

TOPIC: WHY STUDENTS FAIL IN CSS?

➤ Introduction:

A man once went to Birbal, upset that people mocked him every day on his way to work. “I feel like giving up,” he sighed. Birbal simply smiled and said, “Tomorrow, carry a tumbler full of milk. Make sure not a single drop spill.” The next day, the man returned surprised. “Strangely, no one taunted me today!” Birbal chuckled, “Oh, they did. But you were so busy guarding the milk that you didn’t hear them. That’s the secret—when your mind is fixed on your goal, the world’s noise cannot shake you.” Every CSS aspirant, just like the man, face numerous hurdle and challenge amidst this grueling journey but the only way to achieve the destination is through persistent focus and determination. The major reasons behind the aspirant’s failure are extensive syllabus, overwhelming guidance, scatterbrained study approach of graduates, fierce economic realities and overburdening social pressures.

➤ Reasons of failure in Competitive Examination:

1. Extensive nature of syllabus calls for long and attentive study hours

- Equally important 12 subjects with lengthy syllabus
- Every subject has distinct jargons to remember
- Exam tests both memory and analytical ability

2. Overwhelming guidance sources creates misguidance

- Plethora of information
- Different approaches of tutors
- Students focus on quantity vs quality

3. Scatterbrained study approach of graduates

- University curricula weaken problem-solving abilities
- Non-adherence to a single study approach
- Erosion of confidence in the absence of immediate results

4. Fierce economic realities of students elevate competition

- Mass unemployment increasing number of aspirants every year
- Lack of capital for entrepreneurship

- CSS is seen as a shortcut way for success

5. Overburdening social pressure hampers productivity

- Competition culture among desi parents pertaining to their children
- Domestic responsibilities on women
- Tough love strategy and over-romanticizing of success by Asian parents

➤ **Recommendations:**

1. Integration of smart study approaches in the curricula of school, colleges and universities
2. Centralized resource platform by FPSC
3. Skill-oriented University curricula
4. Government should expand job opportunities in public-private sector
5. Parental awareness campaigns and gender-sensitive policies

➤ **Conclusion**