



CSS MENTOR



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Selection of optional subjects and command over English are the prerequisites for CSS exam.

Highlight your educational background and achievements in detail.

I have done masters in Physics from Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. After master I was selected as lecturer of Physics in University of Balochistan, Quetta. In 2008, I appeared in CSS exam for the first time but flunked in English Composition paper, so I appeared again in CSS-2009 and secured top position in Balochistan. I am also running my own academy for preparation of CSS named as "Prime Officers Academy, Quetta."

What are the prerequisites for CSS exam in your opinion?

In my opinion for CSS exam the first step should be the selection of optional subjects, and for subject selection guideline is inevitable from those candidates and officers who have already qualified the exam, but also have good scores in different subjects.

I personally adopted the same approach because high score in one or two of your optional subjects will take you to the top position. Secondly, command on English because it is the topmost requirement of any competitive exam and in CSS it is life

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line for a candidate as English is not only required for essay and composition paper but for all papers except Urdu, Arabic, Persian and other languages.

To sum up, selection of optional subjects and command over English are the prerequisites for CSS exam as far as my opinion is concerned.

What are the steps for preparation and how many months and daily hours are required for CSS?

First of all one should completely go through the past papers at least of 10 years because reading of question papers is more important than syllabus. Actually, repetition is there. For instance, the first incorrect sentence of 2009 was also repeated in composition paper of CSS 2010.

Then choose the books according to your subjects. One book policy I mean one book for one subject cannot give you good marks. One should consider at least two books for each subject.

In fact, different books give you different ideas which strengthen your arguments and bring variety in it. As far as span of time is concerned, it depends on the caliber of the candidate because everyone has a different approach and style of studying but in my opinion six to seven months are enough for preparation.

Did you prefer books or notes?

First of all book reading is necessary because only notes given by academies and lectures cannot fulfil all the loopholes. At least to me book reading and solution of past papers are cardinal to achieve the goal.

On the other hand, one should make their own notes especially in bullet form because it will be highly helpful for revision when exam is near.

What combination should students opt for optional subjects?

In fact, this question was repeatedly asked by interview panel even Chairman Rana Baghwan Das asked me why I did not opt Physics because I am lecturer of Physics. I replied that this is game of scores and by opting physics I could not be able to secure high marks.

Instead of Physics I opted Arabic. Although it is not my language but secured 170 marks in it and I prepared Arabic in three months only. So in my opinion for subject selection, one must go thoroughly the whole syllabus and sort out subjects who appeal them then consult seniors and subject specialists then take final decision.

Why did you opt Arabic and obtain high marks?

I opted Arabic after consulting guidance from seniors then I decided to choose it and this decision brought me to the top. I would like to clarify here a misconception about Arabic that paper has to be solved all in all in Arabic.

But this is not the real story—only 30 marks question has to attempt in Arabic and remaining 170 marks in English plus Urdu. Although poetry

is part of the paper but one has the option to solve it either in Urdu or in English.

Moreover, grammar of Arabic is not required. One can overcome the short-comings by consulting a mentor who has grip on Arabic and notes according to the paper.

One thing which can give you good marks that is length you have to



expand your answer. Actually, the technique of the expansion of idea is workable here too.

What are the ways to get higher marks in written and interview? Write down your marks of written and interview in detail.

For higher marks one must write in language of the subject. For instance, if you are solving Islamiyat paper then one should quote Quranic verses, Hadith and related Arabic quotations.

Furthermore, always write to the

point. Do not exaggerate your answer. Your answer must be combination of real facts, references, quotations and a brief analysis.

As far as interview is concerned, it is test of your personality. Don't show artificial attitude and give concrete answer according to your opinion. Remember one thing interview is equally important as written so do prepare for it.

My marks are as follows :

Essay-44, English composition-48, Everyday Science-62, Current Affairs-44, Pak Affairs-40, Islamiyat-66, Arabic (a)-81, Arabic (b)-90, Indo Pak(a)-59, Indo Pak(b)-66, Journalism-54 and Pashto-58, Total:712 , Interview-191, Grand Total: 903.

What are the steps to success?

First step is your determination to achieve your target, and then second important thing is to seek proper guidance, especially while selecting optional subjects because your half work is done when you choose subjects.

Third step is to acquire appropriate books and material for study. Fourth step is time management for preparation and the last step is practice and solution of past papers. In my vision, these are the steps which can bring success for every candidate.

Any Message

I want to give the message if you strongly believe in Allah Almighty and follow the path of Holy Prophet (PBUH) and utilise your potential strength and capabilities that have been given by Allah Almighty, then it will bring satisfactory results for you. Thank You!