



CATKing IIM Kozhikode WAT PI Workbook

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IIM WAT and PI is conducted across India at Bangalore / Delhi / Kolkata / Hyderabad / Mumbai.

This Booklet gives you the Candidate Profile also in most cases, for you to understand the Personal Interview and relate to it better.

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3. SOP / Application Forms (Check out Jagesh Golwala (IIMA), Raj Doshi (IIMA), Jay Gosalia (IIM B))
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Summary- What IIM Kozhikode looks for?

- Excellent Academic, cocurricular and extracurricular Background
- Work experience
- Gender and academic Diversity gives an edge
- Personal Interview Evaluates Candidates on Qualities of – Focus, Clarity of Thought, Learnability, Ethical Dilemma, Ability to handle pressure, Decision making skills, Discipline

Prerequisite

- Form to be Submitted (Interview)
- Resume (not mentioned, good to carry)
- Original Documents along with photocopies

Insights - Writing Ability Test

- **Time Allotted:** 10-30 minutes
- When given an abstract topic time allotted is less
- When given a specific topic for in-depth analysis time is given separately for ideation and writing

Sample WAT Topics -

1. Unethical practices by doctors are increasing. Provide some solutions to improve the current scenario.
2. It is better for old people to live in retirement homes away from rush of city. Do advantages of living in retirement homes outweigh the disadvantages

Insights - Interview

- **Interview time** - 20-30 Minutes. (Sometimes as low as 10 mints)
- **Interview Panel Details** - 2 to 3 people (Professor and Alumni)
- **Interview Type** - Detailed Interviews check your perspective, thought process, interests and knowledge
- **Interview discussion Pointers** – (as per IIM-I experiences of last five years)
- Be completely prepared with anything and everything on the form.
- They will go into details of everything you speak about in the interview. (level1- what do you know about Indian Economy level2- what do you think about GST, level3- how has GST affected the sector you work in).
- They can ask about your hobbies and interests.
- It is absolutely fine to ask for time before you answer (they often expect you to think about a solution when they ask you about a problem at hand).
- It is fine if you are anxious and you need not portray a brave face being real with your emotions is better.
- Be prepared to answer everything about you work experience or about your favourite subjects if you are a fresher.

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Interview Experience – 1

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both male panelist

P1-How to pronounce your name "sanyam"(smiled)

M-Told him

P1-tell me something about yourself which not in data form

M- sir I would like to tell how I got my name "sanyam"

P1- sure tell us

M- told them

P1- what does your name means?

M-sir patience

P1- then we must have called you in last(smiled)

M- sir that would have also worked(smiled)

P2- sanyam why don't you first get some work experience then pursue mba

M- told them I don't want to risk this opportunity

P2- but sanyam, in mba you mostly learns from your peers, you will be learning from a person from Microsoft or Amazon, but what will the be getting from you.

M- sir I have been positions of responsibility where I learnt a lot of things and have experiences from them

P2- what sort of positions you held

M- sir I was headboy of my school in grade 11 and 12

P2- laughed and said that is what everyone says, tell another

M- sir I co-founded table tennis club at my college and was a member of event managing team

P2- again laughed and said, every 1 in 3 students have done that, what is unique about you? that will Other peers learn from you.

M- sir I have a practical and hands on experience of financial markets and risk management through my equity trader experience of 3 yrs

P2- when did you started trading?

M- sir in 2022?

P2- how much year old were you in 2022?

M- I fumbled and said sir 18 yrs

P1- but here it says you were born in 2002 , than how could you be 18

M- sorry sir I misinterpreted, I was 20 years old.

P2- tell me the strategy, how do you tack trades?

M- sir I was primarily focusing on technical analysis and used to analyse past time trends, use indicator and identify patterns.

P2- smiled and said that's very broad give me specific strategy

M- sir like head and shoulder pattern

P2- interrupted and said tell a strategy which involves indicator

M- sir then I would like to mention golden crossover.

P2- what is it?

M- explained it to him

P2- which time frame you work on

M- sir I work on 4hour or 1 day time frame

P2- how could that be possible for intraday trades

M- sir I used to take intraday earlier but currently I am doing swing trades

P2- tell difference between these two

M- explained

P2- then what is diff. B/w BTST and intraday

M- fumbled a bit but explained

P2- do you know about bolllinger bands?

M- yes sir I do know

P2- explain it to me

M- explained him

P2- then he asked something technical about that indicator

M- sir I was not frequently using bollinger bands, but I was using rsi , pivot points and moving average

P2- tell me sanyam ho do you decide a support of stock

M- you can use pivot points for that

P2- why does that zone act as a support

M- explained as bulk buying orders are placed at that price

P2- then currently in stock market why those supports are not working

M- explained FII are pulling their money out from Indian market

P2- why is that happening?

M- sir one of the reason is that , they are seeing better opportunity in america than India, because since trump came into power, he has managed to create a image of usa as a great market and he participated actively with Elon Musk which also attracted capitalist

P2- but we recently heard than tesla's share are falling.

M- sir that is due to global economic slowdown

P2- really

M- yes sir even indian economy is also facing economic slowdown

P2- but market saw a rise before 2 days why was that?

M- I was thinking

P1- was it due to india winning semi finals(laughed)

M- no sir their were other reasons and told reasons.

P2- then you must have also made money that day

M- sir I was travelling so it was not possible for me to trade.

P2- but you got ample opportunities in last few months, you must have made a huge profit

M- sir the market was not favorable with my trading style, It was falling down and we can't short in cash segment in intraday trades.

P2- you can short in cash segment

M- no sir we can't, we can only short in cash segment in intraday trading only.

P2- we can sanyam

M- no sir we can't.

P2- tell me what is call option

M- answered

P2- gave some scenario and asked will we be making profit?

M- answered

P2- what is put option?

M- answered

P2- gave another scenario and asked for profit

M- answered

P2- what is theta decay?

M- answered

P1- tell me sanyam what are bull and bear terms used in market

M- answered with animal's behaviour

P1- we respect your answer, but why not any other animal - rat or cat or dog, why only bull and bear.

M- sorry sir I am not aware of that.

P1 - sanyam your are a mathematical genius 😊

M- it is not so

P1- tell me what is Newton raphson method?

M- sir.. (I was thinking)

P1- are thinking how is Newton related to mathematics, he is from physics na(and smiled)

M- I know sir that he has given many physics principles

P1- then tell what is this concept

M- sir I am not able to recall

P1- I know, nobody will be able to answer, he is a physics guy(laughed), then tell me what is bernoulli principle?

M- sir that is also a concept from physics

P1- I knew it you will answer this (smiled), do you know bernoulli application in mathematics

M-

P1- you know about bernoulli series?

M- sorry sir not able to recall

P1- know about Taylor series?

M- sorry sir

P1- I think we must be asking only stock questions to you.

M-

P1- what is nationalised bank?

M- in those banks government has a major ownership

P1- give me some names of such banks?

M- told name

P1- what is private bank then?

M- private ownership is more than govt.

P1- but RBI only controls bank and bank have manage their money with RBI

M- sir RBI is a regulatory body and it regulates the banking sector and RBI has a policy in which banks have to maintain some money with them.

P1- do you know about CAPM?

M- yes sir capital asset pricing model

P1- draw the graph for this

M- I started drawing

P1- leave it, tell what does this concept do

M- answered

P1- see, you are able to answer stock questions

M- sir CAPM is itself based on regression analysis

P1- we know that, if I would have asked you to tell about regression analysis you have not answered, but as soon as we ask stock questions you answers them.

P1- tell me capital of mizoram

M- sir aizawl

P1- of Arunachal Pradesh?

M- sir itanagar

P1- manipur?

M- sir dispur

P1- really
M- I think sir Kohima
P1- then we can assume that your GK is very low
M- sir at the moment I am not able to recall
P1- tell me Dispur can be capital of which state?
M- sorry sir, I am unable to geographically locate Dispur.
P1- okay no problem, what other call you have?
M- sir IIM Lucknow and new IIMs
P1- ok thank you Sanyam you may go now.
M- thank you sir, it was my pleasure having conversation with both of you
P1- ours too Sanyam, today we learned many new concepts from you.

Interview Experience – 2

IIMK Bengaluru (28th Feb)
Wat topic - Russia Ukraine war- regional conflict or a prelude to World war 3

- 3rd in the panel, (2 Male professors)
1. TMAY? told
 2. What's ur role in your job? Told
 3. Revenue and profit? Told
 4. Favorite subject in UG? concrete technology and foundation engineering
 5. What is foundation? Types of it?
 6. Do you remember any maths topics from M1?
 7. What is differentiation?
 8. How do you measure distance?
 9. Why u are more inclined towards love related books?
 10. What are the books of Ravinder Singh, Ajay K Pandey u read?
 11. Tell me the story of all the books u read
 12. What is BPCL?
 13. What are Maharatna companies? That's it.

When I reached the door, he again asked me to come and asked about the other interview calls.
The end.

Interview Experience – 3

IIMK Transcript

P - 1M 1F

- Q1. Introduce yourself and tell us why do you want to pursue this course as well as your backup plan
- Q2. What is the difference between NASDAQ and NASCOMM
- Q3. What do you mean by Sensex
- Q4. What is Minimum spanning tree
- Q5. Why did AAP lose this election
- Q6. Thoughts on Sheesh Mehal
- Q7. Name some other union territories in India

Some random questions like what are your views on being the last one in the panel to interview types.

WAT : IITs and IIMs should increase seats and give everyone a chance to attend - this is equal opportunity.

Overall chill panelists.

Interview Experience – 4

Date:7-2-24

WAT: Privacy concern is a myth. People love sharing their data on social media

2 professors in the panel both male

P1: Called my name. The moment I took the first step in asked me about my tie, its brand, who owns the brand, other companies the group owns

P2: Your College distributes marks? If not, why are your marks so high? Why don't you sit for placements?(answered I have a ppo) Why not join them? (Answered the prepared why mba-entrepreneurial idea)

What's the idea?

What is financial literacy?(Gave the definition by NCFE)

Tell me what is it according to you?

Why don't you include people who haven't got the money to spend but have knowledge?

What is your definition of it?

What has RBI done today?(Answered)

Why rate cut?(Answered)

Why do we need liquidity?(Answered)

How does it promote growth?(Answered)

Why do we need to have growth?

Literally didn't let me finish even a single answer. The moment he saw I was going in the right direction he threw a new question

Over to P2:

You like photography

Do you like mountaineering?

Where have you all been to?

How to go on treks?

What other calls do you have?

Name one socio-economic decision in the past month you think government could have done better with?

(Answered that I believe government has taken right decisions in the past month, still told me to think of one as it is not perfect, answered UCC implementation)

Grilled on that for 10-15 minutes more.

Thank you. you can leave

Overall 20-25 minutes. Grilled at every answer. Other interviews in my panel lasted for 10 minutes

Interview Experience – 5

Date: 5-5-2024

Wat : in International affairs there are no friends or enemies, just nations with national interests.

M1: OB &HR prof

M2: finance Prof

M1: you're the last one to be interviewed what all gossip is going on outside?

M2: tell me about yourself

M1: so you're father is in army?

M2: okay so what is a general day at the office for you like?

M2: why MBA?

M2: why product management?

Goes over to M1

M1: asked about armed forces stations I've lived in

M1: drawbacks of travelling so much ?

M1: do u know about the joining of all forces, what are your views (theatre command)

M1: what all other IIM calls do u have ?

Again M2 takes over

M2: do u follow geopolitics?

M2: what all threats do u see for India in future?

M2: (gave a very long critics statement about nuclear weapons then asked) nuclear warfare, your views on it?

M2: will India give up its weapons for the good of the world ?

M2: why not army, why mba?

M1& M2: do you have any questions for us?

Thank you !

Interview Experience – 6

IM Kozhikode Interview Transcript

Date: 03.02.2025

Venue: The Mirador, Mumbai

Academic Background: BMS (Finance)

Work Experience: 21 months

WAT Topic: An unexamined life is not worth living

Panel Composition:

Two Male Panelists (P1 & P2)

Interview Questions & Responses

P1: (OB & HR background)

What have you taken out from your folder? (I had taken out my resume and personal data form.)

TMAY

What was your profile during your internship at GAIL?

What is hedging?

Which parties/entities use derivatives?

Which countries are the largest producers of natural gas?

What is the difference between natural gas and petroleum-based fuels?

Tell me about your hobbies.

When did you start motorcycling?

Why did you purchase the Meteor 350?

What is your height?

Isn't it too heavy?

Why did you switch directly from an Activa to a Royal Enfield?

What have you learned from motorcycling?

How did you learn these skills/qualities?

P2: (PhD Economics)

How do companies hedge against their exposures?

What are options? What is a call option and a put option?

Don't you think you should have pursued a 'real-world' degree instead of management?

Why did you choose the college you attended?

Why do companies use options instead of directly buying from the spot market?

Tell me about the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM).

Final Question:

Do you have any questions for us? (I asked about alumni engagement)

Overall Experience:

Mild grilling

#collected

Interview Experience – 7

IIM Kozhikode Interview

4th Feb, 8AM slot

WAT Topic: Wars are never a solution.

PI Questions:

Panel 1 -

1. You look different than your photo
2. What is the difference between Agarwal and Agrawal (some cross-questioning on this)
3. Is computer science and computer engineering different? If yes, explain how.
4. What is management science.
5. Tell me something about yourself. (I mentioned reading as a hobby at the end)
6. Which books do you read? (I mentioned fiction genre ones)
7. But those are bedtime readings, nothing serious, I wouldn't consider it a hobby
8. Tell me about your company and your work there.

Panel 2 -

1. Do you keep up with current affairs? (I answered yes)
2. Given the current state of the world, do you think one should be fearful of the future or optimistic?
3. I'm a little unclear as to why you wish to do an MBA, explain it to me.
4. Difference between polynomial and non-polynomial.

Panel 1 -

1. Why do you want to an MBA, your parents didn't do, do you think you'll ever be as good as them?
2. Okay do you have any questions for us? (I asked about their Ekology program related to climate change and SDG)

Overall a conversational interview experience, P1 was a bit grumpy and tried asking questions to test if I'm holding my ground. P2 was smiling and shook my hand and escorted me out.

Interview Experience – 8

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IIM K interview Transcript

date 5.2.2025

WAT : There are no enemies and friends in international affairs, only national interests!

two male prof: both Bengali

Interview questions:

P1: So you did in engineering in which domain?

P1: you did it from XYZ college? is it old or newly estd?

P1: So tell me you did engg in ECE and you landed up in job in software domain , how come?

P1: cross questioning in that

P1: what is cloud computing, have you heard about quantum computing?

cross questioning abt cloud computing

P1: since you work at EY do you know about SWOT analysis?what is full form?

P1: can you name any company who's HQ is in Kolkata? (since I am from Kolkata) (P1 mentioned Have you heard about ITC?)

P1: what is ITC? what all ITC sell?

P2: (in my work ex one of my company is mentioned as Pvt Limited and one is LLP) what is difference between Pvt Limited and LLP

P2: So if govt company gets public will it not be LLP?

P2: why have you wrote so long answers! it took me 15 mins to read

P2: why your academics are lower than most people

P2:what is Jorasanko(birth place of Rabindranath Tagore)

P2: what is jorasanko called jorasanko! (Jora means what ? Sanko means ?)

P1: what is your first language?

Interview Experience – 9

IIM K Interview Transcript

6/02/25

WAT:work from home, win win for everyone

One male one female

All the interview was around why MBA(I'm a physiotherapist)

Both of them tried to convince not do MBA, other than that

P2-introduce yourself

P1-gave a scenario in which 3 patients were present and only one bed, asked to choose one patient

P2-Other scenario given, PM asking for policies

P2- present policies for elderly

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Interview Experience – 10

Interview Experience – 11

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M2: will India give up its weapons for the good of the world ?

M2: why not army, why mba?

M1& M2: do you have any questions for us?

Thank you !

Interview Experience – 12

IIM K interview experience

WAT topic - privacy concerns is a myth. People put their personal life out there. Discuss

I was the last in the panel, panel no. 5, which was also the last panel no.

M1, F1

As soon as I enter the room

M1 - sorry you had to wait this long

Me - no worries sir, I was in the last panel and the last one for IIM A's interview on 2nd Feb as well. I'm used to it.

M1 - why do you think this happened with you

Me (after 2 seconds) - sir, I maybe the last to enter but I'll be the first to convert.

M1 - great answer, I like your optimism

Why 12 th so low?

Was prepping for JEE

So, you got into any good college?

Yes sir IIT Bombay (discussions around that)

Discussed my interests wrt mechanical engineering

M1 - And why in engineering also your score is low?

Told

M1 - Describe your job

Me - told

F1 - Why Mba?

Told

About startup everything

M1 - Very random question, so

What is the percentage of people who do startup let's say from IIMK,

Me - just after passing out, or after three - four years?

M1 - after 3-4 years

Me - around 12%

M1 - that's pretty pretty accurate, how did you guess so accurately?

F1 - why India is called a republic country?

Me - I think it works for the public that's why, just a guess haha

F1 - no

F1 - India is a federal country, why?

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Me - ma'am I have very little idea about civics and politics, I can't answer much

M1 - What other calls you have?

Told

F1 - Tell me a bit about Kozhikode

Told

M1 - what shall we ask you for your chances to get maximised? 2 things

Me - about my hobbies

Told everything in detail

About writing quotes and memes and they enjoyed those.

They were laughing out loud. A really fun time indeed.

Asked me about a recent quote I wrote -

Told, and they liked it very much!

M1 - Apart from your hobbies what else shall we ask you?

Math sir

M1 - what level shall we ask you?

Me - the highest level you can ask a candidate who's finding a place in IIM kozhikode (this came out pretty sweetly and confidently tbh)

M1 - Okay! You only said that, be ready.

So, tell me the ratio of number of elements in a set of even no.s to the number of elements in a set of natural numbers (both going until infinity)

Found out ways

Said it could be either 1/2 and also 1

It could be both actually

M1 - think again

After some thinking, I said sir I think it's not defined.

M1 - actually it's both 1/2 and 1 😊😊😊

He also explained the answer,

I asked do we get to learn this in Kozhikode, yes you do in some finance courses

M1 - so okay another question

You have 3 dices.

Me - sir, I've not done probability even for JEE

Great, so you have 3 dices

Me - a fair dice? 😊

M1 - yes

First die is rolled and we don't know and it's number is hidden inside a parda let's say

Second die is rolled and number on it is 6 that's confirmed

Third die is rolled and I'm telling you the number is even

What is the probability that the number rolled on third die is 6

Me - me after five seconds 1/3

M1 - kinda shocked

Explain it

Me - the number on the first two die doesn't even matter as the question was about the third die.

So, if number on it is even then we have 2,4,6 and probability of getting 6 is 1/3

It was pretty easy sir 😊

M1 - what do you call the term when you've ignored
The first two dies

Me - ehh mutually exclusive?

M1 - Independant

Okay you can go, all the best, bye bye

Me - thank you sir, bye bye

And as I was coming out, I went back and said

I haven't wished out good evening have I? 😊

Good evening sir, good evening ma'am

All laughed

All in all it was very very chill,

I got more chill than Netflix while I was getting the interview done.

Interview Experience – 13

Profile : Fresher (Comp Engg.)

Personal Interview

P1

P1 : Tell me about yourself

P1 : Why do you want to pursue an MBA at such an early stage?

P1 : What will you bring to our institution?

P1 : Why IIM K?

P1 : Asked about the reason of low scores in 12th

P1 : Asked about what gossip is going on outside about the panelists ? 😊

P1 : Asked me some questions on Bharatnatyam as i have mentioned

P2 : How many cubes of 1 cubic feet can cover this interview room?

P2 : Measures of central tendency and median

P2 : What technical skills that you have gained in your engineering that will help you in MBA?

P2 : Why is Java a pivotal programming language in the IT industry?

P2 : Types of loops in java

P2 : Difference between for and while loop and what are all the parameters or initialisations done in those loops

P2 : What other calls do you have?

Interview Experience – 14

Delhi (ITC) - 14/ Feb 8 AM

Reached by 7:45

Document verification done by 8

Wat seated at 8:45

Started at 9

Topic - Entrepreneurship can transform Rural India

One sheet, could have written 1.7 sides as per space give
25 min (35 for pwd) - wrote 550 words roughly | extra time

Interview Experience – 15

Personal Interview

2 panelists (1M,1F)

P1

1. Describe your best day and worst day at work.?
2. Kashi Temple and Gyanvapi mosque issue. (Since I am from UP)?
3. Why open a new business when making temples like one in Ayodhya can generate more revenue.
4. Asked about the revenue of Tirupati Balaji.
5. Saw my payslip and asked about various deductions.

