

In Conversation with the Gold Medalists and Merit Certificate Holders

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AmeenaKhatib Foundation Gold Metal - Financial Accounting Module-C, and Merit certificates - Financial Accounting and Taxation Module-C.

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

My first source of inspiration to join CA was my father who belongs to the same profession. Later on, I took Accounting in A Levels and found it interesting so that I decided to join CA.

Q.2) What does it take to be a gold medalist?

It requires determination and preparation. Determination comes from your resolution to understand each and every concept of the subject thoroughly and not just cram it. Preparation covers both getting a grip over different types of questions and learning the examination techniques.

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

I have certain alternatives in mind and have not decided yet. However, I would prefer to become a financial consultant.

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

There is no better qualification than CA. Make your mind and shape your study plans accordingly so that you can avail maximum exemptions upon joining CA and complete it within reasonable time.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

I have always been a punctual and attentive student. Learning concepts thoroughly and compiling my own comprehensive notes are my academic strengths.

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

CA is one of the best qualifications keeping in mind professional excellence and job security. Moreover, it is quite achievable despite the general perception in the outside world.

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?

Initially, the language in Taxation Laws was a bit difficult to understand. However, through constant revision and practice, I overcame this problem. Moreover, I also faced time management issue in Financial Accounting. To remove this issue, I used to monitor my speed while doing questions at home and gradually it improved.



Faryal Khan (Roll No. 4080448)
Merit Certificate - Functional English Module-A.

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

I wanted to be a dynamic accountant. Chartered Accountancy provides the ability to choose an exciting career path towards the industry anywhere in the world, as it is a globally recognized qualification.

Q.2) What does it take to be a High Achiever?

Endowing full attention towards the subject and keen interest in learning are essentialities to be a high achiever.

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

I will keep enhancing my accounting knowledge as well as over all skills set to remain my options open. I hope to work on some projects overseas, which will provide a broader outlook of the business.

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

Students must choose CA because this qualification offers more opportunities and flexibilities than any other degree. People have a stereotypical view about accountants that they are limited to sort of 'debit, credit work' but in today's rapidly changing world; Chartered Accountants are more like business advisers.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

I am self-motivated to pay full attention to achieve my goals. Some other academic strength may include self test taking skills, hard-working and perseverance.

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

CA is a premier accountancy qualification and provides a solid foundation for a business career. It keeps my options open as it is an internationally recognized 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?

The time management has remained an issue with CA students because every subject requires adequate time to study/revise besides regular class schedules. But it can be cover-up by abandoning extra curriculums.



Syed Iftikhar Ahmed (Roll No. 4080465)
Merit Certificate - Quantitative Methods Module-A.

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

I came to know about this profession during my schooling where career counselors used to tell that this is a challenging profession and there were not many chartered accountants in the work force of our economy so it is a very lucrative qualification. There is not exactly any person that was my inspiration but the unmatched success of this qualification.

Q.2) What does it take to be a High Achiever?

To become a high achiever is an achievement that everyone dreams about but it demands exceptional determination to reach towards the much desired results. High achiever must aim for excellence and devise plan of action for self assessment of performance. One can be successful only after pushing boundaries and introducing new definition of perfection.

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

I have some knowledge and experience of actuarial sciences. In future I hope to add another direction in order to broaden my horizon.

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

This qualification is for those who have the right determination that would take them through a tough journey ahead.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

My academic strengths mainly involve mathematics, creative problem solving, learning new concepts and good writing skills.

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

CA qualification is famous within and outside the country and people admire chartered accountants.

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?

One technical issue I came across was the difference between the suggested answers published at the website and given by my teachers.



Ahsan Ali(Roll No. 4079102)

Merit Certificate - Introduction to Economics and Finance Module-B.

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

To me the degree itself was a great source of inspiration as it is the toughest and highly rewarded degree in Pakistan. So I came up with to challenge this task and with the blessing of Allah Almighty, I succeeded.

Q.2) What does it take to be a High Achiever?

