

QMG Final Test Prep

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Date: Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 12:34:51 PM

Subject: Re: QMG Final Test Prep

Dear Prof. Asea,

I do not think that these *ad hominem* attacks on my character are appropriate for someone in your position.

I requested study material to help me and my classmates perform on the exam to the best of our ability. I am disappointed - though hardly surprised - by your responses.

In any event, this email exchange has been productive to a certain extent.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

David

On Sat, Jan 10, 2015 at 12:13 PM, Patrick K. Asea <pasea@auaf.edu.af> wrote:

I have not forgotten anything. 57% is a very weak score even if it was the third highest score. You have an inflated self-ego that is totally groundless based on your performance. I have seen hundreds of student in my 20 year career and you are clearly in the bottom of the distribution. I am not intimidated by you and your arrogance. The fact is you are just a student and a very weak student at that and you have no business trying to challenge me or tell me what I need to do in my class or what materials I need to prepare. I will not tolerate your rude, disruptive and crude behavior. If you thought you could push me around you are mistaken.

On Sat, Jan 10, 2015 at 11:57 AM, David Fox <dfox.mba@auaf.edu.af> wrote:

Dear Prof. Asea,

You may have forgotten that I received the 3rd highest exam grade in the QMB mid-term, an exam that many (most?) students failed.

Judging from your last email, I can only assume there will be no study guide, no practice exam or questions, and perhaps not even the provision of the lecture slides related to Crystal Ball.

Thank you for the clarification.

Sincerely,

David

On Sat, Jan 10, 2015 at 11:52 AM, Patrick K. Asea <pasea@auaf.edu.af> wrote:

Take whatever action you want. I do not answer to you or your rude and insolent emails. I am also not concerned at all about about your so-called Marketing materials. This is a QMB class. You are (or used to be) a student in this class and from your performance a very weak student. So stop trying to threaten me or tell me how to do my job.

On Sat, Jan 10, 2015 at 11:14 AM, David Fox <dfox.mba@auaf.edu.af> wrote:

Dear Prof Asea,

I have taken this last month to launch Afghanistan's first market research and advertisement tracking agency. You can take a look at the attached company profile and make a judgement yourself about whether or not I have used this time productively.

I am not particularly concerned about what expectations you had for the students of this MBA class. In my view the expectation that a group of highly-motivated and skilled MBA candidates would spend an entire month preparing for an exam is quite unreasonable.

I have a staff of nine to manage and reports to deliver to clients - I don't have the time for further email

exchanges in which I am antagonized and belittled.

I would like you to go on the record, in writing, to let us know if you are or are not going to provide study material for this exam, along with a comprehensive list of what material will be considered testable.

If you are not, then this class has the right to know so that we can take appropriate action.

Sincerely,

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On January 10, 2015 at 10:37:00 AM, Patrick K. Asea (pasea@auaf.edu.af) wrote:

Dear David,

The Fall 2014 semester ended abruptly because of security issues. The university scheduled the QMB500 Final Exam to be held just 3 days after the last class. I felt this was unfair to MBA students and not conducive to learning and so I decided to give you an extra month between the last class and the final exam to give you more time to prepare for the final exam. This was supposed to give you an ADVANTAGE in that more time to prepare should result in greater mastery of the subject matter and thus better performance in the final exam. I expected students to form study groups, review the powerpoint material, read the book carefully, solve problems in the book, consult me or Mohabbat for any difficulties and practice Crystal Ball during this 1 month. From your email it appears that the opposite has happened. You appear to have wasted the extra time and with 1 week to the final exam you don't even seem to have read the 2 chapters that the exam will draw from. That is quite unfortunate. Those who attended my last 3 lectures and Mohabbat's recitation session in December know what Crystal Ball is. Those who have read Chapter 5 know what Crystal Ball is used for. I made it very clear that Chapters 4 and 5 will be covered in the final exam and that Crystal Ball is definitely part of the exam. As I have said many times, I expect graduate students to act as such, to attend class, to have initiative and self-drive and to strive to master the material.

Patrick

On Fri, Jan 9, 2015 at 8:44 AM, David Fox <dfox.mba@auaf.edu.af> wrote:

Hello Prof. Asea,

I hope your holiday has been pleasant and productive.

In light of the fact that there has been a full month between the last round of lectures and this upcoming QMB exam, I wanted to ask what kind of resources we will be provided to help us refresh the material.

As I have written you before (and I believe my email was a topic of conversation in class), the provision of a practice test with detailed answers is, in my view, the best means to review content, internalize the formulas and problem-solving methods, and determine areas of weakness.

There are practice questions and answers in the Financial Accounting textbook, but not in the QMB textbook, so I feel like it is particularly important that these resources be provided to students for this course.

Also, I am still not entirely sure what Crystal Ball is, and how it relates to the final exam.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and good day.

Sincerely,

David

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