P2

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1. Which management stream will you choose?
2. 3 Unicorn CEOs?
3. What is a unicorn?
4. Electoral bonds verdict will affect which party the most. Do AAP and TMC have these bonds?
5. 3 Indian authors who are famous (after I mentioned that I don't read 😊)

Overall: A bad experience where I was grilled for my goldfish memory.

Interview Experience – 16

Date: 13th Feb interview

Personal Interview

I was questioned around why MBA and why particularly PM roles after MBA as I mentioned my long term goal as PM

So the interview was just conversation around mba and why not other options and then whatever answers I was giving to prove my point there was some questioning around it Like why not MSc in Computers as I have my undergrad in CS so I explained them..

And one last question was which other calls I have and my preference

Interview Experience – 17

Profile: Btech fresher

WAT: AI to be moderated for humanity's sake

2 Panelists- 1 female, 1 male

Personal Interview

P1

F- Did you apply for any placements in your college (I said yes..but just for interview experience..but Im sticked to continue my education in MBA)

F-what is your dream company

M-Why not mtech?

M-other countries are accepting only candidates with work ex..are we doing wrong by accepting freshers? Moreover we also give diversity points to work ex people..why don't you have a break in ur studies and have worked?

M- where do you see yourself in next 15 years..what are your salary expectations..and how will you contribute to that particular company

The whole conversation revolved around convincing them

I noticed that they were trying to confuse me with my own decision but still I'm clear with my stand and gave my answers with confidence

Overall experience was good..moreover it was like a debate 😊

Interview Experience – 18

Personal Interview

2 panelists 1Male 1Female

P1

P: So you've studied from manipal. What do you like about manipal

P: Full 4 years you've done fun

C: no we lost 2 years to covid; looking forward to campus life in MBA

P: So that's why you want to do MBA

C: No sir, that's one of the reasons though ;)

P: what is so bad about your job at deloitte that you want to do an MBA

C: tried last year, did not get target calls, joined company

P: which calls and interviews are done for you
C: Calcutta
P: what did they ask in Calcutta (told)
P: what should we ask you about
C: about internships and my business
P: what did you do at Internship x
C: dash boarding and data viz
P: so they just hired you as cheap labor
C: yes but I was happy to do it because it was a good opportunity
P: what is supply chain and if it's the physical movement of goods then can SAAS sales etc be counted as supply chain
C: lots of fumbling bumbling
P: cross questions but does not get satisfactory answer
P: so are you good with numbers
C: fairly
P: what are simultaneous equations, write them out and tell me how to solve them
C: did it with a little fumbling
P: what is your business exactly about, what do you sell what are the challenges
C: told
P: so you're a writer also, what do you think makes a good writer
C: started to answer, cut off on some technicalities
P: tell me about literature you've read recently and whether the writer meant to write exactly what the reader wanted to read
C: said a non fiction book
P: does that count as literature?
C: started talking about a fiction book
P: follow up on why do people want to read it
C: answers fairly satisfactorily
Thank you's all around

Interview Experience – 19

IIM KOZHIKODE

Date: 28-02-2024 Hyderabad, Forenoon

Profile (10, 96.3,9) Btech ECE,

CAT : 90.75%ile SC-E-F

work ex 18 months.

Duration: 10mins

P1

(I studied in DAV so asked about it)

P2(F) : ECE, so do you know about flipflops

1. Why are they used?

2. SR flip flop truth table?
3. SR flip flop real time application.?

*(while she gave me time to think she also asked me how long has it been since I passed out, I said 2, said it was not too long so I should be able to answer)

* asked what gates are used in flip flops

talk about your work

(Cross questioning happened)

P2

Why mba?

P1 : 5 female CEOs (fumbled here).

P1, P2 Looked at each other and asked me to leave.

Interview Experience – 20

IIM Kozhikode, Hyderabad, 29 Feb, Forenoon, 2nd in Panel

Profile - BS, Chemistry (IIT), MS Chemical Biology, University of Chicago USA, 9/9/8/9

2 panelists, Female young- middle aged (F), Male aged (M)

Personal Interview

P1

1. Asked about why MBA, many many follow up questions on why the change in trajectory after supposedly great academic milestones, kept saying not convinced, doesn't really make sense but weren't straight faced....This topic alone went on for 10-12 mins...Why not USA, etc, etc...I tried my best to defend
2. Next, he asked what I've been doing since I graduated...Told but he interrupted several times...No eye contact...Seemed like he was smirking...
3. Lastly he asked what's my hobby, told music...Quickly passed over to F 😊

P2

1. Circled back to how the chemistry to business transition makes no sense, blah, blah...Why the sudden transition...Told (seemed a bit more convinced), asked some ethical research predicament cases in life science and biotech...

Next asked about vaccine development during Covid 19 and the case of direct human trials, Science vs Business - why was outplaying and what is my stance - this happened in quite depth...

She seemed convinced by the end of it...'That's all, you may go..."

However, I was way too surprised as it felt too brief and all grilling...Anyway, before leaving, I took permission to say some final words and spoke about how my transition, although quite unconventional and seemingly unconvincing, is important from my perspective in terms of bridging the gap between academia and the real business and marketing domain...They 'tried' to pay attention...

Anyway, finally they asked what other calls they have and asked me to leave...

I found the female panelist again while I was leaving the hotel, and she was unusually cheerful and nice in greeting this time... 

Interview Experience – 21

IIM Kozhikode Interview Transcript

Profile: GEM (Chemical Engineering); 9/9/7; 31 months of workex as on date; 99.71%ile in CAT.

Venue: Novotel Convention Centre, Hyderabad (Forenoon Slot)

WAT Topic: GDP Growth vs Equality - Can India achieve both?

Panelists: 1M (~40 years, chill and laid back guy), 1F (similar age group, mostly chill)

Personal Interview

P1

M: So, Aakash Ji. How's everything in life?

Me: Same as usual, office - gym - home

M: Tch tch tch (jokingly), that must be daunting. So, you work at ICICI. I've heard that ICICI has been termed a 'stable bank' recently. Can you tell me about that?

Me: Told that RBI had declared 3 banks (ICICI, HDFC and SBI) as stable banks.

M: I was very surprised to see ICICI there. What do you have to say?

Me: Told that I don't have enough information to comment on that, and since they're my current employers, I shouldn't comment as well.

M: (laughing) I understand what you're trying to say, fair enough. Can you explain about your work ex? What Data Analysis (corrected to IT Analysis) you do at ICICI?

Me: Told about Treasury Technology, Murex, my day to day work, etc.

Some follow up questions about my work ex, answered those.

M: (pointing towards my personal data form) I see that you have done a very clever thing here. It's like you're saying without even saying (in my significant achievements questions, I wrote that it might seem that getting AIR<1000 in CAT, AIR<3000 in BITSAT might be my achievements, but my most significant achievement is -- shared a personal incident).

He then asked that it seems I was boasting ("aisa lag raha hai ki showbaazi kar rahe")

Me: Smiled and said, sir there was a question above about my weaknesses wherein I've mentioned that I might come off as arrogant sometimes, while that's not the case.

M: I get that you might not be trying to boast, but it might sound so to someone else. But I really like the way you put it. It's very clever, you might become a very good content writer.

M: I'm done from my end, over to you

F: (going through my pdf) it says here that you got a 170% hike in your job switch in IT, which is unheard of. Why do you want to do an MBA now? Why not become a Techno Manager?

Me: Explained about how leading a project made me realise the impact a good leader can have on a team, and how my inclination towards PM (my current work ex is a cross functional role with Product and development team, so highlighted that) made me decide to do an MBA.

She asked some follow up questions about my work ex, the project I was leading, the demographics of my team and how I'm different from them.

Answered.

F: Last question, is Leadership a skill or position.

Me: Said that leadership is a skill. Had a discussion about whether X person from my team can be a leader. I tried to answer it positively.

M and F: That's it from our end.

Don't know what to expect, no questions from acads/GK/interests (was banking on Football).

Interview Experience – 22

Date: 15th March, Dwarka

Personal Interview

P1 -

Asked about graduation, acads, few Qs from work ex?

P2

1. tried to create a stress interview
2. When did you decide to do an MBA
3. Why did you decide
4. Why IIM K, I think you would not join IIM K
5. What other calls? Your preference will be others, when was IIM L constructed? You don't know anything, you just came here got good percentile in cat now came for interviews "nahi hua to next year auoge" Who is the director of IIM K? As I was about to answer he said nevermind not important, tell me IIM K faculties? I said I don't know, then why would join? Tell me what does IIM K website looks like? Why is your folder so different from others? Other students carry a different folder

Thank you, you may leave

Interview Experience – 23

Date: 15th Feb Forenoon session

P1: Versatile business professional (I had mentioned this in the SOP) - what do you mean versatile ? Do you know in welding how a very thin sharp ray can only cut ? How would being versatile help you in business?

P1: Name one incident where being versatile helped you.

P1: Where are you working and what do you do in your project?

P1: what field did you do your BE in

P1: does SSN have biomed? Which batch?

P1: Name one weakness which can be your strength.

P1: Humble is a strength? How to explain?

P2: Pharma , why is India only concentrating on generic drugs and not Innovation?

P2: Apart from funding any other reason you can think of?

P2: So if you have a chance to meet FM what suggestion would you give for educational reform?

P2: That's already there. anything else? ●

P2: So Eli Lilly is a US company, any Indian Pharma companies you can name?

P2: Who's the CM of Bihar? He was in the news

P2: CM of Andhra? CM of Telangana?

P2: CM of TN?

P2: Governor of TN?

P1: What other calls do you have?

P1: okay all the best



Interview Experience – 24

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Date and venue: Bangalore, Feb 16, 2024 (Forenoon)

Acads: 9/9/8 BE, Electrical Engineering

Work ex: 1 year (IT)

WAT Topic: Parental involvement is a critical factor for student's academic success

Panelists: P1 – operations (50's) P2 – strategic management (30's)

Personal Interview

P1

P1: Are you happy that you're earlier in the panel? (Said I was happy)

P1: Why do we want to interview you? How many minutes do you want this interview to be?

Sir, it is up to you, as per you wish

P1: Ok then thank you, Bye (I was nervously smiling)

P1: Tell me the exact minutes (I said 10 to 15 mins sir)

P1: What do you want me to ask about? (Said work ex)

P1: Ok, which company are you in currently? (said I quit my job very recently)

P1: And then you want me to question about it? I can see you skipping jobs in small intervals of time.

Can I assume you are inconsistent?

Sir, The transition from company A to B was not my decision. It was from the company's end. They had a partnership back then and there was rebadging done.

P1: So the company's management is not good. Why should they sell their employees in such a manner?

Sir, I wouldn't say so, I see it is an opportunity to upskill myself from diverse work environments.

P1: Ok, I see your marks 100, 100 everywhere. You even scored good at language? What are you, Shakespeare? (Sir, I am hardworking and diligent when it comes to academics)

P1: Everyone is hardworking. Even in this hotel, the chef in the kitchen is hardworking. Ok, who do you want to start with, him or me? (I said P2 and both of them laughed)

P2: Do you know about Bombay stock exchange?

Sorry sir, I am not into stock markets. But I have heard some basics from some of my friends who does it.

P2: Ok, tell me something about it. (Told about when it is the best time to sell or retain a particular stock for the company's growth, seemed convincing)

P2: Tell me about transformer losses & how to reduce the losses (Answered)

P2: Did you lose interest in Electrical engineering at some point ?

No sir, I developed a keen interest towards computer science and programming during my 3rd year which eventually helped me get placed in an IT company

P2: Ok, tell me about deep learning (Explained with examples like Apple's Vision Pro)

P2: Do you have any idea about LLM?

Said I know it is used in Artificial intelligence but I am not sure about the term.

P1 takes over again

P1: LLM is used everywhere now. Don't you know about it? (Sorry sir, it might have skipped my attention, I will make sure to go through this)

P1: Did you have any management-related courses in your UG? (Said TQM)

P1: Drew runway on a paper and told that aircraft will be landing in a corner. Is it good quality or bad quality management and grilled on this topic (He was trying to convince me the opposite was right to whatever I said)

P1: Okay you are a developer, what do you do coding? (Product developments and bug fixing)

P1: So there are bugs in whatever products which your company develops. Is it good for a company to provide products to the customers with so many bugs?

Sir, as a developer I ensure if the products are bug-free by unit testing before delivery. But human errors and bugs tend to happen or it might be a core crash also which we are again there to provide a resolution with

P1: What other best calls do you have? (Told)

P1: Okay I am done, thank you

Thoughts: Grilled pro max. Too much stress induced right from the moment I stepped inside the room.

P1 never made it easy for me, he was constantly trying to grill me. P2 was calm and composed the whole time.

Interview Experience – 25

February 13th, Tuesday @bangalore.

Profile: Fresher, B.com final year.

There were 2 panelists,

They asked about:

Myself, hobbies(especially cooking in my case: asked for which dish would people praise you) Bharat Ratna awardees(especially p.v. Narasimha Rao and M.s. swaminathan), their contributions, is it necessary to posthumously award them now,

Jharkhand issue, Ed's raids across various states, asked whether parties at the power are suppressing and triggering those not in power through ED, Byju's issue,

then,

What is working capital, types of depreciation, is land depreciable and how will you calculate land's depreciation, GST, WTO, IMF and World Bank objects and purpose, freebies, Balance of payments, exchange rate, fixed and flexible rates , etc..

Also they asked how would you assess the company's performance...told them I will check the ratios...and mentioned some...

WAT: climate change action: time for radical measure? Time given 25 minutes.

Interview Experience – 26

Date: June 2023

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Two panelists: M1 and M2 both between 40-50 age bracket.

Profile: BA Political Science, Fresher 9/8/7

8:00 am slot I was second in my panel.

M1: So, S, introduce yourself

S: I am from X, I did my schooling in Delhi and am currently in Z college. (Interrupts)

M1: Why did you do schooling in Delhi if you are from X?

S: My father is in a transferable job. Continue to give a description of what I did my graduation in.

M1: What subjects did you have in 12th?

S: Science with Maths

M1: Then why did you transition to an Arts subject for graduation? Were you originally planning on engineering?

S: No sir, I was not. I had applied abroad but due to Covid had to study in India. I was interested in one of my minor subjects(International Relations) and thought that taking an Arts major subject(Political Science) would work better for me.

M2: How did you do in your graduation?

S: Told that I could not do well in one semester due to Covid as lectures were pre-recorded and learning outcomes were poor. (These subjects were from Economics)

M1: You mention that you are reticent as one of your weaknesses, why is that? Do you not like people or not like talking to people?

S: Sir, I like people (interrupts)

M1: Not all people are likeable, there are bad people also.

S: Yes Sir, I like to talk to people and being reticent prevents me from doing so. How can I develop my personality if I am not open to learning from others by speaking to them?

M1: What have you done to improve this?

S: Sir, I have joined some clubs for public speaking. I try to speak regularly in group discussion and classes in College.

M1: Do you know about G20?

S: Told what it is and how India is President this year. Some follow ups were asked like what is Global South and why G20 is important? What India can do in it and so on.

M2: So, S, what else do you do?

S: I like reading, writing, playing basketball and weight training.

M2: Oh! Weight training, you must give me some tips

S: I said you should try using Kettlebell, I have gotten good results using it.

M2: Tell me something simpler to use

S: You can use the rowing machine.

M2: You are giving these fancy names look at me, I am lazy and can't do all this. You are an International Relations student. You should be diplomatic, laughs, look at the person then give advice.

M2: Do you like Maths?

S: Yes

M2: That was not a very confident 'Yes'.

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S: Not as confident as a Statistics or Maths major but Yes. M2 smiles

M2: What is an irrational number? Give three examples

S: Said that is not terminating when expressed as decimals and not repeating also. Said Pi and Euler's constant are examples

M2: What is Euler's constant?

S: I don't know Sir

M2: Laughs, you just remembered and said it, Okay I'll give you that, give another one

S: Sir I will have to find example of fraction which is non terminating it'll take time

M2: Okay then leave it. You have mentioned writing a book in your answer. What is it about?

S: Sir it is based on the Bhagavata Purana and about twelve people who are the greatest devotees of God, there is one chapter on each of them.

M2: What qualities do these people have that they are great devotees?

S: Sir they are dispassionate, see God in everyone and practice devotion by remembering and taking the names of God constantly.

M2: What other calls do you have?

S: A, I and S

M2: You don't like Economics very much(As marks were poor in these subjects), we teach it in Management

S: Sir, If I try I will be able to cope with it, I had in my 12th as well.

M2: Okay S, that's all from our side. Do you have any questions for us?

S: No Sir.

M2: You may leave and close the door behind you.

Interview Experience – 27

Date: April 2023

Profile: 9/7/7

Work Ex 2 years

Interview lasted for 15 mins

2 Panelists, one in his 40's and other in her 20's

Q1 Tell me something about yourself

Answered well prepared question

Q2 You did your btech then Mtech now you want to do MBA when do you plan to Kickstart your career?

(Smiling)

Answered that I want to learn and all that...

Q3 Then work ex related questions.. IRCON

Q4. Competitors of IRCON

Q5. Director of Engineering colleges

Answered

Q6. Director of Delhi Metro (I have internship in Delhi metro)

Had no idea

Q7 Current International news

Answered

Q8 Extra curricular activities

Answered

Q9 Difference between NCC and NSS (I have certificate of NSS)

Answered

Q10 Why MBA ONCE AGAIN... and short term and long term goals

Thank you that's it... You can leave...

Overall chill Interview.. good experience

Interview Experience – 28

Category: General

CAT – 99.97%ile

Academic profile – Non-Engineer (BBA) – 79.33 / 77.4 / 54.8

Work Ex: 54 months+ (Diverse), CFA, CFO at a start-up, CIO at a Delhi based wealth management and investment advisory firm etc.

Time: 02:55 pm

Panellist 1: Finance, Accounting & Control

Panellist 2: Strategic Management

Q1. Tell me about yourself apart from what is on your Personal Data Form

I am avid football enthusiast, and a former India U-19 player who was selected in a 25 men recruitment camp by Bayern Munich hosted by Allianz on a professional contract of 2 years for their Reserve team, it however did not materialise due to my academic commitments and the scope of professional football player appearing grim in line with the rules of this country.

However, I have not given up my passion for football, only the means of approach has changed, I wanted to be professional footballer player and now, in future I aspire to make meaningful professional contribution in the management and operating function of one of the best football clubs

If you read my SOP, I have mentioned my ultimate goal and what I stand to gain from an MBA from one of the best institutions in the country for management, and it is through that ultimate professional landing / enterprise, I intend to achieve one of my other goals that is also very close to my heart and my sporting endeavours.

I fully intend to deliver on what I promised to myself when I started panning out what I want to do, short term and long term and where do I want to be when my hair turn grey.

Q2. Which is your favourite football club? Who is your favourite player? Which position did you play?

Chelsea Football Club, it is in South West London, and currently post the new owner takeover, they are in a period of transition. My favourite player – Ronaldinho. My primary position was Left Wing however, I have also played at False Striker position.

Q3. Reading your form and your answer to the first question, don't you think your appetite and your ambitions are big in contrast to the average MBA student?

With all due respect, I would like to disagree. Factually speaking, there is a 1% crowd that graduates from some of the finest B schools in the land and goes on to become the most successful entrepreneurs, for example lets take Ashneer Grover. Would you also say, what they have done for themselves and say society by extension, is big enough for it to be a tall aspiration?

And honestly speaking, I intend to be in that 1% club that doesn't want to settle for anything less than any of the folks that made it big after stepping foot in any of the premier B schools.

I intend to be a part of the fraternity that graduates these lawns in 2025, and meaningfully create the world for myself I wanted and give back to the society at the same time in any possible form.

And lastly, again with all due respect, appetite and ambitions are always relative.

Q4. Tell us about your start-up

Q5. Questions specific to previous industry during my job years

Q6. What I learnt working in one of the most unorganised industry in the country and how we ensured to still be a billion dollar enterprise growing at 25-30% pre, during and after COVID?

