

**Interactive CSS seminar series by School of Governance and Society
(SGS), University of Management & Technology 2022**

**“A CSS information session by SGS in collaboration with Lahore
School of Competitive Studies (LSCS)”
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Since its inception, the School of Governance and Society (SGS) is working on its mission as to equip their students with emerging trends, skills and information associated with industry specifically related to the competitive examinations. In this regard, SGS has started CSS relevant seminar series; recently, an informative session in collaboration with Lahore School of Competitive Studies (LSCS) held at UMT. The guest speakers were:

- i. Mr. Azhar Hussain (Former Secretary Higher Education Department, Punjab),
- ii. Mr. Imran Zahoor (PhD scholar in IR),
- iii. Mr. Anas Butt (PMS-2020 English Essay topper), and
- iv. Ms. Sara Leone (Assistant Commissioner Bhera).



They discussed different aspects of Central Superior Service (CSS) including basic induction requirements, preparatory phase, job practicality, perks & privileges, and its contemporary challenges. Mr. Azhar Hussain enlightened the students about entry level guidelines given by Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) with special focus on the MPT (MCQ based preliminary test). He also expounded the importance of 'English Essay' and 'right selection of optional subjects' in this highly competitive examination. Afterwards, Ms. Sara Leone elaborated the different practical manifestations of Civil Service of Pakistan in the capacity of work-life balance. She said that: "CSS is a lifestyle; it changes your life to a great extent".

Moreover, another guest speaker Mr. Imran Zahoor brilliantly gave a brief synopsis regarding the preparation of the CSS examination by recommending relevant national and international books, research articles, reports and inter alia. It includes Governing the Ungovernable by Ishrat Hussain, World Order by Henry Kissinger, Pakistan: A Hard Country by Anatol Lieven, Pakistan: Beyond the Crisis State by Maleeha Lodhi, Constitutional and Political History of Pakistan by Hamid Khan and many more. He emphasized on four contours: skills, knowledge, planning and attitude and preferred critical discourse analysis, evidence-based opinions/thoughts, proactive & analytical approach, resilience & consistency to opt for the journey of CSS. Lastly, Mr. Anas Butt illustrated the three important key elements: articulation, expression and logical treatment of Essay topic in order to get a good score in English Essay.

Additionally, the seminar was concluded by Question(s) and Answer(s) session as students asked queries related to occupational groups, techniques to tackle English subject, selection of optional subjects and management of knowledge. The Director of School of Governance and Society (SGS) Dr Aisha Azhar gave the concluding remarks by appreciating the efforts of guest speakers and committed to continue these seminar series in upcoming months as well.



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