I recently cleared the Microsoft Azure fundamentals certification (AZ-900) and when I shared the news with my friends & colleagues, I was amazed to know that many of them were interested to do this certification, and had many questions regarding the same. So I thought to write a small blog sharing my experience, hoping it could benefit many of us.  
  
**About AZ 900 exam**  
  
This exam requires to understand the basics of cloud concepts, Azure Services, Pricing, SLAs, Support Options etc. It is around 1-hour of online exam with around 30 questions. Most of the questions are multiple choice, with True / False, and Fill in the Blanks (Options provided). Each question out of 30+ questions, may have 1-5 separate small questions within it. We need to score 700 out of 900 to pass the exam. You pass or fail is decided immediately and shown to you on screen, as soon as you submit the exam. I received the online certificate and transcript within 5 minutes passing the exam.   
  
**Who should take AZ 900 Certification?**  
  
This is meant for anyone who has to do anything with Azure (either in present or planned / aspired in future). You can consider taking it if you want to learn everything about Azure (not in depth but covers the entire width of it). So if you are a developer starting on Azure, or a Project manager, Delivery Manager, Sales person, Scrum Master, BA etc., you can consider taking it and you will not just know about Azure, but definitely feel glad to be MS certified.  
  
**About my exam experience and home exam challenges**  
  
There are two option to take the exam, either from home or Pearson Vue center. We need to register via MS website, and it costs around 4500 INR.  
  
To give the exam from home, and before we pay and register for it, we should do our system check (MS website has link to do it). This ensures that our computer and internet connections meets all conditions of appearing in test from home. If system is found incompatible on exam day, all fee is wasted.   
  
We need to login 15-30 mins before the exam start time on the exam link shared in email (when we register and pay for it). Once we login for exam and before the exam starts, we need to share our photo, pics of our ID and room (all 4 sides around our computer and chair). It is needed that nobody else comes in room or any other noise comes even from outside. There should be no stationary, books, etc. in room, it should have all 4 sides closed with doors/ walls. We cannot sit in our balcony or garden to appear for exam 😉. We are also not allowed to leave our chair or speak during the exam. Room should be well lit, and tea/ coffee/ smoking / is obviously not allowed. I am not sure about water, though I avoided it.  
  
I gave the exam using TCS provided prepaid Voucher code and appeared in online proctored exam from home, scoring 880 out of 900.

**How to prepare for the AZ 900**  
  
TCS provides good training if you are nominated, and sometimes free vouchers as well. Reimbursement is always an option if your supervisor approves beforehand.   
  
Otherwise, best training material is on **MS docs website** and its free 9 hours of learning / reading path. If you don’t know anything about Azure or Cloud, it may take you focused 18 or 27 hrs to read and understand all this. <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/certifications/exams/az-900?tab=tab-learning-paths>  
  
Another best course I prefer is on **Udemy** – 6 hrs of video learning. Course by Scott Duffy. Its free for TCSers. <https://tcsglobal.udemy.com/course/az900-azure/learn/lecture/14964458?start=0#overview>  
  
For **Practice tests**, you may refer to Udemy – Scott Duffy <https://tcsglobal.udemy.com/course/az900-azure-tests/learn/quiz/4700490#content>  
  
If you score 85% + in all 3 tests above, and understand the concepts well, I tihnk you should be able to pass the exam easily. After lot of learning and practice, I was still a bit worried, but during the exam, felt that, its actually easy.