Q7. Adani-Hindenburg conflict

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Interview Experience – 29

9/9/8 GNEM (NIFT-Fashion Technology)

What did you have in breakfast?

-Where are you from?

-Home minister of Ghaziabad

-CM of Maharashtra

-Why south Indian food then?

-Describe the blazer you are wearing

-Difference between double breasted and single breasted blazer

-Is Arrow an Indian company or international?

-What about Peter England? (one more)

-What is your course all about? (Fashion Technology)

-Which retail giants owns the above mentioned brands?

-What are your hobbies? (I said football and weightlifting)
-Which country was at third place in the FIFA World Cup?
-Where is Croatia?
-Who came fourth?
-Where is Morocco?
-What about Istanbul? Istanbul is the capital of which place?
-How much do you lift? (Was talking about snatch told him I do conventional and compound movements more)
-Talked about having abs then caloric surplus, deficit and BMI
-Thoughts on Metaverse and AI in fashion Industry
-What is currently going on in Pakistan?
-What are the reasons?
-What would you do if you are appointed as PM of Pakistan?
-What did RBI increase repo-rate ?
-Thank you, Any questions for us?

Interview Experience – 30

Date: April 2023

98.53

Delhi
Mechanical
Panel 2



P1- TMSAY

Me – Well rehearsed answer

P1- Graduated in 2020, Job in 2022

Me – Intended to do an MBA after college, Family health situation, Prime caretaker

P1 – Favorite Subjects, Do you even remember

Me – I partly remember, Thermo and Heat Transfer

P1- What is Enthalpy

Me – Explained Internal energy and then added Work so Enthalpy (forgot its PV)

P1- Ramble something law of conservation, Total Energy

Me -..... Sorry Sir I am mixing up the two

P1- What is diff between Heat and Temp?

Me- answered

P1- So how are the two related by formula?

Me – Said thermometry scales and then with full confidence gave the definition of Heat capacity of water instead of Centigrade scale

P1- How much is 1 ATM?

Me – 101,325 PA

P1 – So PA is SI units?

Me – Yes

P1 – Dimensions of Pressure?

Me – $ML^{-1}T^{-2}$

P1 – What is force and torque?

Me- Explained the formula with some fumbles

P2 – Do you know any Business terms?

Me – Inventory Turnover and fumbled again

P2- What is Average Inventory?

Me – Explained

P2- How do you calculate the Turnover?

Me – Explained

P2- What is the inventory turnover of TCS?

Me – They are service provider, no inventory thus this ratio does not apply to them

P2- What about Power Plants?

Me- Whatever is generated is immediately transmitted to Distribution companies

P2- No they do have some inventory

Me – Answered about raw material such as coal but can't be done same for renewable

P2: What 5 companies are owned by Aditya Birla Group?

Me – More Super market, Some Life Insurance Company and Ultratech Cement (by guessing)

P2: What companies are owned by Anil Ambani?

Me – Sorry Sir, At the moment what he owns I do not know (He still owns something)

P2: So what are you reading?

Me – Green Hydrogen Mission and rambled good long

P2- What is all these grey, blue, Green?

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Me Explained

P2 What else have you read?

Me – Aero India, Uber Tata deal, Ola Tamil Nadu Deal

P2- Any international news?

Me – Ohio Derailment and Chemical spillage, Biden in Kyiv

P2- Which company was blamed for Spillage?

Me – Sorry Sir I am not aware

P2- So you are from Ghaziabad, Why is it named so?

Me – In 13 th century, Some ruler named Mr. Ghaziuddin, idk the surname built the city and named it after himself (they chuckled at Mr. Ghaziuddin)

P2- And how you know this? (with smirk)

Me – Read it last year on Wikipedia

They bursted into laughter..

Extempore – What do you want Political, Social or Business

Me – I will try social

Topic Role of Engineers in Social upliftment of Women

Time – 18-20 mins

Interview Experience – 31

SC 86 CAT BBA Fresher

2 Panelists

Greetings

P1: Why were your grad marks low and increased in the last year? Is it because of covid lockdown

Ans: I was able to give more time to studies as earlier i was into extracurricular activities

P1: Smiled and said interesting answer or is it because of online studies

Ans: I told him that in our universities we needed to be prepared for viva of complete syllabus also, it was not just only about objective exams

P1: Asked about the gap year

Ans: Answered and also told them about the internship that I did

P1: Asked about the internship

Answered

P1: Why do you call it an internship, why not a job

Ans: Told them it was more of learning for me

P1: Did they pay you? If yes then how much?

Ans: yes sir 20K/month

P1: What does your dad do ?

Ans: Told them about business and discussed about it

P1: Books you've studied in grad?

Ans: told them about marketing books

P1: Okay so how many Ps are there in Marketing 5 or 7?

Ans: We were taught about the 7 Ps till now and told them all

P1: Okay so do you think in Mba there will be more Ps?

Ans: Yes sir

P1: How many?

Ans: I said 14 (they were shocked and laughed)

P1: Who told you that there are 14 Ps

Ans: I told them sir I just feel and I have heard somewhere

P1: Handed me a pen and paper and ask me to write more Ps that you think can be there in MBA

Ans: I was thinking too much but couldn't write and put down the pencil and they said it's okay

Then I said Performance

P2 (WHO WAS BUSY WITH IPAD THE WHOLE TIME) asked: How performance?

Answered

P1: You did multiple online courses, tell me what is SEO? (as I did a course)

Answered

P1: Okay so tell me if I have a biryani business and want my website to show up at 1st rank on a search engine, can it happen?

Ans: Yes sir its possible using keywords related to business

P1: I just want to use only one word BIRYANI in search and can you make it appear on 1st rank by tomorrow?

Ans: I told them sir it's possible but it will take time and if you want this early you can go for SEM

P1: I don't want to spend anything and also i have talked to a marketing agency they are saying they can do it overnight (They were just making a situation though)

Ans: Then I said sir as per my knowledge, through seo it will happen eventually by some algorithms and continued to talk about algorithms

P1: Interrupted... and ask other panelists to ask me some questions

P2: Asked me about my state-level certificates and my athletic events

Answered

P2: Why did you choose this particular event ?

Answered

P2: Different between Long Jump and Triple Jump

Ans: Long discussion happened

P2: What are the different steps in the triple jump called?

Answered

P2: Okay so you know that. What is the world record, and by whom?

Answered

P2: When was that made?

Ans: IDK

P2: What is Frosberry?

Answered

P2: Did you have science in high school

Ans: No sir Commerce

P2: Oh I was about to ask the best angle to achieve the farther jump in physics

Ans: Discussed speed and jump height a bit and technique learned

P2: So according to you who is an Indian Sportsman who can influence you and has a bright career ahead and pls don't say Virat Kohli

Ans: (Sunil Chhetri came up in my mind but i didn't know much about him)

I answered Neeraj chopra and his recent achievements

They seemed satisfied with my answer

P2: What are the qualities that he possesses?

Answered

P2: Who is the President of the Indian Olympic Association?

Ans: IDK

P2: That person is from track events

Ans: PT Usha (I read it recently and just struck my mind)

P2: Are you sure

Ans: YES SIR

(P1 Gave a side look to P2 and smiled)

P2: Okay so that's all from our side do you have any questions for us?

Ans: (I didn't prepare this and i thought to ask about the student exchange program but it would be followed by some more questions which I didn't know so to evade this)

Ended up asking, 'Sir, how is the climate in Kozhikode compared to Delhi because I have never been there?'

They both laughed and said you can google it but there you will experience more rain than Delhi.

Thank You!

Have a nice day Sir!

Later I checked and yeah there are 14 Ps and performance was one of them and PT Usha was also right..

Interview Experience – 32

20th Feb , HMATC MUMBAI

MORNING SHIFT – 8:00 AM

PROFILE-

AYUSH PAL

94/80/70

BACHELOR OF ARTS DU

MA (HISTORY) IGNOU

TWO MALE PANELISTS



I was the last in my panel no 4.

Entered the room and wished the panelists

M1 : You must be bored of waiting for your turn

Me : Yes Sir

M1 : You got highest marks in first semester. What happened after that?

M2 : Breakup or what?

Me : No Sir I was doing good but just could not come 1st. I was always in top 5 of the class.

M1: Do you have any proof?

Me : Showed the certificate

M1 : He took my file and started looking at all the certificates

M1: Tell me few Indian Historians

Me : Gave the names

M1 : Why is history categorized as ancient, medieval, etc. What is the reason?

Me : Gave the rough timelines and reason on basis of developments etc.

M2 : What is a Civil Society?

Me : Answered

M1 : Started talking about the PGP LSM course and have I applied?

Me : Yes Sir

M1: Are you good at Maths?

Me : Not very but can try.

M1: What is mean median mode?

Me : Gave the definition

M1 : Write a linear equation

Me : Wrote $X+5 = Y$

M1 : Plot on Graph

Me : Plotted but the panelist were constantly changing values so got little confused

M2: Tell me how many rooms in this building ?

Me : Took some time and calculated based on no of floors and room no of the interview room

M2: Have you seen the building it is like very old and monument types what will be its age ?

Me : Gave a rough idea around 50 years

M2: Tell me about the room how as a historian will you analyze it?

Me : Was not very sure but gave rough idea by examining the walls and objects in the room

M2 : What is inflation? Good or bad

Me : Answered

M2 : How does RBI control inflation?

Me : Repo rate gave the current one

M1 : Asked if you are the only sibling?

Me : One sister

M1 : What does she do?

Me : Answered

M1 : What does your father do?

Me : Businessman in Lucknow

M2 : Ok that's all Thank you

Me : Greeted them and left

Overall it was a chill interview with no questions on home city, no intro , why MBA? , Hobbies , GK and

CA

Students before me were all asked many questions on GK.

HOPE FOR THE BEST !

Interview Experience – 33

(23/02/2023)

Mumbai

WAT

Time allotted -25 mins

Topic – Technology transition – Is it good or bad for Demographics Dividend

Interview (25mins)

Two Panelist – M1 and M2

*Usual greetings

M1 – So you did your graduation from an IIM, aren't you tired of IIMs that you want to jump in again?

Answered – related to why MBA

M1 – Why did you leave IIM Indore?

Answered

M1 – Explain even further

Explained

M1 – Tell us something about your family background

Answered

M1 transferred the batton to M2

M2 – What are your hobbies and interests?

Answered

M2 – Give an example where economics came in geopolitics

(Mentioned understanding economics of geo politics as my hobby)

Answered (talked about max cap on Russian oil. Intended geopolitical moving using economic means)

M2 – Do you think max cap on Russian oil is effective?

Answered

M2 – How is Russia evading this max cap on oil?

Answered (geo tagging, insurance and China as proxy)

M2 – How is India benefiting from buying oil from Russia?

Answered

M2 – If India is buying oil at cheaper rates, why aren't the prices going down?

Answered (tax revenue and fiscal debt reduction)

M2 – What is OPEC?

Answered (called it a cartel)

M2 – Are you sure it is a cartel cause I think cartels are related to illegal activities?

Answered (gave economic definition of Cartels)

M2 – What work you did with Aatma Prakash Foundation?

Answered

M2 passed on the batton to M1

M1 – Do you have any questions for us?

Asked (Asked them to tell me more about director of IIMK, as I read his recent book)

M1 – Answered

M2 – Do you have any questions for me?

Asked (IIMK is considered very beautiful and as I've never been there, could you please share your experience)

M2 – Answered

M1 – Your face says that you hate IIMI, do you?

Answered

M2 – IIMK is a place of natural beauty, unlike IIMI where all you see is dried grass and heat

M1 – That's all, you can go now

Interview Experience – 34

Kenilworth Hotel, Kolkata

BTech CS (2.5 yes workex) 9/9/8

WAT: Government should handover higher education to private sector

Male:

– Are you working? Where? What is the kind of work you do? What would your boss say about you?

Very jovial joking about why they're trying to kick out such a good employee and letting me go for MBA

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Female:

– Convince me how you can start a business? (I nowhere mentioned I want to) a little condescending about how MBA then if you can't start a business

– What are the news you're following, don't say Adani? What is the valuation of the tata deals?

– What are the rivers in West Bengal?

– Name the states along east coast and west coast. Name the ports along the same.

: Vasco da Gama, East India Company stuff

– Why is Darjeeling tea more famous? We also have tea in Kerala. (Started with tell me about Darjeeling except it's beautiful since you come from Darjeeling)

– Similar other questions.....

Passed on to the male panelist who said I could leave then asked where's your office, made a lil joke about Geetanjali working in Gitanjali Park.

That was all.

Interview Experience – 35

Radisson Blu, Delhi

P1- Where are you from?

Told them, Lucknow

P1- do you know where exactly IIM Lucknow is?

Told them

P1- do you have IIM L call?

Told them yes

P1- what all calls do you have?

Told them all the BLACKI calls

P1- should we even take your interview then ?

Everyone smiled

P1- how is tar made?

Couldn't recall at that moment.

P1- Tag line of kerela. Told them

P1 – you only tell me the topics you want questions from.

I stated some topics

P1- i am 70 and want to loose weight would you recommend me HIIT

Explain the age factor and everything

P2 only asked one question – name some noble prize winners in chemistry from India

Didn't read about it, told them I'll learn about it afterwards

The interview went for 10 min or so but felt weird maybe because i was the last candidate in my panel.

Interview Experience – 36

ONLY AND ONLY GRILLING DONE

2 male panelist

M1- You studied in DU, tell me who is Bahadur Shah Zafar?

Me- Sir I haven't revised history.

M1- ye bhi revise krna hota h? Acha kidhr rehta tha vo? Guess hi krlo

Nizamuddin?

M1- toh nizamuddin kidhr rehta tha? (Was laughing like anything)

M1- 3 saal ghum rahi thi Delhi mein..mujhe pta h udhr pdhayi ni krte..bs admission lekar enjoy krte h

Me- No sir, My college was very acads focused.

M1- ye toh saare DU ke colleges kehte h..kon mana krta h

Me- No sir, we don't even have DUSU. Our principal doesn't allow anything that can hinder acads.

M1- protest ni huye ispe? Tum ni gyi protest karne?

Me- It had happened by other students but the principal has been keen about not allowing DUSU in our college.

M1- Okay. Who is the president of India? Where does she live?

Me- Smt. Draupadi Murmu, She lives in Rastrapati bhawan.

M1- What is the road name that connects India Gate and Rashtrapati bhavan?

Me- Previously known as Rajpath but now renamed as Karm path

M1- Pakka karm path

Me- No sir, kartavya path

M1- dekhlo Modi ji ne phir naam change na kr diya ho..roz upsc syllabus bdha dete h

M2- Who is Birsa Munda?

Me- He was a freedom fighter.(interrupted)

M2- freedom fighter or fighter m kya difference hai? Why you called him a freedom fighter?

Me- He was fighting for his own and his communities land that Britishers were trying to take away. Also heavy taxation.

M2- kal mai Khana khane gya , 34% to tax hi tha. Isse acha to Britishers hi rkhte

Me- No sir, these taxes are used for developing our country but Britishers used to use it for their country.

M2- matlab idhr krta kaam to justify kr skte the

Me- No sir, they shouldn't have had any day in our country. It isn't there place.

M1- Train se aayi na Kolkata. Vahi lekr aaye the. Wapis mt chale Jana train se. Hippocracy mt karo. Kyu uske train mein chadhi. Itna bdhiya kaam krke Gaye h Britishers

Me- Sir the wrongdoings cannot be justified by any positive steps. Also the train would have come eventually to India.

M1- ni aata train India..mai bta rha hu na.

Jharkhand mein itna Christian conversion kyu kra rahe hai?

Me- Sir the purpose of religion is to serve. Whichever one chooses how does it matter?

M1- bilkul matter krta h.. politics h ye sb .bina convert kiye serve krte na phir. Btao which state does the president of India belongs to?

Me- She belongs to Orissa but she has served as a governor in jharkhand previously.

M1- dekho sb bolte h minority ko bna diya president. Sb politics h sb politics haiiiii. Usko hi kyu bnaya?

Kisi or ko kyu ni bnaya?

Me- Sir, it's good to have a minority representation. It acts as a hope to the minority communities.

M1- SABBBB POLITICS HAI

M2- how many countries are there in the world?

Me- Sir, around 243(interrupted)

M2- how many participate with UN?

Me- I am not aware sir

M2- around 190. Name the south African countries.

Me- Nigeria.. rest unable to recall

M2-What is south Africa famous for?

Me- Lithium cobalt mica

M2- one more very famous mineral

Me- Yes sure, i remember i have seen a documentary. It is used in making cosmetics but i am unable to recall the name.

M2- Okay you can leave.

M1- Who was the experience?

Me- Sir I was expecting biology questions.

M1- phir se ek round kr lete h na

M2- aree jaane do bechari ko

Interview Experience – 37

Date & Time: 10.04.2023, 11:35 A.M. Online.

Profile:

10th/12th/Grad: 10/93%/9

UG – B.Sc. (Hindu College)

CAT – 98.62%ile

The interview was supposed to start at 12:10 P.M. At 11:30, I received a call from IIMK that my interview is in the next 5 min. Join asap. Thank God, I was ready. I quickly joined and there was almost 2 min waiting time only.

Duration ~ 15 minutes.

Panel: There were 2 members (1 Male, 1 Female).

P1(Male) – In the early 50s or late 40s.

P2(Female) – In the early 40s.

A student coordinator checked my ID.

Me: Good morning, sir. Good morning, ma'am.

P1: Good morning, XXt. So, you graduated from Hindu college last year.

Me: No sir, I am currently in my final year.

P1: okay okay, you have around 9 CGPA in graduation. How would you like to comment on this? I think they are very good according to DU.

Me: They are decent sir. But not very good as marking in DU varies from course to course and in our course, we get more than 9.5 as well.

P1: Still they are very good! Don't you think?

Me: Probably sir (They started laughing)

P1: You don't have to be that modest. Anyways, what do your parents do?

Me: Told.

P1: Do you have any siblings?

Me: Yes sir, she is 3 years older than me.

P1: Oh! What is she doing right now?

Me: Sir, she is a probationary officer in SBI.

P1: Do you have any gf?

Me: No sir! (started smiling)

P1: Why? You look handsome! Why don't you have any?

Me: (looking at the camera) sorry sir, can you see me? I guess there is some connectivity problem.

P1: No! No! It's fine. We can see you.

Me: Your question made me think for a moment that there was some camera problem. (I started smiling)

(They also started laughing) (It might not sound funny now, but at that time, it was kinda funny)

(Now, P2 starts asking)

P2: Your course is Physical science with chemistry! What do you study in this?

Me: Ma'am Physics, Chemistry and Maths.

P2: What is the major subject here? Chemistry?

Me: There is no major subject ma'am. All the subjects have the same weightage.

P2: So, why is it named so?

Me: Ma'am, It's just another fancier name of B.Sc. Programme. (Smiles)

P2: You have very good academic consistency. Why don't you continue Science? Why MBA?

P1: Are Haan haan! I forgot to ask this!

Me: Told how I am working with a venture, got interested in management and how MBA will help me in my goals! (Basically, the rehearsed answer)

P2: Tell us some recent news.

Me: Talked about Coronavirus second wave and its impact, RBI monetary policy review, and New CJI appointment.

P2: What other calls do you have?

Me: MDI, IIMS, CAP, IIFT

P2: So, this is your best call!

Me: It is one of the best.

P2: oh cmon! Which will you choose then?

Me: Ma'am, currently I am not in a position to answer this question as I only have interview letters from these places, not final admission offers.

P2: What if you convert all of them! what will be your preference order?

Me: Firstly, I will be very fortunate and happy to convert all my calls. (Smiling)

(Cutting in between)

P2: No buttering. Just tell us the order.

Me: IIMK, MDI, IIMS, IIFT.

P2: That's it from our side Ankit. Do you have any questions for us?

Me: While going through the IIMK website, I came across Business Simulation Lab. How exactly are students allowed to access that? Is there any extra fee or something?

P1: That we won't tell you now. You join here and find that on your own.

Me: Ok sir, Thank you so much!

P1: au revoir (Bye in French) (I have written in Form-B that I know French.)

Me: (started smiling) au revoir, merci beaucoup monsieur. (Bye, thank you so much sir)

(Now, Sir started telling ma'am that he also studied French)

P1: Acha, tell me, My name is Ankit in French.

Me: je m'appelle Ankit. (I was thinking like Basics 101)

P1: I love you in French.

