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Throw light on your education and achievements.

I matriculated from Central Model High School, Lower Mall, Lahore. After that, I did my inter from FC College. During my studies in school and college, I remained an active player in cricket. I played in U-19 from Sargodha region. Besides, I had been the coach and selector of Mianwali Association. Because of my help in cricket to my cousin Misbahul Haq, he was able to make strides in cricket world. My younger brother is playing in under-19 these days. My family has a passion for cricket. I did my masters in History from Punjab University, Lahore and nowadays, I am doing MPhil. in History.

What are the various factors behind getting high position in PMS?

As far as my preparation is concerned, to the point study and selecting relevant material are very vital for appearing in any competitive exam. If candidates read original source and make their own notes, then they can achieve better results. One should not forget as it is the examination of competing candidates instead of getting a degree.

Did you consult any magazine or current affairs Journal?

I always prefer *World Times*. This magazine is a main source of my knowledge. I consulted the interviews of the top position holders and adopted their strategy. The portion on international and national issues provided me diverse views on different articles.

How should the candidates prepare for this exam?

There are various techniques which play vital role. Firstly, consultation of concerned professors matters a lot. If candidates go for guidance about any subject, the teachers must hold the degree of MPhil. or PhD as their experience helps getting top position in competitive exams. Secondly, students should improve their written expression though at some extent knowledge is counted. Thirdly, taking regular tests before the final exam are very important.

What are the steps for PMS preparation?

Following are the key steps:

- Excellent written expression
- Taking regular test
- Reading newspapers
- Solving the past papers of all subjects
- Simple English
- United and cohesive answers of all the questions
- Proper paragraphing and length of the answers must be same.
- Proper introduction and ending of a question

Which optional subjects would you prefer to secure high marks?

I think selection of optional subjects plays pivotal role in securing good marks in PMS exams. Regarding selection of optional subjects, I would like to

prefer languages like Punjabi, Arabic, Persian etc, Mass Communication, History, Public Administration and Geography.

What is a key for getting higher marks in written?

The candidates must make their own notes and keep revising in a short form. Secondly, while attempting the questions, one should attempt that question which he knows the best. The start and ending of each question should be proper and attractive as examiner usually reads these two things. The candidates should avoid opting for those topics which are unknown to him/her. Critical analysis in the end of each question shows the calibre of a student.

I am highly indebted to my teachers- my father; Dr Li-aquat Ali Khan Niazi, my mother; Tasnim Jahan, Prof Ali Muhammad, Mr Zahid Lodhi, Dr Ijaz Butt and Prof Manzoor Shiekh.

What should be the time span for PMS preparation?

Actually, time span varies from one candidate to another. But average time span should be maximum five months. If time is divided on a daily basis, eight to ten hours are enough for PMS preparation. In this regard, candidates are advised to seek guidance from professors who have done PhD in their relevant subjects. I won't advise academies for preparation of competitive exams.

Do you believe in "Luck Factor" in competitive exams?

I personally believe that luck alongwith your sincere efforts matters. If it is divided, I will say that both contribute fifty-fifty. Actually, my style is bombastic. I usually write bombastic and lengthy English that's why sometimes I get extraordinary marks and sometimes just passing marks.

How to attempt English essay and English composition as majority of the students are unable to pass these subjects?

Whereas, English essay is concerned, the students should make an effective outline which should cover all aspects of the essay. No important point should be missed. Attempt only those essays which are in candidates' grip. Try to write simple English with relevant vocabulary. The students who have done masters in their respective fields should attempt those essays which they think can get good marks.

In English composition, one should have important tips on his fingers how to attempt précis and comprehension. In rest of the portion like direct and indirect, correction, active and passive, one must practise the exercises. Pair of words from the past papers is very helpful for students.



Sometimes extraordinary students cannot qualify PMS while an average student gets allocation. Comment

Definitely, PMS exam is different from other exams. For this exam, students should focus on to the point study. Besides, some brilliant and extraordinary students are unable to qualify this exam. The main reason behind their failure is that their knowledge is not organized and united. So three-hour paper can make your destiny and life.

Any Message

One can achieve a niche in the temple of fame because of his meticulous efforts. The way to success is paved with the roughest and the sharpest stone.