I believe commitment and self-motivation are extremely important for achieving an objective. You need to set a goal and try to pursue it through hard work. Consistency is the key and one should put in his /her best efforts and then pray to Allah for His blessings.

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

Well, I do not have any specific plans right now. It all depends on how things go. It could be like joining any leading firm delivering my best. After gaining practical experience, I may start a business venture or setting up own firm.

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

CA is a prestigious qualification. It opens the door to a vast range of exciting career opportunities in business and finance. CA gives enough insight to start your own venture. So, passionately join this vibrant field.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

Quantitative subjects remained a prime interest throughout my education career. I feel ease whilst tackling problems which have some quantitative touch.

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

After coming this way I realized CA gives not only knowledge and insight but maximum exposure to the corporate world. It has the most rigorous and long-standing courses of study along with mentoring and examination in a systematic way. CA has broaden my horizons and brought a major shift in my personality as well.

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 came in this field by choice so whenever I faced any study related issue I loved to tackle it by trying it over and over again until it was resolved. And of course teachers' quality guidance was always there to help me.



Muhammad Rizwan Farooq (Roll No. 4079871)
Merit Certificate - Introduction to Financial Accounting Module-B.

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

The thing which inspired me most to join CA qualification was its worth in the growing environment of business, I found it to be according to my taste as it involves business law, taxation, business behaviour, accounting, audit etc.

Q.2) What does it take to be a High Achiever?

One must have keen interest in the field to achieve something and work hard to reach that goal. For me it was my teachers especially my accounting teacher, classmates, parents and friends prayers which contribute a lot and of course with the blessings of Almighty Allah that I got merit.

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

After the completion of CA I wish to start work in the field of Taxation, as our economy is suffering heavily due to lack of an ineffective tax system. so I wish to introduce some effective taxation system in my country.

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

CA is not as much difficult as people talk about it. A student can easily qualify it if he or she shows a firm determination and hard work in the field as nothing is possible without hard work.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

I joined CA qualification after completing my F.Sc, so hard working is my core strength.

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

Generally I thought CA to be highly technical and interesting 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?

Accounting, M.Law and Economics was new to me as I came from science background and found all to be a bit difficult. But I followed my teachers and utilize my time wisely to overcome all the problems.



Prem Kumar(Roll No. 4078550)
Merit Certificate - Mercantile Law Module-B.

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

There are some professions which are respected and honored by people and CA is one of them. It is the most challenging profession so I decided to join this because I like to play with challenges. One more reason is that it provides opportunities of employment in multiple fields also.

Q.2) What does it take to be a High Achiever?

I was expecting merit in M. Law or FA1. When I got this achievement, I was excited about my expectations that didn't go wrong. This achievement put my confidence to new levels and boosted my morale.

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

At the present time, I have no clear-cut plans regarding my future after completion of CA. I want to do MBA. The synergic effect of both the qualifications (CA and MBA) will definitely enlighten my future with brightness.

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

CA is not as tougher as it is said. Those who want to do CA, before joining, must analyze themselves that what they think, they can do it or not! they should take guidance from their teachers, other CA students, counselors at RAET's and other people in their circles. The one who is having no tensions can do CA much more easily than others.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

My academic strengths include good common sense, expertise in solving mathematical and logical problems, good in writing, reading and understanding etc.

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

I have very clear-cut thoughts and impressions about CA. This profession can make your life, it requires hard work, planning, time management, and studying techniques. In the end, a line from my heart, "CA empowers you and makes your life successful".

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 had not many issues during my studies. However, there are some issues within which I struggled a lot, and tried to make study plans and this helped me a lot to do my work on time.



Salima Mohammad Ali(Roll No. 4078874)

Merit Certificate - Business Communication and Behavioural Studies Module-C.

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

Both of my sisters chose MBBS as their career and I wanted to be different. Because of the status, prestige and opportunities associated with it, I opted for CA as my destiny.

Q.2) What does it take to be a High Achiever?

Smart study, right direction, effective time-management, self-confidence and most importantly Allah's support and parents' prayers.

