

Urdu transcript:

کراچی کے آئی بی اے کالج کے طالب علم اپنے تعلیمی اداروں کے تشویش ناک حالات پ

انٹرویور: آپ کا نام کیا ہے؟

طالب علم: معز علی خان۔

انٹرویور: اور آپ کہاں پر پڑھتے ہیں؟ کس کالج میں؟

طالب علم:

IBA, Institute of Business Administration... and basically I started after my A' levels after a gap year. I did two years of A' levels, one year privately. And I came to IBA, this is my second semester over here. Basically, I wanted to do business that's why I'm over here right now. My dad wanted me to do engineering but at the end of the day it's my choice, so I took up business. That is why I'm in IBA.

انٹرویور: آپ کون سی کلاس میں پڑھتے ہیں؟

طالب علم:

First year but in the second semester right now.

انٹرویور:

IBA

کیوں۔ اس کالج میں کیوں؟

طالب علم:

Why IBA? Because I was planning to go abroad. But if you have to go, you have to go through; no car. No family. And you have to live off an allowance over there. So I decided to stay in Karachi. I would've gone to LUMS but it's the same choice, because if you're going, you should go for like a purpose. And Lahore what's the use? I might as well go to America. So in Karachi the only good university for business is IBA. And that's the only uni my dad would allow me to go to. Parental problems Pakistan میں ہوتے ہیں۔

انٹرویور: آپ کو اس کالج کے بارے میں کیا پسند ہے؟

طالب علم: مجھے اس کالج کے بارے میں کیا پسند ہے؟

Basically the people I guess the only thing I like about IBA is the people. That they are sophisticated and they come from good families. Most of all the fact is that. In fact that's

the only thing. There is nothing good to eat. There are no good teachers. There is no good education. There is no good infrastructure no facilities. (inaudible)

انٹرویور: اچھا۔۔۔ میں آپ سے پوچھنے والی تھی کہ
what do you feel could be better about it, but I think everything could be better from what you said.

طالب علم:

Oh a lot of things can be better. First of all there should be something for entertainment, for which there is nothing, by the way. There is only a table tennis table which looks like its been made from a board or something cardboard

سے بنا کر رکھی ہوئی ہے

Basically

کھانے کے لیے

There is nothing to eat over there. Once at like 1 o' clock

بریانی آتی ہے

But by 1: 05

وہ ختم ہو جاتی ہے۔

So that's a five minutes interval

جس میں آپ کو بریانی لینی ہوتی ہے۔

And entertainment... oh teachers. Let's forget them. They are biased. They are rude. They can't teach. They have no knowledge and they haven't done their PhDs. They are just like basic in training. They don't know anything. They are just literally I think like four years elder to me. And that's the age of my friends by the way because I did three years, so I'm a bit senior to them all in my class.

انٹرویور:

Are you being impartial or ahh...

طالب علم:

Impartial to whom?

انٹرویور:

I mean are you giving an objective view of what's going on?

طالب علم:

I'm giving a very true view of what's going on in IBA. That... definitely they have no standards. I don't know why they have been here for the past 50 years or something... more than that I guess. But they haven't set up anything properly. It's a very honest view. It's not even objective. Sorry objective I guess. Very honest.

انٹرویور:

Do you think lack of funds

کہ وجہ سے یہ ہوتا ہے کہ ویسے ہی

Administration

بہت زیادہ۔۔۔

طالب علم:

The administration is corrupt so obviously, yeah, there is a lack of funds. But more than that for 50 years if you take a little bit even a little bit it will change a lot. They haven't done anything over the past years. They City Campus is open for quiet some time and there is still nothing over there. No different programs, no variety. It's just a three year program BBA-MIS is new and BCS.

انٹرویور:

What's MIS?

طالب علم:

MIS is basically an honors course and BCS is about computer sciences and everything. MIS is a bit more difficult than (inaudible word). I do know that it has advance courses in it. And that's the only difference as far as I know. Nothing else.

