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Initial Interview

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Personality Development Resources

- How to improve spoken English: <https://youtu.be/zfzCd4KbMjc>
- How to improve body language: <https://youtu.be/sBWMVrJgFKw>
- How to improve low confidence: <https://youtu.be/7dWuFGya8CE>
- Leadership through act of kindness: <https://youtu.be/foj88kRCITM>

Initial interview for Army Courses is based on short session comprising 5-10 Questions. As per information gained from Army official website during 2020, each candidate will be given marks out of 20. A candidate securing less than 10 marks will be considered failure and will not be given Inter Services Selection Board (ISSB) form.

Areas to be Assessed

- Expression and confidence.
- Adequate Knowledge about current affairs.
- Adequate knowledge about Geo and Pak Studies.
- Overall outlook.
- Extracurricular activities include sports and hobbies.
- Any other aspect as deemed appropriate by the Panel.

Sample Questions

- **Personal Life:**
 - Family information ie. Information about father and siblings
 - Meaning of your name.



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- What are your favorite subjects and why?
- Why you are not good at some subject?
- Why your performance deteriorated in FA/ FSC (compared to Matric)
- From where you have completed your matric education?
- Which subjects you like/ dislike and why?
- What are you doing these days?
- What are your future plans other than joining the Armed forces?
- What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- Why you are joining armed forces?
- **Current Affairs:**
 - What does ISI and RAW stand for.
 - Which is capital of Sri Lanka and France.
 - What are five wonders of the world.
 - Approx. how many people have died due to Covid-19.
 - What does COVID-19 stand for.
 - What is fifth generation warfare.
 - What is CPEC and roles of countries involved in it.
 - What does ISSB and Wifi stand for.
 - Who is chief of Army Staff.
 - Major political parties in Pakistan and their heads.
 - How many / which countries are there in SAARC / OIC/NATO / D8.
 - Who is captain of Australian / Indian/ Pakistan cricket team.
 - When did Pakistan last win hockey world cup.



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- Where and when next Olympics are scheduled to be held.
- What does PSO, OIC, NATO, UNESCO stand for.
- **Islamaiat**
 - What is the difference between Nabwi and Hijri
 - What are the total numbers of Surah in the Quran
 - Recite Ayat-ul-Qursi
 - In which Hijri Ghazwa-e-Badr were fought
 - What are meaning of Tauheed
 - What do you know about Zakat
 - Translation of surah kausar
- **Geo and Pak Studies**
 - What was the name of wife of Quad-e-Azam
 - When was minar-e-Pakistan made and for what purpose.
 - What is old name of Faisalabad and Sahiwal.
 - Name any 6 rivers of Pakistan.
 - What does NADRA stand for.
 - Who is heading Jamat-e-Islami of Pakistan.
 - Name any 4 countries of Europe.
 - In which direction the rivers in Punjab flow.
 - Name few missiles held with Pakistan and the ranges of these.
 - Name any four countries located North of Pakistan.
 - Name 3 cities of Kabul / Iran.
 - Which is the longest river in Pakistan (any idea about its length).
 - How many prime ministers have been there in Pakistan?



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- Name people who go Nishan-e-Haider.
- What is duration of National Anthem of Pakistan, who wrote it.
- Where is Faisal Mosque located, when made, who designed it.

Initial Interview Guidelines

○ **Suggested Dress**

- Dress-Pant, dark color may be dark blue, black or brown
- Shirt, light blue or white or light brown color.
- Or shalwar Qameez of decent color with waste coat.
- Formal Shoes.

○ **During Interview**

- Enter the interview room with faith in Allah and self-confidence.
- Listen to the questions carefully and give relevant answers.
- The candidate must answer questions in an easy and natural way.
- Be smart in answering but don't be clever
- Don't try to prove your intelligence.
- Should be sensible and wise and display energy, remain lively.
- Use simple and right words while answering questions.
- Be sharp, should not pause for a long time.
- Keep eye contact.
- Don't be defensive, admit mistakes, if these are there.
- You should bluff or go for a hazard guess if you are unknown to some question or don't know an exact answer, you don't know something correctly, own it.