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

Besides professional practice, I wanted to work for an NGO, probably for Women's Rights. I also enjoyed teaching as a part timer.

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

Never ever give-up. Be consistent. CA is for those who accept and respond to challenges, are self-starters and can manage time and stress exceptionally well.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

Consistency, clarity of concepts and commitment.

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

It's not a mere certificate; it's a visa of success. It brings out the best in you. You enter as a student and exit as a MASTER PIECE.

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 an issue when you have three comprehensive subjects but making daily, weekly and monthly schedules really helped me to cater all three of them simultaneously.



Junaid Basharat Hashmi(Roll No. 4074390)
Merit Certificates - Company Law and Information Technology Module-D.

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

It was my parent's dream to do CA and my inspiration was to fulfill my parent's wish.

Q.2) What does it take to be a High Achiever?

I believe Determination and Dedication is the key to becoming a high achiever. If you follow your aims with dedication and remain determined in achieving them, success comes your way.

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

I plan to pursue the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) program, prior to a professional career with a reputable institution.

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

Don't shy away from the tough examination system and low passing percentage. If I can achieve this, you can do it as well. All you need is commitment and hard work.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

I believe that I am a quick learner with good analytical and problem solving skills but my biggest strength is creativity and out-of-the-box thinking.

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

It is one the most prestigious and rewarding qualifications with recognition around the globe which produces high caliber professionals who can compete with the world's best accounting and finance professionals.

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?

There was nothing in particular that I struggled with. However, covering the syllabus in time and managing the three hours examination time were definitely a challenge.



Murtaza Quaid (Roll No. 4074159)
Merit Certificate - Auditing Module-D.

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

I always wanted to pursue some extraordinary career and after many career counseling sessions with my teachers and relatives, and finally I took up CA as it is the toughest but highly rewarding field.

Q.2) What does it take to be a High Achiever?

Proper planning and prioritization of studies, efficient utilization of time, smart working, high level of commitment and discipline are very important. Strong revision before examination is essential. Supervision of experienced teachers is the most important too.

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

After CA, I plan to pursue teaching as my career. I also plan to carry out some social service program in order to educate the underprivileged class of our society who cannot afford the education of their children.

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

No doubt, CA is a challenging field but it is not something impossible to achieve. It promises great respect and prestige but requires high level of dedication and discipline. Have good teachers, be punctual, manage and plan studies appropriately with great discipline to be successful.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

What makes me achieve a merit certificate are my meritorious teachers. I am very thankful to all my teachers for their hard work and support, which helped me utilize my strengths and achieve a big success. Furthermore, I am a person comfortable with quantitative subjects that has helped me throughout my academic career.

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

Being a Chartered Accountant offers more than just a globally respected post-graduate qualification. It marks the beginning of a journey that could lead to exciting career opportunities both at home, and around the world; a career that could take you straight to the top of the business world. Chartered Accountancy is a rewarding career and has excellent prospects for employment in industry.

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 mostly faced difficulty in revising the syllabus, But I overcome it with proper planning and scheduling, and through making summaries and focusing on core areas.



Hanzala (Roll No. 4075136)
Merit Certificate - Cost Accounting Module-D.

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

Initially one of my teachers introduced me about the profession later on as I proceeded in my education I came to know more about the profession that is its demand, its global acceptance, and no unemployment therefore my choice was strengthened.

Q.2) What does it take to be a High Achiever?

Its your commitment,hard work, passion, and determination combined with grip on the underling concepts.

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

After completing CA I am willing to help those who have will, passion and ability to join this profession but are not able because of their financial position.

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

First evaluate yourself to ensure you are able to face hardships of this profession and make decision after due consideration but after making decision don't loose hope and stick with the target of completing CA.

Q.5) What are your academic strengths?

From my intermediate I am good in accounting and practical subjects. I find easy to tackle practical subjects then theoretical.

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

My thoughts about this qualification are good enough. Although this profession is difficult but it provides you greater reward after completion.

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 specific for every person. You need to recognize your strengths and allocate time accordingly.