انٹرویور:

So you're obviously

آپ

Satisfied

نہیں ہیں اس اسکول سے بالکل بھی۔

طالب علم:

Satisfaction

کی بات جہاں تک اٹھتی ہے

Then

ہمیشہ میں ایک بات جانتا ہوں کہ پڑھائی جو ہوتی وہ بندے کو خود کرنی ہوتی ہے

Teacher

جتنا بھی پڑھا لے ہم کو جو پڑھنا ہے وہ ہم خود ہی پڑھیں گے۔ تو

IBA

میں یہ ہے کہ

Teachers

پڑھائیں یہ نہ پڑھائیں مجھے اتنی پروا نہیں ہے۔ مگر آخر میں آپ کی زندگی میں زیادہ ضروری

ہے میرے خیال سے

Education

تو ہے ہی خیر۔ مگر زندگی زیادہ ضروری ہے۔

That's why I'm here.

میں نے اس لئے کہا تھا کہ میں باہر اس لیے نہیں گیا تھا تاکہ میری زندگی زیادہ آسان ہو۔

And I'm much happier over here. So I guess that's the reason I stayed over here.

انٹرویور:

Coursework

کیسا ہوتا ہے جیسے

Presentations

ہوتی ہیں

Papers

ہوتے ہیں؟

طالب علم:

Presentations are fun definitely presentations are fun over here and the fact is that teachers are very few that know how to make presentations.

مگر

Presentations

میں مزہ آتا ہے ایک حد تک

Because

ہمارا

Group work

ہوتا ہے

Being with friends and then, you know, you work together that's one way you learn very well.

مگر

Other than that the homework and the assignments, they are all for nothing I guess.

Because

جتنا مجھے معلوم ہے میرے

Assignments last year

جو ہیں میں نے خود نہیں

Submit

کیئے تھے صحیح طرح۔ مگر تب بھی میرے انیس۔۔۔ بیس میں سے انیس آگئے

I don't know how.

میرے خیال سے

Assignments grade

بھی نہیں کرتے

They just ask you to collect them

تو وہ بھی کوئی

System

نہیں ہے ادھر میرے خیال سے۔

Coursework: 40 courses out of which I think only seven are worthwhile

جن کے اندر

You can actually say that you are doing something

کچھ ہو رہا ہے کہ چلو یار میں کچھ سیکھ رہا ہوں باکی میں سوچہ رہا ہوں یار

میں دماغ کے بارے میں پڑھ رہا ہوں اور مجھے ڈاکٹر بنا نہیں ہے میں

Cerebral cortex

کیوں پڑھ رہا ہوں؟ مجھے اتنا کچھ تو کرنا نہیں ہے

If you are teaching human behavior and social psychology

تو میرے خیال میں آپ کو وہ ہی پڑھانا ہے

Not out of the topic, just basic text and everything. There is no practical experience most of all

یہاں کچھ

Practical experience

نہیں کرا رہے

Knowledge is whatever...

انٹرویو: لیکن آپ کے اور

Coursework

میں

Initially

آپ کی کوئی

Requirements

ہوتی ہیں؟ کچھ چیزیں آپ کو کرنی ہوتی ہیں

You know like electives

ہوتے ہیں؟ پھر

Core requirements

ہوتی ہیں

طالب علم:

Yeah electives

ہوتے ہیں

And basically

ہمارے

Electives choose

کرنے کے لیے

The most... The funniest thing, I think which was very frustrating by the way I found was

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In order to choose my elective, which I wanted to choose IR, international relationships, because that was like an interesting thing I ended up choosing general history because my teacher, Petunia Robotka, is supposed to be a lenient teacher and gives good grades. So I had no choice. I took that subject even though I hate history. It's been my worst subject since like... it used to spoil everything. I used to fail.

اور اس کے باوجود میں نے آخر میں جا کہ

History

ہی

Choose

کیا ہے

Teacher

کی وجہ سے تو یہ

Problem

بھی ہے کہ

at the end of the day
آپ کے
Marks
پے آپ کو دیہان دینا پڑتا ہے آپ کی
Education
سے زیادہ۔

English translation:

Interviewer: What is your name?

Student: Moiz Ali Khan.

Interviewer: What college do you study at?

Student: IBA, Institute of Business Administration, basically I started college after my A levels after a gap year. I did two years of A levels, after which, I studied one year privately.¹ And then I came to IBA. This is my second semester in IBA. Basically I want to study business that is why I'm in this college. My dad wanted me to study engineering but at the end of the day it's my choice. So I decided to study business. That is why I'm in IBA.

Interviewer: So what year are you studying in?

Student: I'm in first year, but second semester.

Interviewer: Why did you choose to enroll in IBA? In this college?

