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Q: I have masters degree in Physics with specialisation in Electronics. Previously, I worked in Pakistan as a physics teacher. Since the last five yrs, I have been working as a government employee in Dubai with a department concerned with the traffic system. These jobs are based on management of an outsourced system, follow up for maintenance & operation for client. What field is suitable for me here to further my education? — *Khalid Ansari*

A: You seem to be keeping the roads of Dubai very safe. I am sure it is quite a task to manage such a sophisticated system with so much traffic. From what I understand, you seem to have an excellent proportion of technical skills required to do the job and more with a Masters degree. The trend with a lot of professionals at your stage is to find ways to perform better in their new found or

upcoming roles involving managerial positions.

Given the amount of work outsourced and the level of follow-up and operational supervision required, I would recommend you to you consider something on the lines of a management degree. A general MBA would be an ideal qualification to pursue as it will enhance your capacity on the job, managing your relationships with clients as well as enable you to progress up the organisational ladder. An MBA is generally designed for people without prior management education and a lot of professionals from technical disciplines choose to study it as it provides an excellent grounding and future prospects.

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