



1 What were the basic mantras of your success?

The basic mantras of my success were regular study and strengthening the basics concepts.

I completed the syllabus beforehand and thus got much more time to practice questions which also helped me in the exam.

2 Tell us about yourself, your educational background and your hobbies

I am currently working in Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO) as a software engineer in Bangalore.

I completed my dual degree (BE. in Electronics & Instrumentation and MSc. in Mathematics) from BITS Pilani in 2015.

My hobbies include playing badminton, listening to music and reading novels.

Apart from this I also have a keen interest in solving mathematics puzzles.

3 When did you decided to take up Actuarial professional course?

I have always had keen interest in mathematics, particularly statistics. In my college final year I came across the Actuarial professional course through some of my friends and that is when I decided to pursue it.

4 How did you come to know about the ACET?

I came to know about ACET through my peers in college.

5 How much time do you think one requires for serious preparation for this exam?

Preparation for this exam depends on your academic background. I being from an Engineering as well Mathematics background was fairly proficient with the topics, therefore, it took me about 3 to 4 weeks of regular study for preparation of exam.

6 How did you start preparation for the ACET?

I studied from FAC pack & STAT pack while solving numerous problems.

I concentrated on each topic and prepared short notes with important formulae.

The study material provided by ACET was well structured and contains detailed explanation of each topic, so I didn't feel the need to refer to any other sources.

7 Which is the most difficult part of this examination and why? What was your strategy to tackle this difficult part?

I found integration and regression particularly difficult and my primary strategy was to spend more time solving problems from these topics.

8 Did you prepare notes? How helpful are the notes? What is your advice on notes-making?

Yes I prepared short and organized notes for important formulae and they were quite helpful for speedy revision. My advice on note making would be that it should be small, precise and quick to revise.

9 How do you visualize your success?

ACET is doorway, and hence, my first step into Actuarial profession. Being the topper has indeed been a morale booster motivating me to pursue this course with enthusiasm. I will work hard for coming actuarial exams.

10 What were your strong points which enabled you to achieve success in ACET?

My interest for Mathematics along with my ability to stay focused were the strong points for my success. Also having appeared for many competitive exams, my time management skills got enhanced.

11 How do you think you can add value to the Actuarial Profession?

I am passionate about making data-driven decisions. I like analyzing mathematical problems in great detail. Actuaries involve studying the past data and predicting the future which totally aligns with my interest. I think with my logical and analytical abilities

I can provide a wide range of ideas to solve critical problems.

12 Are you working somewhere? Describe a typical work week?

Yes, I am working at Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO) as a software Engineer. FICO is a software company which is known for FICO Score, a measure of consumer credit risk. My work involves gathering as well as processing data about consumers from banks and credit bureaus which is then used to compute FICO Score.

13 What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about numbers, analyzing data and solving complex problems.

14 Behind one topper are many people who stood by him/her during those uncertain times when he/she was merely an 'aspirant'. Who were those people in your case? Any specific incidence that you would like to share with us?

My parents and my elder brother have played a vital role in my success. They have always believed in me and motivated me at every step. Also, my friends have been quite helpful. I thank them all for their love and support.

15 What are some of the mistakes that an average aspirant can avoid for better time management? What is your message for them?

I think the time given to finish the exam is sufficient to solve all the problems. Just read all the questions carefully to avoid silly mistakes. Keep calm and concentrate on your work and focus on one question at a time.

16 Any comments on your experience with ACET process.

ACET process was very smooth, right from filling the application form to conducting exam and releasing results. Apart from this the study material provided was excellent.