Student: Why IBA? Because... I was planning to go abroad, but if you go abroad you have to go through (giving up) your car and family, and you have to live off an allowance over there. I could go to LUMS but if you're leaving Karachi then it should be for a good purpose. If I was to leave Karachi I would rather have gone abroad. And in Karachi the only good university for business is IBA. And that is the only university my dad would allow to be to go to. There are parental (permission) problems you face in Pakistan.

Interviewer: What do you like about this college?

Student: What do I like about this college? Basically, I like the people I guess. The only thing I like about IBA is the people. They are sophisticated and come from good families. In fact, that is the only thing. There is nothing good to eat. There are no good teachers. There is no good education, infrastructure, or facilities. (Inaudible)

¹ It's become commonplace in Pakistan for student's to not enroll in schools and take examinations for the O and A Level privately through the British Council (different from the local education board)

Interviewer: I was going to ask you what you thought could be better about IBA. But it seems that a lot could be better from what you just said.

Student: Oh, a lot of things could be better. First of all, there should be some form of entertainment, of which there is nothing at this point. There is one table tennis table which looks like it's been made out of cardboard. There is nothing to eat on campus. The *biryani*² comes at 1:00 and is over by 1:05. Oh, teachers, let's not forget them. They are biased, rude and they can't teach. They have no knowledge. They haven't done PhDs; they just have some sort of basic training. They don't know anything. They are literally almost four years elder to me. And that's the age of my friends. Because I did three years of A levels, so I'm older than most people in my year.

Interviewer: Are you being impartial?

Student: Impartial to whom?

Interviewer: I mean are you giving an objective view of what's going on?

Student: I'm giving a very true view of what's going on in IBA. They definitely have no standards. This college has been around for the past 50 years or more and yet they haven't set up a proper system yet. It's a very honest view.

Interviewer: Do you think these problems exist due to a lack of funds? Or is it the administration that is very...

Student: The administration is very corrupt so there is obviously a lack of funds. But more than that, I feel that for 50 years even if they made little changes it would matter a lot. But they haven't done anything over the past 50 years. The City Campus was started a while back, but there is nothing over there. There are no different programs, no variety. There are just three year programs: BBA-MIS, which is new, and BCS.

Interviewer: What's MIS?

Student: MIS is basically an honors course. BCS is about computer sciences. MIS is a bit more difficult than (inaudible words) I do know... it has advanced courses in it. That is the only difference as far as I know. There is nothing else.

Interviewer: So you are obviously not very satisfied?

Student: If you talk about satisfaction... there is one thing I know for sure, if you want to study you will study on your own. It doesn't matter what the teachers do it all depends on you. So that is the thing about IBA, I don't care if the teachers don't teach. I don't care about that. But I think eventually your life is more important. Education is definitely important but life is more important. That is why I'm here, that is why I didn't go abroad because my life is better here. I'm happier here. And I have more comforts.

² Pakistani dish of rice cooked in a spicy curry

Interviewer: What is the coursework like? Do you have presentations, paper...?

Student: Presentations are definitely a lot of fun. There are very few teachers who have presentations. But presentations are fun because there is group work. Being with friends, working together is always fun. I feel you can learn a lot from group work. But other than that the homework and assignments really don't matter. Because I know last year I submitted very bad quality work but I still got 19 out of 20. I don't know how. I don't think assignments are even graded, they are simply collected. So there really isn't a system in place for regulating grades. Coursework... There are 40 courses out which I think only seven are worthwhile, from which you can actually say you've learned something. For the others...take for example I'm studying about the brain, I don't want to be a doctor, why then am I studying about the cerebral cortex? If you are teaching human behavior and social psychology then you should teach just that, not things that are unrelated. Most of all, there is no practical experience here. There is only text book knowledge.

Interviewer: In your coursework are there any pre-requisites? For example are there electives and core requirements?

Student: Yes there are electives, but the most important consideration when picking an elective... the funniest thing, which was also frustrating I think, was that I wanted to choose IR, International Relations, as my elective because it was interesting. Instead I ended up choosing General History, because the teacher, Petunia Robotka, is supposed to be lenient, and gives good grades. So I had no choice, I took that subject, even though I hate history. It's been the subject I'm worst at since O' levels. I used to fail history and it ruined everything. And despite that in the end I chose history only because of the teacher. This is a problem; good grades are a more important consideration than your education or interest.

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