Me: Je t'aime.

(They started laughing.)

P1: You can log off now.

Me: (smiles) reste en sécurité sir, means stay safe sir.

(We all again smiled and I log off)

Overall Experience

Definitely, the most enjoyable interview I've ever had, more like a normal conversation with the panelists.

Result – Converted!

Interview Experience – 38

Date: April 2023

Interview time: 10min.

Bcom Hons. from DU (Final year)

Date: – 31.03.2021

Slot: – 10am (started at 10:20)

Panel 1(Male and Female)

P1: So XX you are in the process

A: Yes, Sir finally!! GOOD MORNING, SIR, GOOD MORNING, MA'AM.

P1: Give a brief intro xx

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A: My name is YYY. I was born in a small village called Karhagola Road in the Katihar district of Bihar and brought up in Odisha. I did my schooling from Odisha as well and currently I am pursuing Bcom(H) from PGDAV, DU though I had science in my intermediate. I have always been an active child since my school days like I won few sports competition in the school level and even in college I am an active member of various clubs and societies like NSS, Enactus. I am also the Vice-President of Career Counselling Club of my college. In the past I have incorporated activities with the intentions of contributing back to the society like while staying at my village, I have been teaching in a school and some underprivileged children and am trying to figure out the problems the kids are facing and how I can contribute after doing MBA and that's my main long-term purpose to do MBA now.

P1: Mr. XX, Who is Pannalal Girdharlal?

A: Sir Pannalal Girdharlal are the founders of the college and they have contributed some money to the institute and presently they are the leading business people of Delhi having corporates like Victor Cables Ltd and Pannalal Ltd.

P1: How old are the Vedas? What is AD and BC?

A: Vedas are very old (he asked me to give specific no. so I said 15th century) BC means Before Christ, AD I do not know:

P1: Oh!! XX you studied Business law and what did you learn?

A: Sir, Business pardon

P1: Business law... anything you remember jo bhi yaad hai boldo

A: Sir I studied Business law in my 1st year and I remember there was something contract, offer, acceptance and contract is offer + acceptance & also Indian Contract Act was enabled in 1872. This is what I remembered.

P1: When can a contract be null or void?

A: Sir When there is no offer or acceptance then the contract will be void.

P1: What's your favourite subject?

A: Sir I like (phir yaad aaya yeh toh Ma'am hai) Ma'am I like Entrepreneurship subject a more because I want to do something in the education sector.

F2: What do you want to do in education sector?

A: Ma'am I want to do something like after MBA in the initial years I would like to do job and at the same time would set up my organization where I would take some students from the village area and would personally train them and make sure they get some rank in the school, district or may be in state and that would provide me a brand equity and then I will contribute in a good way to the society and convert it into a business.

F1: What is artificial intelligence in the entrepreneurial sector (aysa kuch tha Question, yaad nhi)

A: Took 2 second pause and said, I am not aware of it

F1: ohhk what you know about IIM K?

A: Ma'am IIM K is the 5th IIM estb in 1996 and it's completed 25years this year. Its the most diverse institute all over India (fumbled a bit) and IIM K is situated... (Ma'am interrupted)

F1: What are the courses that are provided here? Are you aware?

A: Course like PGP, LSM, Business Leadership and Director is also planning to make more business programme in the upcoming years.

F1: Why don't you take Business Leadership programme then wo toh sirf 1year ka hai and you are interested in entrepreneurship more?

A: Ma'am that's for the experience people and I do not have experience now that's why I would do MBA now and then will shift to business in the future.

F1: Ohh it's okay then... (she seemed satisfied)

P1: In which all states the election are going on?

A: Sir Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Assam, West Bengal and there is a union territory too i.e. Pondicherry (I should not say this as they didn't ask)

RAPID ROUND STARTS

1)How many states are there?

A: 28

2)Any new state recently added?

A: After thinking for 3-4 seconds, Sir I think there is no state that is currently made or added in a country (fumbled more)

Sir was smiling So I said to cover it "there are some UT that's been added"

(PS: – Telangana was the answer)

3) RBI Governor

A: Hmm Shaktikanta Das

4) Chief Election Commissioner?

A: Sir I do not know

5) What's your Hobbies?

A: Sir I like singing Bollywood songs and independent artist songs and also like to write some lyrics of my own. In fact, Sir, I have written few lines for IIM K as well. I mean my aspiration for IIM K (They said thik hai thik hai)

P1: Ok so you know A.R. Rahman won a Oscar for a song in the Movie? Name the movie.

A: Sir Slumdog Millionaire

P1: Who is the Director?

A: Sorry Sir, Not aware of it

P1: What you think the director was Indian or Foreigner?

A: Sir definitely Indian

P1: Definitely with smiling

A: Yes sir (with 200% confidence)

(PS: – It's foreigner)

P1: Who is your favourite singer?

A: hmm ...Sir my favourite singers are like Jubin Nautiyal, Darshan Raval, Arijit Singh.

P1: What about Kishore Kumar?

A: Sir I actually dont listen much older songs but I do like him.

Okay that's it!! Thank you

I greeted: – Thank you so much Sir, Thank you so much Ma'am.

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I feel satisfied as I think I was very confident, doesn't matter whether I know the answer or not and I kept smiling throughout (shayad thoda zyada hee smile kar rha tha)

Interview Experience – 39

Profile: General Engineering Male, 18 months' work-ex

10th/12th/grad/CAT: 10/98.5/8.3/99.76

Date: March 26th, 2023.

Overall experience: The interview lived up to the expectations. IIM K interviews are known to be longer, touching upon all aspects of your profile. Mine was no exception, however there was of more emphasis on general knowledge.

Two male panellists, both in 40s, let's say M1, M2

M1: Which firm do you work at? What's your role? Describe about your firm.

Me: *This was already expected and I gave a well-prepared answer*

M2: What's Adobe's market capitalisation?

Me: 200 billion dollars.

M1: Do you know how many classical languages are there in India?

Me: I know that there are 16 languages on currency but I don't know about classical languages.

M1: Ok I will give u the definition, they are languages which are 1500 yrs old.

Me: In that case, Tamil and Sanskrit will be there. Telugu also should be there. It's derived from Tamil and definitely has a history of more than 1500 yrs. But regarding north Indian languages, I don't have much idea.

M1: why do you think north Indian languages are not classical languages?

Me: I know that there is a language called Prakriti which evolved from Sanskrit. All other languages evolved from that. But I don't really know whether this happened 1500 yrs ago.

(*Looks like the guess mostly worked, there are 6 classical languages they are Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Sanskrit, Odia*)

M1: Ok do u know about the city which is the reference for IST — Indian standard time

Me: I don't know but I can take a guess

M1: Ok

Me: Nagpur or Indore

M1:(*grins*) what? How?

Me: It should be somewhere near the midpoint, so Nagpur lies straight above Hyderabad and its almost closer to centre point of India.

M1:(*faint smile*) (*Answer is prayagraj, made a blunder*)

Now M2 takes over...

M2: So you know digital circuits right?

Me: Yes sir.

M2: what's the significance of NAND gate?

Me: It's a universal gate and building block of most of the digital circuits in the processors.

M2: Can you tell me the Boolean expression for that?

Me: *told*

M2: How does a USB drive work?

Me: it connects to the data bus of the processor. From there the data goes to internal registers and flow is controlled by the control unit.

M2: What's the probability of you getting selected in any IIM?

Me: There are 4000 seats. Me being a GEM, the probability will be lower than usual.

M2: Give me a number

Me:(*trying to use pen and paper*)

M2: without using pen and paper

Me:(*took sometime*) I am making a simple assumption that 4 candidates are interviewed per seat. So, it's 0.25.

M2: Ok, can you name two women ministers of India?

Me: Nirmala Sitharaman and Smriti Irani.

M2: Do you know about spectrum scam?

Me: yes sir, it happened in 2011 2012

M2: Was it 2g,3g,4g? Which party's minister was involved?

Me: it was 2g and DMK's minister was involved.

M2: Who is the minister?

Me: I think it was D raja (*it was A raja*)

M2: Do you know the difference between pandemic, epidemic, endemic?

Me: pandemic is worldwide spread; endemic is a spread in localized area or a group. Epidemic should be somewhere in between.

M2: What is the meaning of between? (*Laughs*)

Me: May be at a country or a state level...

M2: what are the vaccines produced in India? Who are the manufacturers?

Me: Covishield — Serum Institute, Pune; Covaxin — Bharat Biotech, Hyd.

M2: what about Russia's vaccine and China's vaccine?

Me Yes sir, Dr Reddy's labs is in consultation to produce them. China's vaccine is not produced in India.

M2: what's the name of the Russia's vaccine? Do u know why it's named so?

Me: it's sputnik, named after Russia's first space mission.

M1: What other calls do you have?

Me: B, C, L

M1: So, you have all these calls, which IIM is best according to you? It's doesn't have to be K.

Me: Sir, coming from an IIT background, I can say that all older IIMs offer more or less similar quality infrastructure, faculty and peer group. I would be happy to be selected in anyone of them. But my personal choice would be IIM B, because of its geographical proximity and also, I know seniors in IIM B.

M2: what's the oldest IIM?

Me: Calcutta.

M2: that's the interview, any questions from your side?

Me: No sir, I am fine.

M2: All the best for your other interviews.

Me: Thanks sir.

Interview Experience – 40

Interview Date: 17-02-2022

Time: 11:30

Profile: General, Non-engineer, Female, Fresher. 89.17/91.8/72.85

CAT: 99.42%ile

Panelists: P1 & P2, both males, middle-aged.

I was admitted into the meeting 10 minutes late, and was already a bit nervous as the timings for my CAP and Kozhikode interviews were clashing. Though CAP was supposed to start by 9:30, my turn came

at 11:40 and I received a call from the CAP admissions office just as I was admitted into the Kozhikode meeting. Forgot about CAP for a while as Kozhikode was a better choice for me.

As soon as I entered the meeting, my mind came to ease on seeing the smiling faces of both the panelists. They seemed very welcoming. After exchanging initial greetings, the interview started with P1.

P1: As you're pursuing B.Com, here are three words, commerce, amerce, and mercenary. What do you think is the meaning of the root word "merce"?

(Had no idea but decided to give a logical answer) Said that I have been studying a subject called mercantile law which discusses the laws of trade and commerce, so the root word seems to be related to "trade". My answer wasn't right though.

P1: Okay (nods). What is the difference between economic profit and accounting profit?

Told the definition and the difference in computation. (Was quite sure about this answer)

P1: Your definition is right but there is a special term that differentiates these both, can you name that?

Talked about implicit costs. The panelist agreed and said that's the term I was looking for. (This was a great confidence boost)

P1: Defined benefit to cost ratio and then asked that if there are three projects with the benefit to cost ratio of each being: 0.5, 0.75, and 0.9, which one would you choose and why?

Said I'd choose the one with 0.9 ratio as it is the best option available.

P1: Fair enough. What is predatory pricing?

Didn't know.

P1: What is preemptive pricing?

Didn't know.

P1: Okay, I'm done. Over to my second panelist.

P2: Why didn't you do CA, CMA or CFA? Do you plan to take it up in the future?

Explained my reasoning.

P2: Sounds fair. Have you studied statistics in your graduation?

Said yes. (Was devastated here as I was not confident about Statistics at all)

P2: Give me a practical example of standard deviation.

(The sadness switched to happiness on hearing this question because I read a very unique example about this a few days back) Told a small story, the panelist said that he loved the example. (Said to myself: "Great work on going back to your high school textbook that day!")

P2: Now if there are 2 stocks with different standard deviations, which one would you choose to invest?

Answered that I'd choose the one with lesser SD.

P2: What if the stock with the lower standard deviation also gives lesser returns?

Said I'd still choose the one with the lesser SD because the returns would be consistent.

P2: (nods) What is the coefficient of variation?

Told.

P2: Why is it used?

Told.

P2: Do you know the formula?

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Said I can't recall it at the moment.

P2: That is not a problem at all. Do you follow current affairs?

Yes

P2: Can you tell me the states where elections are going on right now?

Told

P2: Can you tell me the current CM of Uttarakhand?

(Read an article about him just before the interview but forgot the name) Said I can't recall, the panelist told it's fine, no worries.

P2: Thank you, it was great interacting with you. All the best!

Said likewise, asked if I could log out and left the meeting on getting the affirmation.

It was a totally chill interview. It never seemed, even for a moment, that the panelists were trying to put me in a difficult or stressful position. I was really happy after it as it was one of my best interviews. I could not only answer most of the questions but also knew that gave some really good answers.

Verdict: Waitlist 52, Converted in 2nd list

Interview Experience – 41

IIM K (23/02/2023)

Mumbai

WAT

Time allotted -25 mins

Topic - Technology transition - Is it good or bad for Demographics Dividend

Interview (25mins)

Two Panelist - M1 and M2

*Usual greetings

M1 - So you did your graduation from an IIM, aren't you tired of IIMs that you want to jump in again?

Answered - related to to why MBA

M1 - Why did you leave IIM Indore

Answered

M1 - Explain even further

Explained

M1 - Tell us something about your family background

Answered

M1 transferred the batton to M2

M2 - What are you hobbies and interests?

Answered

M2 - Give an example where economics came in geopolitics

(Mentioned understanding economics of geo politics as my hobby)

Answered (talked about max cap on Russian oil. Intended geopolitical moving using economic means)

M2 - Do you think max cap on Russian oil is effective?

Answered

M2 - How is Russia evading this max cap on oil

Answered (geo tagging, insurance and China as proxy)

M2 - How is India benefiting from buying oil from Russia

Answered

M2 - If India is buying oil at cheaper rates, why aren't the prices going down?

Answered (tax revenue and fiscal debt reduction)

M2 - What is OPEC

Answered (called it a cartel)

M2 - Are you sure it is a cartel cause I think cartels are related to illegal activities

Answered (gave economic definition of Cartels)

M2 - What work you did with Aatma Prakash Foundation

Answered

M2 passed on the batton to M1

M1 - Do you have any questions for us?

Asked (Asked them to tell me more about director of IIMK, as I read his recent book)

M1 - Answered

M2 - Do you have any questions for me?

Asked (IIMK is considered very beautiful and as I've never been there, could you please share your experience)

M2 - Answered

M1 - Your face says that you hate IIMI, do you?

Answered

M2 - IIMK is a place of natural beauty, unlike IIMI where all you see is dried grass and heat

M1 - That's all, you can go now

Interview Experience – 42

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IIM KOZHIKODE INTERVIEW

20th Feb , HMATC MUMBAI

MORNING SHIFT - 8:00 AM

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MA (HISTORY) IGNOU

TWO MALE PANELISTS

I was the last in my panel no 4.

Entered the room and wished the panelists

M1 : You must be bored of waiting for your turn

Me : Yes Sir

M1 : You got highest marks in first semester. What happened after that?

M2 : Breakup or what?

Me : No Sir I was doing good but just could not come 1st. I was always in top 5 of the class.

M1: Do you have any proof?

Me : Showed the certificate

M1 : He took my file and started looking at all the certificates

M1: Tell me few Indian Historians

Me : Gave the names

M1 : Why is history categorized as ancient , medieval etc. What is the reason?

Me : Gave the rough timelines and reason on basis of developments etc.

M2 : What is a Civil Society?

Me : Answered

M1 : Started talking about the PGP LSM course and have I applied?

Me : Yes Sir

M1: Are you good at Maths?

Me : Not very but can try.

M1: What is mean median mode?

Me : Gave the definition

M1 : Write a linear equation

Me : Wrote $X+5 = Y$

M1 : Plot on Graph

Me : Plotted but the panelist were constantly changing values so got little confused

M2: Tell me how many rooms in this building ?

Me : Took some time and calculated based on no of floors and room no of the interview room

M2: Have you seen the building it is like very old and monument types what will be it's age ?

Me : Gave a rough idea around 50 years

M2: Tell me about the room how as a historian will you analyze it?

Me : Was not very sure but gave rough idea by examining the walls and objects in the room

M2 : What is inflation? Good or bad

Me : Answered

M2 : How does RBI control inflation?

Me : Repo rate gave the current one

M1 : Asked if you are the only sibling?

Me : One sister

M1 : What does she do?

Me : Answered

M1 : What does your father do?

Me : Businessman in Lucknow

M2 : Ok that's all Thank you

Me : Greeted them and left

Overall it was a chill interview with no questions on home city, no intro , why MBA? , Hobbies , GK and CA

Students before me were all asked many questions on GK.

HOPE FOR THE BEST 😊

Interview Experience – 43

10th — 90.67%(ICSE)

12th — 91.04%(ISC)

Graduation — 70.67%(Lucknow University)

CAT Score — 95.04%ile

No work experience

Category — General (no EWS Quota applied)

Shortlisted for — PGP LSM

Date — 27/03/2023

Venue — Radisson Blu, Dwarka, New delhi

Reporting time — 8:00 am

Panel no 3, seriell no 2

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WAT topic — Economic prosperity is more important than Environmental protection.

I reached the venue at 7:50 am but when I entered the club lounge on 2nd floor where our document verification was to be done, I saw so many candidates were already present. This made me afraid whether I am late or what. I asked a candidate who was sitting there. He was so calm. He told me that I am not late and I am at the right time. I felt relaxed.

Document verification was going on. The people who were doing document verification were from Kerela so they were speaking in their accent which reminded me of my school teachers who were from Kerela. Like they used to pronounce Gautam as Gauuutam. No offence. It made me feel nostalgic. Good old school days ❤️

Few document verifications were done but as it was getting late so they decided to finish the WAT first and then they will continue with the Verification. We were given 25 minutes to write the WAT. After that document verification continued. I was little bit afraid because I didn't have course completion certificate but thankfully bonafide certificate worked. And the mam who was doing my document verification was

so nice. After seeing my aadhar pic she said, "Is this Rashi?" I just smiled and said yes. After that she wished me good luck and was very sweet.

After my WAT, I went for PI which was to be held at 10th floor. I went along with another candidate. It took little bit time to find out the place where interview was taking place on 10th floor. The floor was similar to labyrinth of Bada imambada. Finally we got our panel. I went outside the interview room and sat on the sofa kept there. A candidate was being girdled and it was audible outside the room as well. It made me quite afraid. Then my turn came and I went inside.

There were two panelists. One male P1 and one female P2. Both were about 35 years of age. I mistakenly called P2 as sir few times due to her small haircut.

Me — Good morning Sir and mam

P1 — Good morning. Were you late? (Smiling)

Me — No Sir

P1 — When did you report at the hotel?

Me — At 8:00 am

P1 — (confused) Then why?....Okay leave. Tell me something about yourself.

Me — My name is Rashi Srivastava, a third year BSc Biology student at Lucknow University.

P1 — You are from Lucknow?

Me — Yes Sir

P1 — Okay

Me — My hometown is in Basti, a district in Uttar Pradesh. I belong to an agricultural background therefore the qualities of hard work and adaptability were engraved in me since childhood.

P1 — Agricultural background means your father is a farmer?

Me — Yes sir

P1 — Okay

Me — Apart from studies I like acting and singing. I got first prize in monologue competition held at Delhi University. I also participated in various singing competitions.

P2 — Why you want to do LSM?

Me — LSM is a blend of liberal studies as well as management. In this we get to study both the things together.

P2 — What do you know about liberal studies?

Me — It is people's study like we get to study about psychology, history, etc.

P2 — It is also taught in traditional PGP as well. I only teach it. Then why LSM?

Me — Main in traditional PGP the focus is not on the liberal studies but in LSM it is mainly focussed on liberal subjects. And it is like a wholesome course.

P2 starts laughing with P1

P2 — (laughing) So many candidates came they told different things but no one said this course as "wholesome".

Me — (laughing) I mean that in this we can study about marketing, entrepreneurship as well as the liberal studies subject at the same time. Also in this program the Rural Campaign and Student exchange program is compulsory.

P2 — Why you want to do MBA being a Biology student? It is like both the things are at 90°.

Me — I am interested in agribusiness management and also health sector.

P2 — Agribusiness we can understand but how health sector?

Me — I gave NEET thrice.....(stops)

P2 — That is a good thing that you failed in NEET still prepared for CAT.

Me — So there is always an inclination towards health sector.

P2 — What you want to do in health sector?

Me — Like medicine and pharmaceutical companies are there.

P2 — You must have heard about AI. What AI is used in agribusiness?

