

In Conversation with Merit Certificate Holders
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Ahtasam Ahmad (Roll No. 94924)
Merit Certificate – Functional English

Q.1) What was your source of inspiration to join CA?

I opted for accounting in my O-levels and since then, I have developed a keen interest in the subject. CA being the prime qualification in the field has always been something, I have aimed for.

Q.2) What does it take to be a high achiever?

One just cannot be sure of what it takes to be a high achiever. There is no defined formula except for constant hard work and concentration. Sometimes, the studies can take a toll on you but a determined effort and trust in ALLAH will always see you through.

Q.3) What are your future plans after the completion of CA?

I will establish my own consultancy firm but before that I would like to get some exposure to the practices of some renowned audit firms.

Q.4) What message would you like to convey to the students who would like to, join the same qualification?

I have a lot to say to those who aspire to be in this field. First, you should not listen to those who underestimate your abilities and are constantly against CA. Honestly it is not that much difficult, it only requires your attention and time. Most importantly, before starting CA, prepare yourself to work hard as there would be times when the burden might seem unbearable, but believe me, it is all worth it.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

I would like to believe that I am good at the theoretical part of studies but at the end of the day, you are as good as your efforts.

Q.6) Generally what are your thoughts and impressions about CA qualification?

CA is one of the most complete qualification, which allows you to diversify in various sectors of the corporate world. This certification is obviously quite rewarding not only in Pakistan, but also globally.

Q.7) During your study period was there something you struggled with, such as a specific technical issue or time management etc.? If so, how did you manage to overcome this difficulty?

At the beginning, I had problems managing my time because in college we are used to study at the end but here, it requires a more disciplined study routine. So, I started dedicating a part of my daily time to studies. This proved to be beneficial for me and at the end; my hard work bore its fruits.



Ahmed (Roll No. 96029)

Merit Certificate – 'Business Communication' and 'Quantitative Methods'

Q.1) What was your source of inspiration to join CA?

CA is one of the most prestigious and lucrative profession in Pakistan. Apart from this fact, accounting has always been my favorite subject.

Q.2) What does it take to be a high achiever?

The key to achieve success, in my opinion, is to plan your work from day one. Planning your studies in a way to cover each and every topic while giving due importance to areas which are highly tested. Most importantly you need to do daily revision.

Q.3) What are your future plans after the completion of CA?

I have not thought about the future but hope to excel at whatever I do.

Q.4) What message would you like to convey to the students who would like to, join the same qualification?

Before joining it, you need to be determined and ready to work extremely hard since it is one of the most challenging qualifications.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

My strength is that I am good with numbers and retention.

Q.6) Generally what are your thoughts and impressions about CA qualification?

No doubt, it is one of the most challenging and toughest certification and requires a lot of effort but nothing is impossible and with hard work and determination anything can be accomplished.

Q.7) During your study period was there something you struggled with, such as a specific technical issue or time management etc? If so, how did you manage to overcome this difficulty?

Alhumdillah, I faced no such difficulty.



Muhammad Ahmed (Roll No. 95181)

Merit Certificate – Introduction to Information Technology

Q.1) What was your source of inspiration to join CA?

I studied pre-engineering in HSSC and was interested in science too, but then one of my HSSC teacher gave me some knowledge about CA and I was truly inspired by the charm and hardships of CA. In short, my teacher was the inspiration for me to join this field.

Q.2) What does it take to be a high achiever?

A very difficult question to answer, for me, it took everything I was able to contribute. IT was my weakest subject and I was afraid whether I would be able to clear it or not so, I started to give major chunk of my time to this subject and by the Grace of ALLAH Almighty I had been blessed with such overwhelming result.

Q.3) What are your future plans after the completion of CA?

As such, I do not have any précised plans but I wanted to start CFA after completing my CA.

Q.4) What message would you like to convey to the students who would like to, join the same qualification?

I welcomed every companion who is filled with determination. Ceaseless effort is all it takes to be a shining star.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

Everyone has some strong and weak points, as per my case, I think my retention power is one of my academic strength.

Q.6) Generally what are your thoughts and impressions about CA qualification?

Before entering in this field, CA was like a nightmare for me but now, I take it as a challenge, a challenge to prove myself. CA is not just a qualification; it's a lifestyle for me. I'm proud to be a part of this extraordinary qualification.

Q.7) During your study period was there something you struggled with, such as a specific technical issue or time management etc.? If so, how did you manage to overcome this difficulty?

I do not face any prominent technical issue but it was really difficult for me to manage time. To overcome this issue, you have to manage your time in a proper manner.



Simran Balani (Roll No. 95182)

Merit Certificate – Introduction to Information Technology

Q.1) What was your source of inspiration to join CA?

What fascinated me in CA is that this is the most promising and highly demanding profession. People crave for such high opportunities and the bonanza it gives in return.

Q.2) What does it take to be a high achiever?

Truly speaking, more than handwork, it's the faith and confidence in me that allowed me to excel. Then it was planning. It's the self-assurance that took me to the path and boosted up my morale to put in all my efforts to accomplish my goals.

Q.3) What are your future plans after the completion of CA?

My future plans are clear. I have set a target of clearing my CA papers in first attempt. As we all know that chartered accountancy is the core of all business either big or small. It can be very challenging for me but above all it's really rewarding.

Q.4) What message would you like to convey to the students who would like to, join the same qualification?

My message to the students who have enrolled themselves for this certification is that now, if you have opted for it, stay calm and enjoy this roller coaster to the fullest and try to acquire as many opportunities as you can. Be an optimist and take your failures as feedbacks.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

As far as I believe in my potential to keep work and life balanced, in other words the balance in study and life which has let me manage things smoothly. It is believed that a student of CA can't find time to enjoy his life due to loads of assignments and assessments but, I totally disagree. My time management provides me the zeal of learning and takes me to zenith.

Q.6) Generally what are your thoughts and impressions about CA qualification?

CA is all about confidence. To succeed on this platform, one should not get upset or impatient on small failures. After all, it's the failure that strengthens and allows one to achieve success. The unique feature about CA is its curriculum, which is theoretical with complementary practical training. This balanced approach can help students in underlying practical applications of this profession.

Q.7) during your study period was there something you struggled with, such as a specific technical issue or time management etc.? If so, how did you manage to overcome this difficulty?

Time management is one of the major things to tackle in this field. I had times when I got frustrated and isolated as I could not manage time to meet friends or even talk with family members but one should never give up and try to manage time in studies and life.