1 –

I am studying Systems Development and Analysis (IT Analysis), my college is public because I cannot pay for private education and I am not working at the moment. In addition, the certificate costs US $ 200, and today our (real) currency costs 0.20USD, which makes the certificates very expensive for me (1002.00BRL - a monthly minimum wage). My family does not have high financial conditions, earns about US $ 800.00, the expense I have to study and live is practically the price of the certificate, making payment impossible.

In this moment of crisis and pandemic the financial situation is getting worse, here in Brazil we are all in social isolation, not being able to work, so my family is not receiving the salary and the government does not give us any financial aid, making it difficult to pay for certified.

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I'm aiming to become an all-around IT developer and analyst with focus in AI and Data Science, and am developing my final academic work on AI, getting this certificate will add more knowledge and help me finish my academic work in addition to improving my professional curriculum. This certificate will help me to prove potential employers to look at my curriculum differently. I don't have many certificates because I tend to use more reading material to study, and there's no way to prove that I indeed read completely and made all exercises for some book and the courses that have a certificate are courses that need to be paid and many of them are not able to appeal for financial assistance, this makes it impossible to obtain certificates even from my country. Additionally, foreign certificates are worth much more in my country, also thanks to the use of fluent English to learn.

With this certificate I'll certainly stand out, compared to the other candidates for a job and it will certainly help me to get a specific job for AI, and this is the area that I want to work professionally.

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I'm planning to do this course at least 2.5h a day, 6 days per week. I'll take notes and repeat every single lesson until I have absorbed it completely.

I tend to take notes on the computer and in paper too, that way I can absorb more than just from hand copying, because I'll use my notes reading out loud the whole material and it's keywords.

My main plans are based on making a very strict routine with my cellphone, computer and reminders to help me - the goal is to learn as much as possible, to really get everything I can out of this experience.