

Urdu transcript:

پاکستانی نوجوان ملک میں ہائے اسکول کی تعلیم کے بارے میں

نجان: کراچی کے دو اسکولوں میں میں نے پڑھا ہے ایک اسکول کا نام تھا

City School

اور پھر

Karachi Grammar School

میں پڑھا۔

Cambridge University

آکے

Host

کرتی ہے

O levels

اور

A levels especially

اس

Region

میں بہت

Popular

ہیں تو ہم لوگ سب اس ہی

System

میں تھے تو ہم لوگوں نے وہ ہی دیئے دو تین سال کا

Course

ہوتا ہے اور پھر اس کے آخر میں ہمیں امتحان دینے ہوتے ہیں اس کے حساب سے ہمارے

Result

آتے ہیں دو تین مہینوں میں

انٹرویو: تو آپ نے

O levels, A levels

دونوں اس ہی اسکول سے کیا ہے؟

نجان: نہیں

A levels

میں نے

Grammar School

سے کیا آخری دو سال

Grammar School

میں گزارے باقی میں گیارہ سال

City School
میں تھا

انٹرویور: ابھی آپ کالج کہاں پڑھ رہے ہیں؟

نجوان: میں
Connecticut

میں
Wesleyan University
میں پڑھ رہا ہوں

انٹرویور: تو آپ نے یہ کیوں
Choose

کیا کے باہر جا کر پڑھیں بنسبت اپنے ملک میں؟

نجوان: کیوں کہ امریکہ کے تعلیمی اداروں کا معیار پاکستانی
Colleges

اور

Universities

سے بہت بہتر ہے۔ اور اگر آپ کے اوپر کسی

Foreign institute

کا ٹھپا لگ جائے تو یہاں پہ بہت سہولت ہوتی ہے نوکری ڈھونڈنے میں یا اپنے

Career

کو اگے بڑھانے میں

انٹرویور: آپ کا

Major

کیا ہے وہاں؟

نجوان: مجھے ابھی پتا نہیں ہے

نہیں پاکستان اپنا

Inter board

کرتا ہے اس کا

Equivalent

ہی ہوتا ہے پہلے

Matric

کیا جاتا ہے پھر

Inter

کیا جاتا ہے لیکن وہ اتنا

Internationally recognized

نہیں ہے پہلی بات کے اگر میں

Inter

اور
Matric
کر کے
Apply
کرتا امریکہ تو شاید مجھے داخلا نہ ملتا بلکہ مجھے نہ ملتا۔ میں اچھی طرح یہ بول سکتا ہوں
Confidence
کے ساتھ کیوں کہ یہ اگر باہر کا کوئی ادارہ آکے امتحان لے رہا ہے تو وہ اس کو زیادہ
Authentic
سمجھتے ہیں

انٹرویو: پہلے تو بہت لوگ
Inter, matric
کر کے باہر گئے تھے اب ایسا کیوں نہیں

نجان: اس کا معیار وقت کے ساتھ گرتا جا رہا ہے جیسے ہمارے اسکول مین ایک خاتون ہیں
جو
Counselor
ہیں

Mrs.
احسان الدین تو انہوں نے بہی
Inter matric system
ہی کیا تھا اور پھر اس کے بعد وہ
Cambridge University
گئی تھیں
Literature
بڑھنے

And that is a huge university... so
اس وقت اس کا... اس کی تھی
Credit

اور مانا جاتا تھا۔ خیر وہ تھیں بھی بہت
She was a very dynamic person I might say but
لیکن اب وقت کے ساتھ... اسل میں تھوڑا
Corruption

کی وجہ سے آپ آرام سے پیسے دے کے
Paper out

ہو جاتا ہے اور پیسے دے کر آپ اپنے
Paper re-check

کرا سکتے ہیں اگر آپ کا کوئی ہوا ہو جس کو
Source

کہتے ہیں اور... اس ہی لیے وہ اچھی طرح مانا نہیں جاتا اور ہماری
Society
میں

Class
کا
Issue
بھی اگیا ہے کے
Lower classes
کے بچے
Generally
کرن گے
Inter matric
اور
Middle class
اور
Upper middle class
جس سے میں بھی اتفاق کرتا ہوں وہ عام طور پر
Inter matric
نہیں کریں گے کیوں کہ
Status symbol
پن گیا ہے
O levels, A levels. International recognition
کے سوا

It's a status symbol. I mean if your kids are doing inter matric then you are considered failed parents if your in that strata of society.

English translation:

I have studied in two schools in Karachi; one was called City School and then Karachi Grammar School. The Cambridge University hosts O-level and A-level exams. They are especially popular in this region. So we were all enrolled in that system, so we all took those exams. The course is two to three years long at the end of which we have to take the exams. Then we get our results in another two to three months

Interviewer: So did you do your O- and A-levels from the same school?

Teenager: No I did my A-levels, my last two years of schooling from Karachi Grammar School for eleven years before that I was at City School.

Interviewer: Where do you go to college right now?

Teenager: I study at Western University in Connecticut

Interviewer: So why did you choose to go and study abroad instead of staying in your own country?

Teenager: The standard of educational institutions in America is much better than that of institutions here in Pakistan. And if you do study abroad then it becomes very easy to get a job here.

Interviewer: What's your major at college?

Teenager: I don't know yet. Pakistan has its inter board which is equivalent to the O- and A-level system. First you do your matric then you do your inter, but this system isn't internationally recognized. First of all, if I did my inter and applied abroad, I probably wouldn't get in. In fact I'm sure and can confidently say that I wouldn't get in. This is because exams hosted by a foreign institution are considered more authentic.

Interviewer: Earlier, a lot of people who had an inter degree could and would go study abroad. Why this is not the case anymore?

Teenager: This is because the standard of the system is falling with time. For example, there is a lady in our school who is a councilor, Mrs. Ahsanuddin. She did her inter and went to Cambridge University to study English literature and that is a very huge university. So at that time, the system so much better and more recognized. Except she was herself a very dynamic person, but with time the system has deteriorated. Actually, because of corruption, you can give money and get to know the exam questions before time. You can pay to get your exam paper rechecked if you have a "source" as they call it. This is the reason why it's not recognized. Also in our society there is an issue of class: children from the lower class do their matric and inter. Children from the middle and upper middle class, the class I identify with, generally do their O and A levels. They don't do inter because the O level system has become a status symbol. Apart from the international recognition it has this system has also become a status symbol in society. I mean if your kids are doing inter matric then you are considered failed parents if you from that strata of society.

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