Me — (I was like whattt! AI in agribusiness? Two different domains) I talked about genome sequencing

P2 — How will this help in agribusiness?

Me — If we can know about the diseases which can occur in future in plants it would help us to develop the pesticides accordingly.

P2 was convinced

P2 — Okay I am done

P1 — So you are interested in Agribusiness. Can you tell why the farm laws were repelled?

Me — Sir because in that government talked about buying and selling of crops outside the APMC market.

P1 — But that is a good thing. Then why farmers were opposing it?

Me — It is because farmers kf Punjab and Haryana were APMC markets are well developed were afraid that they won't be able to get the MSP and the private companies might exploit them because it would be outside the control of Government.

P1 — Do you think the subsidies which are provided to farmers are good or bad?

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Me — Sir I think giving financial assistance to the farmers is really necessary. But it is still not reaching to the small and marginal farmers. It is mostly given to the farmers who have land more than 2 hectares.

P1 — So it is not reaching to everyone?

Me — Yes Sir.

P1 — Recently government stopped the LPG subsidy. What your views on that?

Me — Sir I don't know about this news. But I had heard about PM ujjwala yojana. I think providing financial assistance to the people who really need is never wrong.

P1 — You must have bought petrol. What do you think about the tax charged on petrol? Is it low, moderate or high?

Me — Sir I don't know but I think it is moderate.

P1 — How much is it?

Me — No idea

P1 — Then how you said it is moderate?

Me — Because it is not in the news. If it were high it must be in news.

P1 — Okay. Do you know about WTO.

Me — Yes sir. World trade organisation.

P1 — How many members are there?

Me — No idea.

P1 — Who are the members?

Me — I don't know but obviously India is there.

P1 — How is it working on Petroleum?(Don't remember what he exactly asked)

Me — Sir I don't know. But as after Russia Ukraine war India increased its import of crude oil from Russia to about 35% from 1%. So the other countries think that India is supporting Russia indirectly despite the sanctions.

P1 — As the price increased to 35% so how is it affecting the Indian consumers?

Me — No sir it is not the price which is increased. It is the import.

P1 — So Indian consumers are benefited by it?

Me — No Sir.

P1 — He asked again something related to petroleum.

Me — No idea

P2 — (laughing) I knew she will again say no idea.

P1 also starts laughing

Me — (laughing) Mam I never bought petrol.

P2 — (smiling) No one buys.

P1 and P2 — Okay we are done. Thank you

Me — Thank you

I think they were friendly but grilling a lot. It was more on business side. No questions from academics or personal questions. Mostly from petroleum and agribusiness. I found it to be a dull interview and also I couldn't answer the questions. It lasted for only 10–15 mins.

Interview Experience – 44

Date: April 2023

Interview time: 15min.

Bcom Hons. from DU (Final year)

Panel 2(Male and Female)

P2: Good morning! Please have a seat.

A: Good morning! Thank you.

P2: So, tell us something about yourself.

A: Good morning, I'm XYZ. I hail from the vibrant city of Jaipur, Rajasthan. After completing my schooling in Jaipur, I pursued B.Com (Hons.) from XYZ College, DU. Apart from academics, I've been actively involved in various extracurricular activities. I am passionate about sustainability and was part of the college's eco-club. Additionally, I interned with a local NGO, working on community development projects. My interest in finance led me to participate in inter-college finance competitions. I believe in continuous learning and staying involved in activities that contribute positively to society.

P2: That's interesting. You mentioned sustainability. Can you share an example of a project you worked on?

A: Certainly. During my internship with the local NGO, we initiated a waste management project in a residential area. We conducted awareness programs, set up recycling bins, and collaborated with the community to segregate waste. It was a small step towards promoting sustainable practices at the grassroots level.

F2: Impressive! Moving on, what motivated you to pursue an MBA?

A: While pursuing my B.Com (Hons.), I developed a keen interest in finance and its strategic applications in business. I see an MBA as a bridge that will help me merge my passion for finance with practical

business acumen. I aspire to contribute to the corporate world, particularly in sustainable business practices and strategic financial management.

P2: Great. Let's talk about your favorite subject. What intrigues you about Entrepreneurship?

A: Entrepreneurship, to me, is the embodiment of innovation and risk-taking. I find it fascinating how entrepreneurs identify opportunities, create value, and drive economic growth. Personally, I envision leveraging entrepreneurship to address challenges in the education sector. Through innovative approaches, I aim to contribute to making education more accessible and impactful.

F2: That's a noble vision. Moving on, can you tell us about a current event or recent news that caught your attention?

A: Certainly. Recently, I was following developments in the renewable energy sector, specifically advancements in solar technology. With the global focus on sustainability, the innovations in this field are crucial for a cleaner and greener future.

P2: Good to know you're staying updated. Now, a quick question - who is the current Chief Justice of India?

A: The current Chief Justice of India is Justice NV Ramana.

P2: Well done! Now, if you were to choose between teamwork and individual work, which do you prefer and why?

A: I believe in the power of teamwork. Collaborative efforts bring diverse perspectives to the table, fostering creativity and collective problem-solving. Through teamwork, individuals can complement each other's strengths, leading to more holistic and effective outcomes.

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F2: That's a thoughtful perspective. We have a rapid-fire round for you now.

RAPID ROUND STARTS

How many Union Territories are there in India?

A: There are 8 Union Territories.

Name one recent technological innovation that impressed you.

A: The development of quantum computing has been quite impressive.

Who is the current Finance Minister of India?

A: Nirmala Sitharaman is the current Finance Minister.

Your favorite book and why?

A: "The Fountainhead" by Ayn Rand. It explores the importance of individualism and creative thinking, which resonates with my beliefs.

If you could have dinner with any business leader, dead or alive, who would it be?

A: I would choose Elon Musk for his innovative thinking and contribution to multiple industries.

P2: Thank you for your responses. It was a pleasure talking to you.

A: Thank you so much for the opportunity. I look forward to the possibility of being part of IIM Kozhikode.

Interview Experience – 45

Date: April 2023

Interview time: 20 min.

Bcom Hons. from DU (Final year)

Panel 3(Male and Female)

P3: Good morning! Please introduce yourself.

A: Good morning. My name is ABC. I come from the culturally rich city of Kolkata, West Bengal. After completing my schooling in Kolkata, I pursued B.Com (Hons.) from XYZ College, DU. During my academic journey, I actively participated in extracurricular activities, including organizing cultural events and volunteering for social causes. I'm passionate about finance and its role in shaping sustainable business practices.

F3: That's interesting. Can you elaborate on how you believe finance can contribute to sustainability?

A: Certainly. Finance plays a pivotal role in decision-making within businesses. By integrating sustainable practices into financial strategies, organizations can align their goals with environmental and social responsibility. This includes investments in eco-friendly technologies, ethical sourcing, and overall responsible financial management.

P3: Well put. You mentioned your involvement in cultural events. How do you think your cultural background has shaped your perspective?

A: Growing up in Kolkata, a city known for its art, literature, and festivals, has instilled in me a deep appreciation for diversity and creativity. It has also taught me the importance of community and collaboration. These values have influenced my approach to problem-solving and my ability to work effectively in diverse teams.

F3: Moving on to your academic background, you mentioned studying Business Law. Can you share a specific concept or case that you found particularly interesting?

A: Certainly. One concept that intrigued me was the doctrine of privity of contract. It was fascinating to understand the legal implications when a third party is not directly involved in a contract. This knowledge has practical applications in various business scenarios.

P3: That's a good choice. Now, let's discuss your aspirations. You mentioned an interest in entrepreneurship for the education sector. Can you elaborate on how you plan to blend these two elements?

A: Certainly. My long-term goal is to leverage my entrepreneurial skills to make a positive impact on the education sector. After completing my MBA, I envision establishing a platform that bridges the gap in educational opportunities, particularly in rural areas. This platform would not only provide quality education but also empower students with skills that are relevant to the evolving job market.

F3: Impressive vision. Now, a general knowledge question. Can you name the current Chief Minister of your home state?

A: Mamata Banerjee is the current Chief Minister of West Bengal.

P3: Good. Now, considering your interest in finance, how do you think recent global economic trends might impact the Indian economy?

A: The recent global economic trends, such as geopolitical shifts and technological advancements, can have significant repercussions on the Indian economy. It's crucial for India to adapt its economic policies to navigate these changes successfully. This includes fostering innovation, strengthening trade relations, and ensuring a resilient financial infrastructure.

F3: Thank you for your insights. One final question – if you had to choose a business leader you admire, who would it be and why?

A: I admire Ratan Tata for his exemplary leadership and commitment to social causes. His approach to business, emphasizing ethics and societal responsibility, aligns with my values. I believe leaders like him set a benchmark for responsible and impactful business practices.

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P3: Thank you for sharing your thoughts. It was a pleasure speaking with you.

A: Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity and look forward to the possibility of contributing to and learning from the IIM Kozhikode community.

Interview Experience – 46

Date: April 2023

Interview time: 18 min.

Bcom Hons. from DU (Final year)

Panel 4(Male and Female)

P4: Good morning! Please take a seat and introduce yourself.

A: Good morning. Thank you. I'm PQR. I come from the vibrant city of Mumbai. I completed my schooling in Mumbai and pursued B.Com (Hons.) from ABC College, DU. Throughout my academic journey, I've been actively involved in various cultural and leadership activities, including organizing college fests and

participating in debates. My interest lies in finance, and I believe it's a powerful tool for shaping sustainable business practices.

F4: Mumbai is known for its financial hub. How has growing up in such an environment influenced your career choices?

A: Growing up in Mumbai has provided me with a front-row seat to the dynamic world of finance. The city's financial culture has deeply influenced my interest in the subject. It has exposed me to diverse financial sectors, inspiring me to explore how finance can be a driving force for positive change in businesses.

P4: That's interesting. Your resume mentions participation in debates. Can you share an instance where you had to defend a controversial viewpoint?

A: Certainly. In one debate, the topic was centered around the ethical implications of artificial intelligence in the workplace. While many argued against it, I took the stance that when ethically implemented, AI can enhance efficiency and innovation in organizations. It was a challenging yet enriching experience defending a viewpoint that went against the conventional narrative.

F4: Well done! Now, moving on to your interest in finance. Can you discuss a recent financial development that caught your attention?

A: Recently, I've been following the evolution of decentralized finance (DeFi). The concept of financial services being accessible to everyone without traditional intermediaries is intriguing. It has the potential to democratize financial systems globally, and I find that shift fascinating.

P4: Excellent. Let's shift to your long-term goals. You mentioned an interest in impact investing. How do you see impact investing contributing to societal change?

A: Impact investing aligns financial returns with positive social and environmental outcomes. By directing capital towards projects that address societal challenges, impact investing can be a catalyst for sustainable development. It's a proactive approach that encourages businesses to prioritize both profit and social responsibility, fostering a more inclusive and equitable society.

F4: That's a thoughtful perspective. Now, a general awareness question - Can you name the current President of the United States?

A: Joe Biden is the current President of the United States.

P4: Good. Now, let's discuss teamwork. Can you share an experience where you faced a challenge while working in a team and how you addressed it?

A: Certainly. During a college project, our team faced a tight deadline. To ensure everyone's input was considered, I facilitated open communication, breaking down the tasks into manageable segments. By fostering a collaborative environment and leveraging each team member's strengths, we not only met the deadline but also produced a comprehensive project.

F4: Impressive. Finally, a question about your extracurricular activities. You mentioned organizing college fests. What skills do you think you've developed through such experiences?

A: Organizing college fests has honed my organizational and leadership skills. Coordinating various aspects, from logistics to marketing, requires effective communication and adaptability. It has also taught me to work under pressure and manage diverse teams, skills that I believe are transferrable to a business environment.

P4: Thank you for sharing your experiences. It was a pleasure talking to you.

A: Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity and am excited about the prospect of contributing to the dynamic environment at IIM Kozhikode.

Interview Experience – 47

Date: April 14, 2023

Interview time: 17 min.

Bcom Hons. from DU (Final year)

Panel 1(Male and Female)

P1: Good morning! Please take a seat

A: Good morning! Thank you.

P1: So, let's start with your academic background. Your scores are quite impressive. How do you think your academic journey has prepared you for an MBA?

A: Thank you. My academic journey has not only equipped me with a strong foundation in finance and business but also instilled in me the discipline and work ethic necessary for the rigor of an MBA program. Additionally, my coursework has exposed me to various aspects of business, sparking my interest in pursuing a more specialized management education.

F1: You mentioned your interest in agribusiness. Can you elaborate on how you envision blending your biology background with management in this sector?

A: Certainly. My interest in agribusiness stems from my roots in an agricultural background. I believe that with my biology background, I can contribute a unique perspective to the management of agricultural practices. For instance, understanding biological processes can be valuable in areas like sustainable farming practices and the development of biopesticides. It's a holistic approach that combines scientific knowledge with managerial skills.

P1: Interesting. Now, let's talk about your CAT score. It's quite commendable. How did you prepare for the CAT exam, and what strategies did you find most effective?

A: Thank you. I adopted a structured approach to my CAT preparation. I focused on understanding the exam pattern and syllabus thoroughly. Regular mock tests helped me identify my strengths and weaknesses, allowing me to tailor my preparation accordingly. Consistency and time management were key aspects of my strategy, ensuring I covered the entire syllabus and practiced effectively.

F1: Moving on, you mentioned your interest in acting and singing. How do you think these creative pursuits contribute to your overall personality and skill set?

A: Engaging in acting and singing has significantly contributed to my communication and presentation skills. Acting, in particular, has helped me become more confident and adaptable, qualities that I believe are crucial in a dynamic business environment. These creative pursuits also serve as outlets for expression, providing a balance to the analytical aspects of my academic pursuits.

P1: You mentioned during your WAT that economic prosperity is more important than environmental protection. Can you elaborate on your stance?

A: In the context of the WAT, I argued that economic prosperity is often seen as a driver of overall well-being, leading to improved living standards, education, and healthcare. However, I also acknowledged the importance of environmental protection as a foundation for long-term sustainability. Striking a balance between economic growth and environmental responsibility is crucial for a harmonious and sustainable future.

F1: Now, considering your interest in health sectors, do you think the current healthcare system in India is robust, or do you see areas that need improvement?

A: The healthcare system in India has made significant strides, but there are areas that require attention. Access to quality healthcare in rural areas remains a challenge, and there's a need for more inclusive and affordable healthcare solutions. Additionally, leveraging technology for healthcare delivery and focusing on preventive measures can contribute to a more robust and accessible healthcare system.

P1: You've mentioned your hometown is in Basti, Uttar Pradesh. How do you think your rural background shapes your perspective on management and business?

A: Growing up in a rural setting has instilled in me a deep appreciation for the challenges faced by rural communities. It emphasizes the importance of inclusive and sustainable business practices. I believe that management decisions should not only contribute to economic growth but also consider the social and environmental impact on diverse communities, including those in rural areas.

F1: That's a thoughtful perspective. One last question – if you were to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

A: Adaptable, driven, and creative.

P1: Thank you for your responses. It was a pleasure talking to you.

A: Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity and look forward to the prospect of being part of IIM Kozhikode.

Interview Experience – 48

Profile: 93/79/65

B.Sc Hons. from Calcutta University

M.Sc from Calcutta University (final year)

Date: 23rd Feb, 2021

Morning slot: 9:30 am (started at 9:40am)

Panel: 1 female professor (P1 in her 30's), 1 male professor (P2 in his 40's)

P1: Good morning Shruti.

S: Good morning, ma'am, good morning, sir.

P1: Introduce yourself.

S: I'm XX from yy place, West Bengal. I have done my schooling from zz. I have done my graduation in Zoology hons. from www. Currently I'm pursuing masters in zoology from xxxx. I'm keen on crafting, painting. I enjoy singing.

P1: So you are from South 24 pgs. How many districts are there in West Bengal?

S: 19 ma'am (I read this in my childhood, but now a few districts added, so now it's 24, so gave the wrong answer confidently)

P1: Name some districts from north, south and middle.

S: Named a few districts from north and south but recalled only one from middle.

P1: So you are pursuing masters in zoology.

S: yes ma'am.

P1: I have been always curious about the matter that who feel more pain among a dog, octopus and fish?

S: The dog feels more pain ma'am.

P1: Why so?

S: As per the evolutionary tree, the dog is more developed, so it feels more pain.

P1: What about the fish and octopus?

S: The fish will feel more pain than octopus.

P1: Same reason?

S: Yes ma'am. (I googled this question later, but there was no proper answer and research till now, as scientists have ethical issues)

P1: ok, as you mentioned about evolution, tell me which animal is in the lowest grade of evolution?

S: protozoa

P1: Can you name a few grades after that?

S: porifera, cnidaria, ctenophora, platyhelminthes, aschelminthes, annelida, arthropoda, mollusca, achinodermata

(I told all the invertebrate classes in a flow, but was only asked for a few. So, me and P1 both were smiling)

P1: I'm sorry but can you please repeat what are your hobbies?

S: I like to do painting, singing songs.

P1: What kind of painting?

S: Now mostly I do doodling but I have done pastel drawing too.

P1: Name a few types of painting?

S: oil painting, water colour, pastel colour, acrylic painting.

P1: Can you tell me the differences between all these types of painting?

S: pastel colours are done in paper by oil pastel colours, water colour is done in paper and we use water soluble colours, and acrylic colours are thicker than water colour but water soluble and we can do acrylic colours in paper, wall or even in a t- shirt. (told whatever came into my mind)

P1: What about oil painting?

S: I have never done oil painting, so I don't know much about that.

P1: Okay. Name 2 famous painters.

S: Abanindranath Tagore, Rabindranath Tagore.

P1: Do you know any living painters?

S: No ma'am. I'm not aware of that.

P1: What kind of songs do you sing?

S: I am interested mostly in Bengali folk songs and Rabindra sangeet.

P1: Do you know any Indian singer who got national award in recent years?

S: I don't know about Indian singer but I know Iman Chakraborty, a Bengali singer who got national award for best playback singer recently.

P1: Then the person got a national award, that's what I was asking. (Both me and P1 were smiling)

(P1 to P2: I'm done, you can start)

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P2: As I can see your academic grades are low in the 1st year of graduation as well in 12th.

S: Gave proper explanation about both separately

P2: Fair enough. Why is your college named Dinabandhu Andrews? It's an old college, when is it founded?

S: Gave a well-prepared answer, explained why Andrews, then why Dinabandhu.

P2: So do you follow news, what are the covid vaccines made in India?

S: Covaxin manufactured by Bharat Biotech and I couldn't recall another one, the Indian version of Oxford Antrazeneca made by Serum Institute of India.

(I couldn't recall Covisheild at that moment)

P2: What do you think, how much effective are the vaccines and is it safe?

S: Told about their effectiveness, and deficiency in data and trials and safety issues briefly.

P2: As you are planning to study MBA, you have to do a few maths here.

S: I'm not in touch with maths after my 12th but yes, I'll do.

P2: Ok, as we all heard, Covid is having an exponential growth. What is it? Can you draw the growth curve?

S: I drew in a few seconds and showed.

P2: What is the equation of straight line?

S: $mx + c$

P2: what's in the left side of the equation?

S: $f(x) = mx + c$

P2: Draw a graph of the equation.

S: Drew and showed.

P2: Ok thank you Shruti. You can disconnect.

S: Thank you sir, thank you ma'am.

I shared my interview experience as I have quite different academic background. It might be helpful for the freshers and academically diverse students.

Rejected on 16th May, 2021

Converted to IIML for PGP ABM & IIMI for PGPM & PGP-HR

Interview Experience – 49

Interview time: 10min.

Bcom Hons. from DU (Final year)

Date: - 31.03.2021

Slot: - 10am (started at 10:20)

Panel 1(Male and Female)

P1: So XX you are in the process

A: Yes, Sir finally!! GOOD MORNING, SIR, GOOD MORNING, MA'AM.

P1: Give a brief intro xx

A: My name is YYY. I was born in a small village called Karhagola Road in the Katihar district of Bihar and brought up in Odisha. I did my schooling from Odisha as well and currently I am pursuing Bcom(H) from PGDAV, DU though I had science in my intermediate.

I have always been an active child since my school days like I won few sports competition in the school level and even in college I am an active member of various clubs and societies like NSS, Enactus. I am also the Vice-President of Career Counselling Club of my college. In the past I have incorporated activities with the intentions of contributing back to the society like while staying at my village, I have been teaching in a school and some underprivileged children and am trying to figure out the problems the kids are facing and how I can contribute after doing MBA and that's my main long-term purpose to do MBA now.

