After getting degree, I had strong motivation and an ardent desire to appear in CSS exams. Initially, I learnt a lot about tricks and trends of the exam. Later on, the relevant material and able guidance led me to work hard dedicatedly. In addition to that, analytical tools and attempting past papers along with the target to achieve supported me to obtain higher marks.

**Q: What sort of guidance should a candidate seek?**

**AF:** In my view, syllabus should be followed in the light of past papers. However, reading standard books, periodicals and time management will help one to achieve good results, and the most importantly, putting thoughts in order will win admiration of others (examiners and observers). I would say CSS is all about expressing one's opinion in a particular style that would impress the examiner.

**Q: Did you join any academy for the preparation or did it your own. If your own, then how did you manage to achieve this privileged position?**

**AF:** In the beginning, I intended to join an academy but couldn't find any good one. Therefore, I preferred to work on my own. Undoubtedly, the able guidance and sincere supervision were the key factors that helped me make it to the top.

I secured this position by putting faith in my strength and ability which led me to work hard. To attain this goal, standard books for study and perfect time management were my tools for success.

**Q: Did you prefer books or notes or the both?**

**AF:** Books are always authentic stuff than readily available notes. Preparing notes from the books also add a flair and refinement in candidates' thoughts. In addition, these notes are prepared by the people with varied backgrounds. A candidate must read books and magazines. In my view, a book can be used to make notes but, even a bundle of finely written papers cannot turn-out to be a composite book.

**Q: What are the prerequisites of CSS examination?**

**AF:** Passing a CSS exam is a big achievement. Preparation must be initiated with utmost motivation and dedication particularly by those candidates who do not possess strong academic background. Performance judgment through self-assessment and accomplishment of little tasks in time always proves positive. Similarly, command over English language, grip on analytical writing and art of presenting the thoughts nicely in oral exam will lead you to the excellence. In fact, three-hour paper time carries more weightage than three years of preparation. Thus, CSS needs passion and perseverance.

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**Q: What were the strategies to stand out among the rest of students and to get position in CSS?**

**AF:** Everybody strives to seek higher marks and grab a good position. Ultimately, a candidate with focused approach, standard reading and unique methodology carries the title. It is highly important to decorate the paper with one's experiences relating to the society. This comes by reading at least two books and building your opinion about various subjects and topics. Generally, I read two to three books and prepared notes from international writers' books. In public administration, my highest score is glaring example of personal point of view coupled with reading and rationale.

**Q: What combination should the students opt for the optional subjects in order to get higher marks?**

**AF:** The choice of optional subjects should be based on interest, potential and study of previous papers. This is the only decision which determines your destiny. When, I switched from Muslim history to psychology that proved a challenging task as nobody was there to help me. Thus, try to serve your interest rather than following so-called expert advises.

**Q: What are the ways to get higher marks in the written and interview? May I know those scores in detail?**

**AF:** Generally speaking, one can secure higher marks by diverting the examiners' mind towards one's views. Providing analytical and rational opinions reflects your personality, and that will definitely work like magic. My marks are:  
Essay-47, Composition-50, EDS-57, C.A.- 47, P.A. 40, Islamiat-52, Psychology-138 (Part I-68, Part-II-70), Public Administration 79, Sindhi-74, Sociology-58, History of USA-55. Total-697. Viva voc – 198  
Grand total = 895.

**Q: What should be the presentation like (while attempt the paper)? Should one add sub-headings or merely the paragraphs are enough?**

**AF:** The way you attempt a paper is the key to secure higher scores. It always depends upon the mode of question and requirement of the examiner which a candidate must understand. However, adding more sub-headings means elongating the answer which hardly works in effective manner. Hence, the simple strategy is to answer the question as required.

**Q: Do you believe in luck factor in CSS as a number of average students get allocation while the talented ones fail to qualify this prestigious exam?**

**AF:** Luck always comes into play when the efforts and hard work ends. This means luck has prominent role as it always favours those who perform well to achieve their destiny. It plays vital role in oral section of exam that leads to allocation of groups.