P1: Mr. XX, Who is Pannalal Girdharlal?

A: Sir Pannalal Girdharlal are the founders of the college and they have contributed some money to the institute and presently they are the leading business people of Delhi having corporates like Victor Cables Ltd and Pannalal Ltd.

P1: How old are the Vedas? What is AD and BC?

A: Vedas are very old (he asked me to give specific no. so I said 15th century) BC means Before Christ, AD I do not know:

P1: Oh!! XX you studied Business law and what did you learn?

A: Sir, Business pardon

P1: Business law... anything you remember jo bhi yaad hai boldo

A: Sir I studied Business law in my 1st year and I remember there was something contract, offer, acceptance and contract is offer + acceptance & also Indian Contract Act was enabled in 1872. This is what I remembered

P1: When can a contract be null or void?

A: Sir When there is no offer or acceptance then the contract will be void.

P1: What's your favourite subject?

A: Sir I like (phir yaad aaya yeh toh Ma'am hai) Ma'am I like Entrepreneurship subject a more because I want to do something in the education sector.

F2: What do you want to do in education sector?

A: Ma'am I want to do something like after MBA in the initial years I would like to do job and at the same time would set up my organization where I would take some students from the village area and would personally train them and make sure they get some rank in the school, district or may be in state and that would provide me a brand equity and then I will contribute in a good way to the society and convert it into a business.

F1: What is artificial intelligence in the entrepreneurial sector (aysa kuch tha Question, yaad nhi)

A: Took 2 second pause and said, I am not aware of it

F1: ohhk what you know about IIM K?

A: Ma'am IIM K is the 5th IIM estb in 1996 and it's completed 25years this year. Its the most diverse institute all over India (fumbled a bit 😊) and IIM K is situated... (Ma'am interrupted)

F1: What are the courses that are provided here? Are you aware?

A: Course like PGP, LSM, Business Leadership and Director is also planning to make more business programme in the upcoming years.

F1: Why don't you take Business Leadership programme then wo toh sirf 1year ka hai and you are interested in entrepreneurship more?

A: Ma'am that's for the experience people and I do not have experience now that's why I would do MBA now and then will shift to business in the future.

F1: Ohh it's okay then... (she seemed satisfied)

P1: In which all states the election are going on?

A: Sir Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Assam, West Bengal and there is a union territory too i.e. Pondicherry (I should not say this as they didn't ask)

RAPID ROUND STARTS

1)How many states are there?

A: 28

2)Any new state recently added?

A: After thinking for 3-4 seconds, Sir I think there is no state that is currently made or added in a country (fumbled more)

Sir was smiling So I said to cover it "there are some UT that's been added"

(PS: - Telangana was the answer)

3)RBI Governor

A: Hmm Shaktikanta Das

4) Chief Election Commissioner?

A: Sir I do not know

5) What's your Hobbies?

A: Sir I like singing Bollywood songs and independent artist songs and also like to write some lyrics of my own. In fact, Sir, I have written few lines for IIM K as well. I mean my aspiration for IIM K
(They said thik hai thik hai)

P1: Ok so you know A.R. Rahman won a Oscar for a song in the Movie? Name the movie

A: Sir Slumdog Millionaire

P1: Who is the Director?

A: Sorry Sir, Not aware of it

P1: What you think the director was Indian or Foreigner?

A: Sir definitely Indian

P1: Definitely with smiling

A: Yes sir (with 200% confidence)

(PS: - It's foreigner)

P1: Who is your favourite singer?

A: hmm ...Sir my favourite singers are like Jubin Nautiyal, Darshan Raval, Arijit Singh.

P1: What about Kishore Kumar?

A: Sir I actually dont listen much older songs but I do like him.

Okay that's it!! Thank you

I greeted: - Thank you so much Sir, Thank you so much Ma'am.

I feel satisfied as I think I was very confident, doesn't matter whether I know the answer or not and I kept smiling throughout (shayad thoda zyada hee smile kar rha tha)

Interview Experience – 50

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Date & Time: 10.04.2021, 11:35 A.M. Online.

Profile:

10th/12th/Grad: 10/93%/9

UG - B.Sc. (Hindu College)

CAT - 98.62%ile

The interview was supposed to start at 12:10 P.M. At 11:30, I received a call from IIMK that my interview is in the next 5 min. Join asap. Thank God, I was ready. I quickly joined and there was almost 2 min waiting time only.

Duration ~ 15 minutes.

Panel: There were 2 members (1 Male, 1 Female).

P1(Male) - In the early 50s or late 40s.

P2(Female) - In the early 40s.

A student coordinator checked my ID.

Me: Good morning, sir. Good morning, ma'am.

P1: Good morning, XXt. So, you graduated from Hindu college last year.

Me: No sir, I am currently in my final year.

P1: okay okay, you have around 9 CGPA in graduation. How would you like to comment on this? I think they are very good according to DU.

Me: They are decent sir. But not very good as marking in DU varies from course to course and in our course, we get more than 9.5 as well.

P1: Still they are very good! Don't you think?

Me: Probably sir (They started laughing)

P1: You don't have to be that modest. Anyways, what do your parents do?

Me: Told.

P1: Do you have any siblings?

Me: Yes sir, she is 3 years older than me.

P1: Oh! What is she doing right now?

Me: Sir, she is a probationary officer in SBI.

P1: Do you have any gf?

Me: No sir! (started smiling)

P1: Why? You look handsome! Why don't you have any?

Me: (looking at the camera) sorry sir, can you see me? I guess there is some connectivity problem.

P1: No! No! It's fine. We can see you.

Me: Your question made me think for a moment that there was some camera problem. (I started smiling) (They also started laughing) (It might not sound funny now, but at that time, it was kinda funny) (Now, P2 starts asking)

P2: Your course is Physical science with chemistry! What do you study in this?

Me: Ma'am Physics, Chemistry and Maths.

P2: What is the major subject here? Chemistry?

Me: There is no major subject ma'am. All the subjects have the same weightage.

P2: So, why is it named so?

Me: Ma'am, It's just another fancier name of B.Sc. Programme. (Smiles)

P2: You have very good academic consistency. Why don't you continue Science? Why MBA?

P1: Are Haan haan! I forgot to ask this!

Me: Told how I am working with a venture, got interested in management and how MBA will help me in my goals! (Basically, the rehearsed answer)

P2: Tell us some recent news.

Me: Talked about Coronavirus second wave and its impact, RBI monetary policy review, and New CJI appointment.

P2: What other calls do you have?

Me: MDI, IIMS, CAP, IIFT

P2: So, this is your best call!

Me: It is one of the best.

P2: oh cmon! Which will you choose then?

Me: Ma'am, currently I am not in a position to answer this question as I only have interview letters from these places, not final admission offers.

P2: What if you convert all of them! what will be your preference order?

Me: Firstly, I will be very fortunate and happy to convert all my calls. (Smiling)

(Cutting in between)

P2: No buttering. Just tell us the order.

Me: IIMK, MDI, IIMs, IIFT.

P2: That's it from our side Ankit. Do you have any questions for us?

Me: While going through the IIMK website, I came across Business Simulation Lab. How exactly are students allowed to access that? Is there any extra fee or something?

P1: That we won't tell you now. You join here and find that on your own.

Me: Ok sir, Thank you so much!

P1: au revoir (Bye in French) (I have written in Form-B that I know French.)

Me: (started smiling) au revoir, merci beaucoup monsieur. (Bye, thank you so much sir)

(Now, Sir started telling ma'am that he also studied French)

P1: Acha, tell me, My name is Ankit in French.

Me: je m'appelle Ankit. (I was thinking like Basics 101)

P1: I love you in French.

Me: Je t'aime.

(They started laughing.)

P1: You can log off now.

Me: (smiles) reste en sécurité sir, means stay safe sir.

(We all again smiled and I log off)

Overall Experience

Definitely, the most enjoyable interview I've ever had, more like a normal conversation with the panelists.

Result - Converted

Interview Experience – 51

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Profile: General Engineering Male, 18 months' work-ex

10th/12th/grad/CAT: 10/98.5/8.3/99.76

Date: March 26th, 2021.

Overall experience: The interview lived up to the expectations. IIM K interviews are known to be longer, touching upon all aspects of your profile. Mine was no exception, however there was of more emphasis on general knowledge.

Two male panellists, both in 40s, let's say M1, M2

M1: Which firm do you work at? What's your role? Describe about your firm.

Me: *This was already expected and I gave a well-prepared answer*

M2: What's Adobe's market capitalisation?

Me: 200 billion dollars.

M1: Do you know how many classical languages are there in India?

Me: I know that there are 16 languages on currency but I don't know about classical languages.

M1: Ok I will give u the definition, they are languages which are 1500 yrs old.

Me: In that case, Tamil and Sanskrit will be there. Telugu also should be there. It's derived from Tamil and definitely has a history of more than 1500 yrs. But regarding north Indian languages, I don't have much idea.

M1: why do you think north Indian languages are not classical languages?

Me: I know that there is a language called Prakriti which evolved from Sanskrit. All other languages evolved from that. But I don't really know whether this happened 1500 yrs ago.

(*Looks like the guess mostly worked, there are 6 classical languages they are Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Sanskrit, Odia*)

M1: Ok do u know about the city which is the reference for IST — Indian standard time

Me: I don't know but I can take a guess

M1: Ok

Me: Nagpur or Indore

M1:(*grins*) what? How?

Me: It should be somewhere near the midpoint, so Nagpur lies straight above Hyderabad and its almost closer to centre point of India.

M1:(*faint smile*)

(*Answer is prayagraj, made a blunder*)

Now M2 takes over...

M2: So you know digital circuits right?

Me: Yes sir.

M2: what's the significance of NAND gate?

Me: It's a universal gate and building block of most of the digital circuits in the processors.

M2: Can you tell me the Boolean expression for that?

Me: *told*

M2: How does a USB drive work?

Me: it connects to the data bus of the processor. From there the data goes to internal registers and flow is controlled by the control unit.

M2: What's the probability of you getting selected in any IIM?

Me: There are 4000 seats. Me being a GEM, the probability will be lower than usual.

M2: Give me a number

Me:(*trying to use pen and paper*)

M2: without using pen and paper

Me:(*took sometime*) I am making a simple assumption that 4 candidates are interviewed per seat. So, it's 0.25.

M2: Ok, can you name two women ministers of India?

Me: Nirmala Sitharaman and Smriti Irani.

M2: Do you know about spectrum scam?

Me: yes sir, it happened in 2011 2012

M2: Was it 2g,3g,4g? Which party's minister was involved?

Me: it was 2g and DMK's minister was involved.

M2: Who is the minister?

Me: I think it was D raja (*it was A raja*)

M2: Do you know the difference between pandemic, epidemic, endemic?

Me: pandemic is worldwide spread; endemic is a spread in localized area or a group. Epidemic should be somewhere in between.

M2: What is the meaning of between? (*Laughs*)

Me: May be at a country or a state level...

M2: what are the vaccines produced in India? Who are the manufacturers?

Me: Covishield — Serum Institute, Pune; Covaxin — Bharat Biotech, Hyd.

M2: what about Russia's vaccine and China's vaccine?

Me Yes sir, Dr Reddy's labs is in consultation to produce them. China's vaccine is not produced in India.

M2: what's the name of the Russia's vaccine? Do u know why it's named so?

Me: it's sputnik, named after Russia's first space mission.

M1: What other calls do you have?

Me: B, C, L

M1: So, you have all these calls, which IIM is best according to you? It's doesn't have to be K.

Me: Sir, coming from an IIT background, I can say that all older IIMs offer more or less similar quality infrastructure, faculty and peer group. I would be happy to be selected in anyone of them. But my personal choice would be IIM B, because of its geographical proximity and also, I know seniors in IIM B.

M2: what's the oldest IIM?

Me: Calcutta.

M2: that's the interview, any questions from your side?

Me: No sir, I am fine.

M2: All the best for your other interviews.

Me: thanks sir.

Interview Experience – 52

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Background: 1 work ex (as of July 2020) in a Software firm

CAT'20: 98.79 %tile

Acads (10th, 12th, Grad): 95,89,83

General engineer female

2 male panelists: M1 and M2

M1: So you work in XYZ. Tell me what do you do?

Me: Told

M1: So you're a core software engineer

Me: Yes sir

M1: Which language do you code in

Me: Sir Java

M1: Okay so what are the advantages of Java over other languages like Python, SQL, etc

Me: Spoke about platform independence, JVM, benefit of no pointers, extensive usage in banking industry, garbage collection

M1: (Seemed Satisfied) So where is your company headquartered?

Me: Told

M1: So you're born and brought up in Mumbai, who is the Governor of Maharashtra?

Me: Sir it's Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari Ji

M1: Okay so tell me 3 top Indian IT firms and their CEOs.

Starts thinking TCS, Wipro, Infosys but then realizes doesn't know their CEO names so thinks lets mention some startups

Me: Sir I know some start up CEO names

M1: No I want CEOs of top companies

Me: Okay sir I know Infosys, TCS, Wipro. Wipro chairman is Azim Premji ...

*gets interrupted *

M1: That we all know but do you know the CEOs name?

Me: No sir

M1: Okay have you heard about NAS****, how is it related to sport? (I couldn't hear, so I asked to repeat)

Me: (Wondering what sport, what is he saying) Sir I don't know, will read about it.

M1: Okay what are the major stock exchanges in India

Me: Sir it's NSE and BSE.

M1: What is the difference?

Me: Sir NSE is national stock exchange and BSE is Bombay Stock exchange. NSE has an index called as Nifty and BSE has an index called SENSEX. BSE is the oldest stock exchange of Asia. Nifty is calculated using market capitalization of top 500 companies. And SENSEX using top 50 companies. Nifty also has an index called Nifty 50 which uses market capitalization of top 50 companies.

** Now that he asked BSE and NSE I wonder if in the previous question he meant "NASDAQ" and "stock" instead of "sport"(because this is what i heard) because I know about NASDAQ, ugh these online interviews **

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M1: Why is your company called Pvt. Ltd? What is Ltd?

Me: Sir Ltd means that the company's liability is restricted to a limited number of shareholders. I guess the number is 50 shareholders. (Was right) Public companies are listed on the stock exchange and private companies are not. Whenever any private firm defaults the losses will be limited to that company's shareholders.

M1: Okay I am done, sir (points to M2) you can take on.

M2: So, who is Jijabai? (My college has Jijabai in its name)

Me: *Proudly smiles and mentions* Sir she is the mother of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. She had 8 children, 6 daughters and 2 sons. (Then, spoke about how she brought them up, the values she taught Shivaji, how Shivaji treated women with respect and how he ruled the then Bombay State which later became Mumbai city, etc)

M2: Okay so you graduated in 2019, you must be remembering your academics then

Me: Yes sir, will try my best to answer

M2: What is your favorite subject?

Me: Sir DBMS and Data Structures.

M2: So, what is RDMBS?

Me: Sir it's relational database management system. Then I spoke about how data is stored in tables in rows and columns, advantage over traditional dbms, consistency, normalized data, etc

M2: So what is primary and foreign key?

Me: (easy-peasy) Told

M2: So what are your long term goals?

Me: Started speaking, got interrupted

M2: why IIM K why not any other college? What do you like about IIM K?

Me: Told

M2: So you told me the advantages of RDMBS tell me some disadvantages

Me: Told about centralised architecture so can have single point of failure, mentioned how distributed systems like hadoop solve this problem, mentioned storing unstructured data is tough in RDBMS *gets interrupted again*

M2: What is unstructured data? Give examples

Me: Told

M2: What was your rank in class

Me: Sir I was in the top 10-15 %tile

M2: Top 10%tile, okay we are done thank you.

Interview Experience – 53

Profile:

8.6 CGPA Xth Class

60.40 (Arts from NIOS in XII)

Final Year B.A. (Hons.) Political Science, Ashoka University (64% so far)

Extra-curriculars - Badminton (National/International), Swimming (State)

Work ex - Zero

IIM Calcutta Afternoon session 12th February 2021 (Panel 3), I'm the second candidate on the panel, 2 panelists, M and F, both 40+. I gave the interview from my college dorm.

Exchange of initial pleasantries and ID verification.

M - So your application form mentions pretty impressive sports achievements. Tell us a little about it.

A - (Happy as I'd hoped for this) Talks about how it went and why I had to stop due to a labrum tear in July '20 (shoulder cartilage tear).

M - So you want to do an MBA now? Why?

A - (Happier now as I was ready for this) Delivers well-prepped answer with a basic outline of career goals and why an MBA would be of great help.

M - Alright. So you've majored in Political Science. You know what federalism is right?

A - Gives the textbook definition with a few examples.

M - What's populism and why are some parties criticized for being 'populist'?

A - Answers again with relevant examples.

M - Alright fair enough. Ma'am any questions from your side?

F - Yes. So you don't have a mathematics background....you know that an MBA requires it right?

A - Yes ma'am.

F - Can you do double integration?

A - (Single toh hota nahi) Umm... no ma'am I'm not well versed with calculus.

F - Ah. Alright, no worries. What about quadratic equations? Can you solve one for me on a sheet of paper?

A - (praying for it to be easy) Sure!

F - Chalo write it down. $2x^2 - 9x - 18 = 0$

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A - (Thankful for the easy question) Starts scribbling away furiously.

F - Show me the sheet, please.

A - (Raises the sheet to the camera)

F - Okay okay. Let's talk about something else.

M - Why not just invest in your business plan?

A - Talks about the skills required to implement it and why an MBA would be perfect for me right now.

F - What's the financial model of the plan?

A - (Little nervously) It's still in the works but we need approximately (figure). We are trying to pitch to investors next month.

F - Okay. What do you plan to do about your mathematics? (Steely glint in her eyes)

A - I've enrolled myself in an online mathematics and statistics refresher course. It'll start in March and end in May. I feel that would prepare me well for an MBA program.

F - Alright alright. Where else have you gotten calls from?

A - B, C, L, and I.

M - What if you don't get selected? What then?

A - (thinks for a moment) I'll work on my business model and try again next year.

M - Why not go abroad? Your startup idea would need a lot of international involvement. Go to a good university abroad!

A - I thought about it sir but since I want to launch in India I feel it would be best to study here as I would gain all the relevant knowledge about the market here. In any case, an MBA from your college would grant me all the skills I need to establish a business anywhere, even outside India.

M - Okay. Ma'am do you have any questions?

F - No I'm done. You may leave. Best of luck.

I thanked them and cut the call.

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Note : - I feel the overall vibe of the interview was positive. But then again, you never know.

Also, I really liked the online experience because I could always see my own face on the screen and that reminded me to keep smiling. My face had fallen for a split second at the integration question but I immediately rectified it once I saw how miserable I looked on screen haha. I was a little surprised they didn't ask me anything about current affairs. Maybe the others will. I'll update the results of this as well as other interviews as soon as they happen. Till then,

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL THE CANDIDATES OUT THERE!

Interview Experience – 54

07/02/2022

Profile

General Engineer Female

10th - 94%

12th- 96%

Btech - 8.12 cgpa

35 months of experience at the time of PI in the software industry (UBS , UiPath)

CAT- 95.04

Two professors - one female(young) and one male (middle aged)

Sir- Hello ! Hope we have not kept you waiting for so long.

Me- No sir, its completely okay !

Sir - Ma'am will take from here on .

Ma'am - Hello. Can you give a short introduction?

Me- (gave well-rehearsed answer- end goal leadership in technology space)

Ma'am - Its good that you have done your Btech in Information Technology and also have workexp in the same background.

Me- (wait, did she just compliment me?!) Yes ma'am, thank you

Ma'am - Can you explain about your work / current project

Me- Explained with figures , ROI and impact of my work. Explained what is RPA and Uipath software.

Explained how i use ML/ AI with Uipath. Spoke for around 2/3 mins.

Ma'am- Its impressive that you are working on the latest technologies, these all would be very useful in the coming times.

Me- (happy) Thanks ma'am !

Ma'am- Give examples of how automation helps in the industry

Me- Gave many examples , across several industries.

Ma'am - Can you tell me which language does Uipath work on?

Me- Microsoft .NET framework

Ma'am- How do you combine ML , give me an example

Me - Explained with a ML model

Ma'am - But then how do you combine it with your code

Me- We add code snippets in between (explained in detail)

Ma'am - Okay, I got it. What were your favorite subjects in graduation?

Me- Java, DBMS

Ma'am - Explain OOPS and its features

Me- Explained

Ma'am - Have you ever used OOPS in your work ? Give an example

Me - Explained with a project

Ma'am- Is C# also based on OOPS.

Me- Yes

Ma'am- Differentiate C# and Java.

Me- Explained

Ma'am - Thats it from my side.

The next professor asked me completely random questions, with 1/2 GK questions. Few of his questions were funny

You seem to be an expert in the IT field. Do you have any hobbies?

2. Tell me your computer and mobile phone configuration

3. Practical uses of modern technology and its advantages ?

(Explained and gave example of startup boom in india, NFTs , blockchains , crypto etc)

4. Disadvantages of modern technology ? Explain the digital rupee. How is digital rupee beneficial if we already have crypto . How are banks benefitted? (Answered in detail)

5. What do other people in your family do ?

6. Do you miss WFO ? Do you like WFH?

7. Do you like office coffee (now the conversation went quite chill)

8. Do you miss your office friends? Living in city vs your hometown?

9 . Any questions for us ?

I asked about Kozhikode and in general that I am fascinated with the beauty of Kampus. Told him I always wanted to visit Kerala.

Both laughed and said " We are looking forward to have you on Kampus! "

Me- (Wait, What?!) I concluded with a greeting and thanked them for their time.

Interview duration- 35/40 minutes

The ma'am who took my interview was a Systems prof at IIM K, which was clearly reflected in her questions.

Verdict- Converted on 23/05/2022

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Interview Experience – 55

Date - 1st February, 2022, 10 a.m.

Profile:

10th - 81.7%

12th - 91.17%

UG - BMS (Finance), 84.17%

Fresher

CAT Percentile - 96.57

2 Panelist, One male (age: 50+) P1; One female (age: 35–40) P2

It was an Online Personal Interview (OPI).

I joined at 9:20 a.m. Got my documents verified. Waited for 30 minutes and then got entry at 10:05 a.m. for the interview.

P1 - Hi X, Good Morning. How are you?

Me - Hi sir, I am fine. Good morning to you too. How are you?

P1 - I am fine too. So X please introduce yourself. Tell us about what you are doing currently.

Me - Gave a prepared answer. Also mentioned I love to sing in my free time.

P1 - You love singing? What do you sing?

Me - I love to sing any kind of music.

P1 - You sing music or do you sing songs? (Gone bad up in the beginning only)

Me - Songs sir, Sorry. I was actually a part of the music society of SSCBS and I have also learned Classical singing.

P1 - Who is this person in your college name?

Me - (was confused about what he was talking about, so I repeated) Sir, my college is Shaheed Sukhdev College.

P1 - Yes yes, Who is Shaheed Sukhdev?

(Never expected my interview to go in this direction :(

Me - Sir, he was a freedom fighter who fought along with Shaheed Bhagat Singh. (Didn't know much about him)

P1 - Okay, so. And he was hanged?

Me - Yes sir, he was hanged.

P1 - Anybody else was there in that group?

Me - Yes sir, There was another person with them. But I can't really remember his name now. (Later searched, It was Shaheed Rajguru)

P1 - So along with Bhagat Sing and Sukhdev, there was another person. But you don't the name.

Me - Yes Sir.

P1 - You did specialization in?

Me - Finance, sir.

P1 - So what do you like in Finance?

Me - Gave prepared answer. Also mentioned a little about stock markets.

P1 - So what have you learned about the stock market.

For the next 5 10 minutes, the discussion went on about the stock market only.

What is NSE; Fundamental vs Technical analysis; Candlestick Charts; Stock Volatility; Standard Deviation; How to make a portfolio; Stop Loss

Entering P2

P2 - How would you select stocks? Make a portfolio for me.

Me - I asked some preliminary questions. Then suggested an approach.

P2 - Okay. Where are you from? Delhi?

Me - Yes mam.

P2 - If I were to travel to Delhi and want to visit historical places, what are the 5 historical places you would suggest me to visit?

Me - (was only able to name 4; post-interview remember 3 more :()

P2 - So why is Delhi a historic place?

Me - (I honestly didn't know the answer) I am sorry mam, But I can't really think of any reason for Delhi to be a historic city.

P2 - Which city in India you would consider a historic city and why?

Me - Mam, I think Punjab would be a historic city.

P2 - Punjab is a city? (Fucked up again)

Me - Sorry mam, State.

P2 - Why is Punjab a historic state?

Me - Told some basic reasons like partition, Shaheed Bhagat Singh death.

P2 - Okay sir. I think we are done. Thank you.

Me - Thank you, sir. Have a nice day.

Overall, I was happy until history came into play.

Interview Experience – 56

Date- 7th February, 2022

Time- 5:30 pm

Background: 10= 89.33% ICSE, 12= 89.33% ISC, Graduation = 9 CGPA with Honrs in Sociology

CAT - 99.60

This was my first interview with a B-School and naturally, I was quite nervous but excited too. I was admitted into the meeting at 5:45 pm and the interview went on for 30 minutes approx. There were 2 panelists, 1 male (M) and 1 female (F). Let's tag me as (P).

P: Good evening sir, Good evening ma'am.

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Both of them greeted me and F asked me to tell them something about myself.

Gave a prepared answer.

F: What papers did you have in your undergrad course?

P: told (one of them was religion and society, another was gender and society)

F: Gender and society, okay. What do you think about the MeToo movement?

P: (I was kind of disappointed at and also amused by this question. I mean MeToo, seriously?!) The MeToo movement gave the scope to women to come forward with their stories. It encouraged and empowered them to raise their voices against the injustices, however, we hardly hear about it today. Hence we can say that the movement has died down somewhat.

F: Okay. Which community or sector of women face the most atrocities?

P: Rural household sector, ma'am.

F: So was the movement successful in empowering them?

P: No ma'am. Like I said, before the movement could reach the grassroot levels, it had already died down. This is usual trend of social media as well. It harps on something for a while before another big thing pops up and the attention is diverted towards that.

F: Okay. So you also had religion and Society. Do you think religion is politicized in our nation?

P: Religion is indeed used as a major tool in politics, especially in driving vote banks for a party. (Here, I introduced the example of the Hijab controversy that was unrolling at that time. It hadn't reached a legal aspect and was limited to the Udupi district back then. Gave few pointers on it)

M interrupts here and asks me when the word "Secular" was added to our Constitution.

face slap

P: Sir, is it 1951?

M: No. You are wrong. Anyway continue.

F asked me a few more questions on religion itself. Kept a very neutral expression throughout.

M comes in now and tells me the history of when the word secular was added.

M: There was another word added to the Constitution along with Secular. What was it?

P: Sir it was Socialist. (I had read about it just before the interview, thank my luck!)

M: So about the hijab issue. Don't you think by having uniforms we are killing the diversity?

P: Sir, what's imperative to note here is the level at which we are while donning uniforms. For school children, I think it is very important for it subtracts all the differentiating factors that might come into play. Having two different school bags, one of a better quality than the other would eventually lead to discrimination among students of the same age and same class level.

M: Okay. So why do the Army personnel wear uniforms?

P: Sir, the army uniform forms a part of the identity of an army officer. It commands a certain level of prestige and respect in the society.

M: So, without the uniform, an army officer has no respect right?

P: That is not the case sir. It might so happen that an army officer is not wearing his/her uniform but we cannot also negate the fact that the uniform does form a part of their identity, of their job and makes them stand apart from the common citizens.

M: Okay. (Asked me a few sociology questions after this)

I answered all of them well and somehow, the discussion again went back to the religion issue for a while.

M: Is sociology a science or not?

P: Yes, sir. Sociology is a science for there are empirical evidences, research can be conducted, analysis can be and conclusions can be drawn.

Here he was cross-questioning me at EVERY point, so much that I had to ask him to repeat what he said at least 10 times. I tried to maintain my calm and confidence and was smiling throughout.

Then I don't remember why but I shook my head at something and then

M: So you don't like what I am saying? (Starts laughing)

P: No, sir. It is nothing like that.

M: Don't worry, we are just pulling your leg. It is rare that we get a sociology student, hence, we thought of grilling you a little. (Still laughing)

WOWWWWW. SO CHILLL.

P: (nervous laugh) I really liked interacting with you sir. And you, ma'am.

M: That's all Prachi. Do have a question for us?

P: Yes sir. (Asked a random question)

M gave the answer and asked me to leave the meeting. I greeted them both and left the meeting.

Overall, for a first interview, it was pretty good. No questions on current affairs or GK. Based totally on sociology.

Verdict: Awaited.

Interview Experience – 57

1 February 2022 Afternoon session 2:45 pm

98.31%ile (10/93.6/8.23)

OB Category

Electrical Engineering Fresher from NIT Surat

Two female panelists both looked in their 50s

P1 and P2

Duration:15 minutes approx.

Asked me to Show my Id proof

P1-Why your name is Lucky and the significance of this name?

P1-You have consistently done well in your academics why don't you go into the technology field?

(I said I have an interest in the management field.)

P1-Then why didn't you do B.Com? Tell the real reason for MBA.

(She did not look convinced with my answer.)

P1-What is Unicorn?

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P1-How do you define valuation of a company?

P1-What are digital assets?

P1-What is cryptocurrency?

P1-What is blockchain technology?

P2-What is your branch in Engineering?

P2-On which principle does an induction motor work?

P2-What is Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction?

P2-What is Transformer and its working principle?

P2-What are Capacitor, Inductor, and Resistor?

P2-Where are all these components used?

P2-Why is a capacitor used in fans?

P1-Thanks, lucky it was great talking to you. you can leave the meeting.

P1 was interrupting in almost every answer, not a great interview experience but fingers crossed.

Verdict - awaited

Interview Experience – 58

Cat percentile: - 97.96

There were two panellists one male(M) one female(F).

M:- Tell us something about yourself.

M:- Recite a few lines of your gazal. (I mentioned I compose gazal in my free time)

M:- Why MBA after BBA?

M:- Favourite subjects during graduation?

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M:- Tell about the taxation system in India.

M:- What do you know about IIM K?

F:- Tell about your extracurriculars.

F:- Your responsibility as head of the mess committee.

F:- What problems do women face in an organisation?

F:- Is it right to award diversity points to a woman for b-school admission?

F:- Case study, If you are a manager and there are no toilets available for women in the organisation, top management cites the reason that there are not many female employees in our organisation. What will you do in such a situation?

Total duration:- 17-18 minutes.

Panelists were very friendly. The overall interview experience was amazing

Interview Experience – 59

B.Com fresher

Acads-9/9/7

Two male panelists, both mid 40's

P1- hello how are you.

Me- I am good sir, how are you two

P1- good, so I was reading your form and you are from B.COM, any plans of doing CA.

Me- Sir I want to get in the HR field so no.

P1- why HR, you know its not really a friendly space.

Me- smiled [awkwardly]

P1- so are you aware of what BOP is, can you explain.

Me- explained.

P1- and then what would current account be.

Me- explained.

P1- so you want to say its same as BOT.

me-no sir BOT has only imports and exports but current account includes unilateral money transfers as well.

P1- unilateral money transfer, what is that thing

me- explained

P1- would you care to give some examples.

Me- yes sir, gave examples {at this point he was looking at me like i was talking all rubbish, although when I later checked all these answers were almost correct}

P1- what is trade deficit

me- explained

P1- what is fiscal deficit

Me- explained

P1- does it include private borrowings

Me- no sir, to compensate the deficit borrowings are taken

P1- so you want to say FD is not the same as borrowing but borrowings helps with FD

Me- yes sir

P1- okay that's all for me [all this time he was looking dissatisfied but kept smiling and laughing, and I felt terrible. Almost wanted to leave the meet, kept trying to smile tough]

P2- So what made you choose HR

Me- talked about life experiences, and how i have always loved working as a team.

P2- did you ever get in conflicts with your teammates.

Me- yes sir there are always instances in any team when there can be conflicts and difference of opinions.

P2- how did you come over them.

Me- talked mainly about good communication and listening to the other person is important .

P2- have you ever made a blunder.

Me- In a teamwork activity or general

P2- general anything

Me- gave a prepared answer.

P2- okay, your college name starts with Magadh, what is it.

Me- explained

P2- when did it get established

Me- 6th century BCE

P2- can you give me names of some important kings

Me-told about the king who set the empire and that he was the most prominent king, also told about the last king of the empire.

P2- what all districts of Bihar did this empire cover.

me- all of it and major parts of India as well.

P2- what religion was it based on

Me- told

P2- was it related to Buddhism

Me- no sir

P2- are you sure

Me- yes sir

P2- okay that would be it.

[All this time the first panelist was roaming around in his room doing something on his phone and looked at the screen from time to time and laughed, he gave me major anxiety really.]

P1- *came back and said* okay now you can go, let us evaluate if you have the yogyata to be IIMK or not.
And gave that laugh I was dreading

Me- ok sir *smiled* and let the meet.

Also fun fact- I looked up both the panelists in the faculty list the second panelist was of HR, I guess that is why he was smiling when I was getting at the question that HR is an unfriendly field.

my opinion- felt like I ruined the first part big time, second part seemed okay. Still I don't really feel this would convert.

Verdict- may 10th - waitlisted at 61.

May 23- converted.

Interview Experience – 60

IIMK 21 feb Panel 2 Duration 9 minutes

99.74 nc-obc male

89/75/71 B.E instrumentation and control

2 panelists

P1- introduce yourself

Done

P1- You dont read?

I dont read much

P1- Looking at your graduation marks. Is 71 a good score?

It is above average according to my college's marking scheme.

P1- But you're from delhi university. How are you comparing with whole university

Told how my college is the only one in Delhi university which is offering a degree in engineering.

P1- Can you remember some of your subjects? Can you name some?

Told digital electronics but he told me to tell any subject from last semester.

I told energy auditing and optimization techniques

P1- what did you learn in optimization

Told

P1- about energy auditing

Told

P1- functionality of solar panel

Told it's use, asked about how it functions, told don't know

P1- what is a grid?

I told i know about power grid near my house but I don't know how it functions

P1- Northeastern states and capitals

Told all the states and capital of 3-4 of them, couldn't remember others.

P1- You're from Delhi tell the concept of NCR

Told

P1- What is a union territory

Told whatever I could

P1- name all the union territories

Told

P1- IIM K is in which state

Told

Asked capital

Told

P2- what is the diff between management and leadership

Blabbered something

Couple of cross questions- answered whatever I could

P2- News about NSE stock market

Told

P2- Asked about what is happening in CCD

Told about their new CEO malvika hedge and since then how they covered their losses

Asked what all changes they made for the same

Told not to be aware.

Interview Experience – 61

Profile (Male) 10th/12th/Grad: 10 CGPA / 95.8 % / 66 %

Undergrad: B.com(H)

Professional Degree: Chartered Accountant (CA)

Work Experience: 8 months in a PSU

Duration: 15 mins for Interview

Date & Time: 10 February 2022, 12:30 PM

Location: Online

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P1 and P2 (Both Female). I will call myself A.

The interviewers were very chill and gave me time to complete my answers.

Contrary to a normal IIMK interview, I was not asked a single GK or current affairs question. Thank God!

First round of questions started by P1

P1(Female)

P1: Tell me about yourself

A: Gave a prepared answer, highlighting more of my academic achievements since I hardly had any extracurricular activities or hobbies to show.

P1: What are your hobbies?

(I literally dreaded this question since I had no hobbies. Yes, I am a weird person)

A: I run a small YouTube channel and mentor CA students in my free time. I have also started reading non-fiction books since the past 5 months and also love to watch movies and web series.

P1: Why do you read only non-fiction and not fiction?

A: Since I feel fiction books are far away from reality. They do not show a true picture of the world we live in.

P1: Which was the last book you read and what was it about?

A: Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell and told a bit of its summary

P1: Do you know the measures of central tendency?

A: Yes, Mean median mode

P1: If there are a lot of outliers in a data set, which is a better representation of the set?

A: Median

P1: Can you give me an example where mean is used?

A: LIBOR rate and explained how it is calculated by taking the average of the short term borrowing rates quoted by banks.

P1: You have cleared CFA level-1, you must know about stock markets?

A: Yes (How could I have even said NO)

P1: When is the right time to buy a stock- pre ipo, during the day of ipo or later after a week or two?

(If only I wish I knew this, then I wouldn't be sitting here)

A: Tried to give generalised answer like it will depend on DRHP, fundamentals, etc

P1: Why is the stock market falling now a days?

A: Omicron, fed interest rates rising, etc

P1: Why has HUL's share fallen so much?

A: Told that it is overvalued since the last 2 years and now it is correcting to its right price.

P1: How do you find whether a stock is over or under valued?

A: Look at P/E ratio, compare revenue and profit growth, fundamentals, management change, etc

P1: As an investor who is 30 years old, what mix of portfolio will you recommend?

A: A person at 30 can take risks, so 60% equity, 20% debt and remaining in FD or liquid instruments and as age gets older, should reduce equity portion and increase debt portion.

Now P2(Female)

P2: Where are you from?

A: Born and brought up in Delhi

P2: What would you recommend to a person visiting delhi to go around?

A: Red fort, Qutub minar, Humayun's tomb, lotus temple

If you are a foodie, then Chandni chowk, paratha wali galli

Sansad bhavan, parliament, north block south block, embassy area

If you like shopping, then Connaught place, Sarojini Nagar, etc

P2: Where should I go for some natural beauty?

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A: Delhi is very urbanized, there are not a lot of areas of scenic beauty. However, you can go to the Central Park and Lodhi gardens for some respite.

Verdict: Converted

Interview Experience – 62

9 March 2022 10:30 AM

Gen/Male/NonEngg

10/12/Grad/CAT : 9/9/8/97.51

Grad subject : BSc. Computer Science (hon)

7 month work ex in edtech

2 panelists: both male, early 40s

P1: Why MBA?

Me: told about interest in IT Consultancy, previous work ex and internships and how they relate with MBA plans

P1: So you have worked for Microsoft. Big players like Apple and MS have monopoly on the market, what do you think about that?

Me: Told my views about monopoly, how it reduces bargaining power of consumers. Mentioned the other major players, and how they destabilize the monopoly.

P1: So what is the current market share of Microsoft in tech and edtech?

Me: I said that I don't know the answer, but I know that MS has the 3rd highest valuation in the technology sector.

P1: Okay, what are the other two?

Me: told.

P1: As a consultant, what policies would you suggest to destabilize the monopoly?

Me: related it with the 4Ps of marketing, mentioned the growing edtech industry, upcoming startups and investments. I also mentioned the LIVE program of IIMK (so that they know that I have done my research)

They seemed impressed with the answer.

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P1: That's good. Now you have worked with GTechLearn (company I work at), explain the operations

Me: explained briefly

P1: So how does GTechLearn compare with Udemy and Coursera.

Me: Gave a brief comparison about the target audience and the qualifications of the teachers/trainers

P1: Okay. Do you think that Globalisation should be stopped?

Me: I was surprised with the sudden topic change, but mentioned about the global importance, how globalisation impacts and boosts Indian Economy.

P1: My colleague here thinks that Globalisation is a form of Colonialism. What do you say?

Me: mentioned the difference *they liked the response

***There were a few more questions about MS acquisitions and Udemy vs Coursera which I don't remember now, but I gave the answers.

P2: You have studied Computer science, can you explain the difference between an object, a class and a method?

Me: told

P2: **asked a few follow up questions about Lists, Trees, Automata, Turing Machine. Luckily, questions were coming in from my strong subjects only.

P2: You want to be a consultant. Do you know what a BCG matrix is?

Me: told. Also specified that I have studied Business Economics in my elective

P2: **took a glance at my marksheets, nodding in a yes.

He asked about how would I categorise Microsoft products based on the BCG matrix

Me: gave 1 example of each category, explained briefly

He said he didn't have any more questions.

P1: Nabh, okay, that was all we wanted to know about you. Now, before you leave, what does your name mean? (This was the first time my name was used in the PI).

Me: told.

PW: Okay Nabh, it was nice talking to you.

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Review: PI duration was about 20–25 minutes, there was no introduction or any general questions I was expecting. They seemed impressed with 2–3 answers, but I'm not sure, I have been told that they bluff. Overall, my answers were correct. Fingers crossed.

Verdict: in April-May

Interview Experience – 63

CAT 96.3 (91.2/94/94.5)

General Male, BSc (Hans) Mathematics

Academics: (95/96.2/91.2)

Work Ex: 4 Months

Venue: Radisson Dwarka (8 AM Slot)

WAT: Imitators can never outsmart innovators. (25 minutes)

I was at 2nd number in the interview.

2 Panelists, both male in their 40s.

Q1: Straight up asked about my work experience, what the company does, and what is my role. (No Introduction)

Ans: Told

Q2: Asked about a research paper I've written and published in a journal. Asked me to explain it in layman's terms because the paper was based on abstract topics of mathematics.

Ans: Told them. (Went on for 4-5 minutes on this topic only)

Q3: Is there a Nobel prize in mathematics?

Ans: Yes (Couldn't recall)

P2: No

(I kept smiling)

Q4: Has any Indian won a Nobel Prize?

Ans: I said, Rabindranath Tagore.

P2: No

P1 to P2: Are no he has.

P2: OH yeah, sorry.

I mentioned that the recent one was in 2019.

P2: What were the name and field?

Ans: Sorry sir, I can't recall that right now.

Asked me about my leadership experience. I mentioned it all in the form so they asked if I were the head boy. Sports Captain?

Told them yes sir, in school.

Asked why I was the CR in college for all 3 years. No one wanted the job or what?
I said sir, everyone wanted me to stay as the CR. Even when I asked if anyone wants to be the CR, they refused and said that I'm the best person for the responsibility.

P2: So, it was unanimous?

Ans: Yes sir.

P1 & P2 looking impressed

P2: What are the two houses of Parliament?

Ans: Sorry sir, I'm unable to recall it now. I know about the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. (Answered without answering, stupid me)

P2: Do you know anything other than mathematics?

Ans: Yes sir, I'm aware of sports.

P2: Anything other than sports.

Ans: Sir, I'm aware of current affairs about the global economy, the Russia-Ukraine war, and some other things I said that I can't remember

P1: What's happening in Pakistan?

Ans: Told them about inflation, how they sacked Imran Khan as PM (mentioned him as President, P2 corrected me, I apologized and said yes sir my bad he was the PM), told them about their new statement on PoK.

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P2: Do you have any questions for us?

Ans: Asked about electives and specialization.

P2: We don't offer any particular specialization, you can choose any courses you want.

Thank you!

I kept smiling throughout the process.

Went on for what felt like an eternity to me. (I'm guessing around 20 or more minutes)

Have very less hope, but glad to be done with all the nervousness.

Interview Experience – 64

WAT topic :- Thought leaders are much more important than Opinion leaders.

PI: 2 Male panelists

M1 (around 50 yrs)

M2 (around 35)

Greeted the panelists

M1: So Mr Talwar, Talwar means sword naa

Me: Yes sir.

M1: So currently you're not working you've worked for 4 months

Me: Corrected him said worked for approx 6 months

M1: So you did for such short time

Me: Told I just wanted to get a hang of corporate world and my main focus was MBA

M1: So what is this company Doubtnut where does it belong and when was this company found.

Me: Told about location and company forgot the year it was found.

M1: So tell us about the job what was your role.

Me: Told detailed ans

M1: So basically it's about brainwashing

(Because it was a sales role in an edtech)

Me: Told how our company was for tier 3 ppl and was providing quality affordable education which was missing due to covid and also compared to other companies

M1: So you've studied Electronics tell what did you study

Me: Told about it

M1: Asked few ques of acads and asked to draw a circuit.

Me: Made it and explained

(explained it right diagram was average)

M1: Asked a question from circuit.

Me: Told ans ended on battery

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M1: Asked use of batteries.

Me: Told about major use in ev industry in upcoming years.

M2: Asked about what do you think are challenges for EV.

Me: Told about how lithium ion is important component and a large amount is needed to fulfill req and ABC have major reserves and china has major refining

M2 and M1 both: But we've a large amount of lithium found now

Me: Told yes ik but how it's a very early stage

M2: interupted where is it found

Me: Reasi J&K and told and continued to tell how Himalayas region is tentative and gave eg of joshimath also told we've to set refining facility also which is not there.

M2: Okay any other challenges

Me: Told they have a short range so charging station will be needed like petrol pumps also told how in a city like delhi flats are there and in house charging stations are difficult to set up

M2: (Smiling) Is this your ans or google

Me: Told these are the things I've looked at from my pov.

M2: Do you know what is lateral thinking

Me: Couldn't tell

M2: okay tell us what are your hobbies

Me: Told about sports cricket football and fitness and gyming.

Told it was done and asked to leave

Interview Experience – 65

SC 86 CAT BBA Fresher

2 Panelists

Greetings

P1: Why were your grad marks low and increased in the last year? Is it because of covid lockdown

Ans: I was able to give more time to studies as earlier i was into extracurricular activities

P1 Smiled and said interesting answer or is it because of online studies

Ans I told him that in our universities we needed to be prepared for viva of complete syllabus also, it was not just only about objective exams

P1 Asked about the gap year

Ans Answered and also told them about the internship that I did

P1 Asked about the internship

Answered

P1 Why do you call it an internship, why not a job

Ans Told them it was more of learning for me

P1 Did they pay you? If yes then how much?

Ans: yes sir 20K/month

P1 What does your dad do ?

Ans Told them about business and discussed about it

P1 Books you've studied in grad?

Answered: told them about marketing books

P1 Okay so how many Ps are there in Marketing 5 or 7?

Ans: We were taught about the 7 Ps till now and told them all

P1 Okay so do you think in MBA there will be more Ps?

Ans Yes sir

P1 How many?

Ans I said 14 (they were shocked and laughed)

P1 Who told you that there are 14 Ps

Ans I told them sir I just feel and I have heard somewhere

P1 Handed me a pen and paper and ask me to write more Ps that you think can be there in MBA

Ans I was thinking too much but couldn't write and put down the pencil and they said it's okay

Then I said Performance

P2 (WHO WAS BUSY WITH IPAD THE WHOLE TIME) Asked how performance?

Answered

P1 You did multiple online courses, tell me what is SEO?(as I did a course)

Answered

P1 Okay so tell me if I have a biryani business and want my website to show up at 1st rank on a search engine, can it happen?

Ans Yes sir its possible using keywords related to business

P1 I just want to use only one word BIRYANI in search and can you make it appear on 1st rank by tomorrow?

Ans I told them sir it's possible but it will take time and if you want this early you can go for SEM

P1 I don't want to spend anything and also i have talked to a marketing agency they are saying they can do it overnight (They were just making a situation though)

Ans Then I said sir as per my knowledge, through seo it will happen eventually by some algorithms and continued to talk about algorithms

P1 Interrupted... and ask other panelists to ask me some questions

P2 Asked me about my state-level certificates and my athletic events

Answered

P2 Why did you choose this particular event ?

Answered

P2 Different between Long Jump and Triple Jump

Answered: Long discussion happened

P2 What are the different steps in the triple jump called?

Answered

P2 Okay so you know that; What is the world record, and by whom

Answered

P2 When was that made

Ans IDK

P2 What is Frosberry?

Answered

P2 Did you have science in high school

Ans No sir Commerce

P2 Oh I was about to ask the best angle to achieve the farther jump in physics

Ans Discussed speed and jump height a bit and technique learned

P2 So according to you who is an Indian Sportsman who can influence you and has a bright career ahead and pls don't say Virat Kohli

Ans (Sunil Chhetri came up in my mind but i didn't know much about him)

I answered Neeraj chopra and his recent achievements

They seemed satisfied with my answer

P2 What are the qualities that he possesses?

Answered

P2 Who is the President of the Indian Olympic Association

Ans IDK

P2 That person is from track events

Ans PT Usha (I read it recently and just struck my mind)

P2 Are you sure

Ans YES SIR

P1 Gave a side look to P2 and smiled

P2 Okay so that's all from our side do you have any questions for us?

Ans (I didn't prepare this and i thought to ask about the student exchange program but it would be followed by some more questions which I didn't know so to evade this)

Ended up asking sir how is the climate in Kozhikode compared to Delhi because I have never been there

P2 They both laughed and said you can google it but there you will experience more rain than Delhi

Thank You!

Have a nice day Sir!

Later i checked and yeah there are 14 Ps and performance was one of them and PT Usha was also right

Interview Experience – 66

Profile

Class X -10 CGPA

Class XII - 95%

Graduation - 81.09 percentile

Qualification - B.Com(Hons.)

Graduate (SRCC)

Work Experience - At the time of the interview it was roughly 5–6 months (Deloitte- Audit)

Date of WAT and PI - 09/03/2020

Venue- Radisson blu, Dwarka

I was the last one to be interviewed.

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WAT TOPIC - It's been long so I don't rem word to word but it was based on "why urban population fantasizes rural life". or say "how correct it is to fantasize about rural life, you being an urban."

The topic was not vague thankfully so I framed my opinions in around 1.5 pages within 20 minutes.

PI ROUND - (There were two panelists, let's call them P1 and P2)

PI - Did you get any hints from other students from what we are asking in here?

Me - No, actually I was late, my documents were getting verified downstairs.

P1- looking at my form, hmm you stay near gurugram bakery. What's the cheapest and pricey thing there?

I have not tried all of them, but per my guess, red velvet cake is the pricey one and cookie is the cheapest.

P1 - Cost?

around 500 and 30 bucks respectively.

P1- Do you like it?

I smiled and said yes.

P1 - What do you do in Deloitte?

I explained about my role and the work and how it revolves around financial statements and it's accuracy.

P2 - How do you communicate with the client?

Answered

P2 - Since every client has different trial-balance formats, how do you ensure consistency in the data presented?

Answered

P1 - What do you do apart from work?

Mentioned about Yoga and sports.

P1 - Which Yoga guru do you follow?

Answered - Baba Ramdev

P1 - Do you know about Patanjali?

Answered - "Not much", then came back home and read about him.

P1 - Which asana is your favorite and why?

Answered

P1- What in sports?

Answered- I have started playing basketball every Saturday with the Deloitte basketball team. I also mentioned that I never played basketball before joining Deloitte.

P1 - How many three-pointers?

I laughed and said “zero”.

Both P1 and P2 laughed.

then they said thank you!

Verdict - Converted.

The interview did not follow any particular line but then I think that is how interviews are supposed to be.

Thanks!

Interview Experience – 67

Location Delhi

Wat- smaller state necessarily doesn't mean good governance

PI experience -

2 Females i was second in my panel

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F1- tell me about yourself

F1- so gitanshu you are from north India, any problem coming down to south .

F1- ok so tell me why IIM Kozhikode

F1- you are from engineering but you must have studied organisation management in degree . Do you remember the name of teacher

F1- you say you want to be a social entrepreneur, how is it different from business entrepreneurship what is that ,give examples nd how IIM Kozhikode can help in that

F1- what is social innovation

F1- consider a medical firm making drugs for a disease what is it a business innovation or social innovation

F1- three places i should visit in your hometown

F1- places to visit in amritsar

F2- you are tcs so tell me about your work , name of client, which tool you work on

F2- do you know anything about scheduling algorithm, name some

F2- disadvantages and advantages of round robin

F2- what parameters your clients use for accessing the efficiency of the batch scheduling.

F2-suppose you want to design a scheduling mechanism for your client for batch scheduling which algo will you choose and why

F1- what do you mean when you say that that you are ethical, what do you mean by ethics.

F1- so how do you see cigerate manufacturing company is it ethical.

Thank you best of luck

Date: 08/02/19

Interview Experience – 68

Venue: Radisson Blu, Dwarka, New Delhi, 13 March '18

Background: (10/12/grad - 93/89/83), 1.5 yrs work-ex as a Management Trainee in Aspiring Minds Assessments Pvt Ltd

GD Topic : The medium of instruction in schools should be the same as mother tongue.

10 min GD. Average performance.

Interview: I was the last person to be interviewed in my panel

Interviewers: 2 males (M1 & M2) (both appeared under 40)

M1: How will you rate the students in the GD today – from best to worst?

N: I feel that every one contributed to the discussion and I would not pick anyone as best or worst

M2: We don't want a political answer. You'll have to make decisions after doing MBA. Make a decision now.

N: again iterated that it is not my task to judge students in the GD.

M2: We will end this interview here itself if you don't make a decision.

N: Naturally, I did not want to incur their wrath anymore, so said that my criteria for evaluating would be whoever spoke the most and by that criteria, 2 candidates were the best

M1: So you think that whoever speaks most is the best? By that standard Arnab Goswami is the best. Where did they teach you this? In your coaching?

N: (I'm thinking this is going to be another long and hard day) Sir, the GD process was for 10 min and it is difficult to have a proper discussion in such a short period of time. So, anyone who made 3-4 valid points has done good. (Added that even I made a couple of valid points.)

M2: I think 2-3 people were utter trash. I would not give anyone in this GD more than a 'D' grade. What do you think?

N: Sir, I think that it is a harsh assessment and I would give 'B' instead

M1: Do you follow politics? Which side are you on? Left, Right or Centre?

N: (very reluctantly) Sir, I lean a bit towards the right.

M1: So, you are centre-right. Do you understand what left and right is?

N: sir, left follows socialist ideology which argues for equal distribution of resources...M2 cuts me short

M2: Left ideology is taking away from the wealthy and giving it to the poor.

N: sir, the ideology is that no one is left wanting for basic requirements, but communist ideology is the problem.

M2: You said socialist and now you are saying communist? Do you even know what the difference is?

N: sir, communism is an extreme form of socialism.

M1: Do you know about Ramkrishna Mission? Is it leftist?

N: Sir, I am only aware that Ramkrishna Mission is related to Swami Vivekanand and I don't know much about the mission to make a comment on its ideology.

M1: Ok. What is the relationship b/w Rahul Gandhi and Mahatama Gandhi?

N: sir, they are not blood related.

M1: But they share the same surname. Why?

N: Sir, Rahul gets the surname from Indira Gandhi, and Nehru named Indira as Indira Gandhi. (I was not aware of the history of Indira's husband Feroz Khan, and so felt very foolish after I researched it after the interview)

M1: What is the relationship b/w Sonia and Menaka Gandhi?

N: sir,they are sisters-in-law

M2: Ok. Leave all this. Tell us about something which interests you the most?

N: Sir, I love novels, especially thrillers

M2: Who are you favorite authors?

N: Sir, Stephen king and steig Larsson.

M2: (making a mocking face) God! Of all people Stephen King! What else? (Stephen King is one those prolific writers who churn out books like pancakes, but his earlier works are quite impressive)

N: Sir, apart from thrillers, I admire the works of Ruskin Bond and R K Narayan.

M1 and M2 both: Oh! R K Narayan! Which books have you read?

N: sir, Malgudi days and Swami and Friends. Interviewers appeared impressed (at least to me). The guys were from South so naturally they must have read R K Narayan in their childhood.

M1: Do you follow any sport?

N: sir, I follow football

M1: Which team or club?

N: Sir, FC Barcelona

**the enjoyable part of the interview for me. There is a reason why IIM interviews are famous for being unexpected. Of all the things in the world, one of the interviewers turns out to be a hardcore football fan.

M2: When was the club formed?

N: sir, I don't remember the exact year, but it was in the very early 1900s (its 1899)

M2: Name the 3 most influential people in FCB's history.

N: Sir, Johann Cyruff, Pep Guardiola...interviewer cut me short

M2: you know nothing about FCB, you don't know the year it was founded, you don't know any of the real legends. You are just a glory hunter!...you have seen a few matches and call yourself a fan!

(I'm thinking who apart from Cyruff can be a bigger legend at Barcelona?..)

Then he mentions names of some legends I've never even heard about.

(I do feel a little embarrassed but I kept my cool and was rewarded with more FCB questions)

M2: Proceeded to shoot jersey numbers at me and asks me to identify the players?

6 – sir, I don't remember

4- Ivan rakitic

9- Luis Saurez

M2: Who is the goalkeeper? Which country does he belong to?

N: Marc andre ter Stegen. He's from Germany

M2: What kind of a goalkeeper is he?

N: sir, he is a 'sweeper keeper'. A sweeper keeper comes forward from the penalty box to collect the ball instead of waiting in the goal for the ball to come to him

M2: What is tiki-taka?

N: sir, quick passing football...interviewer interjects that it is boring football...I smile and answer that it might be boring sometimes but it is nevertheless quick and effective.

M2: Asks me questions about the size of FCB's stadium

N: Sir, 99000 something

M2: What was the annual revenue of FCB?

N: sir, I know it is one of the highest but I'm not sure of the exact figure

M2: Name some sponsors of the club.

N: Sir, Rakuten, Nike, Oppo

M2: Barcelona will play Chelsea tomorrow in the last-16 of the Champions League? Who do you think will win?

N: Sir, Barcelona have a stronger team and they should win easily

M2: Of course you are confident! Barcelona pays money to referees, why will they not win?

N: sir, this is not the case and only because of a few matches the spotlight is always on Barcelona, whereas decisions in favour of other teams are not discussed..

M2: But you paid money to win the game at Chelsea in 2008–09 season and against Real Madrid in 2010–11 season?

N: I disagree that there was any biased decision in the Madrid match. Yes, against Chelsea there were some contentious decision by the ref but such cases have happened with other teams as well. Madrid get decisions in their favour all the time(The Cule in me was pumped up at this accusation). It is the nature of football..

M2: There is one organisation which has sponsored Barcelona for a long time, which is it?

N: sir, UNICEF

M2: Do you know that FCB comes from a very sensitive region in Spain? What is that region and why was it in the news lately?

N: Sir, the region is Catalunya. Recently, the president of Catalunya declared independence from Spain.

M2: Ok, That is it from my side asks M1 if had any more questions for me. M1 declines.

The interviewers then wished me all the best and M2 hoped that my team would win the game..... which they eventually did :)only to lose disgracefully in the quarter finals of the Champions League at the hand of Roma

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Verdict: Converted :p

Interview Experience – 69

GEM 99.36 percentile ;

Date: 21.02.2018

Venue: New Kenilworth Hotel, Kolkata

After the initial process of document verification, we were led to our panel rooms where we had our WAT and GD. 15 minutes were provided for writing an essay on "Should India focus on Smart Cities when 30 crores of its citizens are still without electricity". After 15 minutes, the sheets were collected by the official and we were asked to discuss on the same topic for another 15 minutes.

For those of us whose document verification was still not over were asked to go back and finish it up and for the rest of us, we were asked to wait outside the panel room. Now I had skipped breakfast that morning for the fear of not reaching the center on time and had been feeling hungry af for quite some time. I realized I have enough time before my turn arrives for PI and decided to go out and have some food. As I was having my snacks at a nearby shop, a middle-aged guy entered the shop and asked for a cigarette. I had seen him sitting among the candidates during document verification and decided to start a conversation.

Me: So, is your interview over? How was it?

Him: I'm sorry. I'm here to take the interviews. Good Luck for your interview BTW.

(Bang! My interview day begins)

I came back to my panel wishing not to face that guy again in the interview.

*waited outside the panel room for 30 minutes. I was called in. There were two guys in the panel.

Me: Good Morning

P1: Good Morning Swagato. Please take your seat.

P2: What other calls do you have?

Me: Sir, apart from IIM K, I have got calls from IIM Indore, Shillong and the new IIMs.

P2: No calls from FMS?

Me: No sir. I was not too hopeful about my performance in CAT and hence did not apply for any other B. school exclusively. I applied only for the IIMs. After the results were declared, the deadline for applying was already over by then.

P2: So why Kozhikode?

Me: Sir, I've done my schooling from RKM Purulia and Narendrapur. They are among the best schools in Bengal. I graduated from IEST Shibpur, the 2nd oldest engineering college in India and among the best universities in the country. After this I want to do an MBA from an IIM which is one of the best in India

and Kozhikode fits in it quite perfectly. Also , I seek a good campus which adds to the ambiance of study and I couldn't ask for any more after seeing the beautiful lush green campus in the valley that Kozhikode has.

(This was totally opposite of what I had planned to say!)

P2: (laughing) Yes, that's what everybody says.

Me: (Smiling) Facts can not be denied , sir.

P2. What do you do in your leisure hours?

Me: Mentioned them. Also said that I love reading books.

P2: Talk about the last book that you have read.

Me: Sir, currently I'm reading Rich Dad Poor Dad by Robert Kiyosaki. Talked about it.

P2: What is your favorite club? (I had mentioned football among my interests)

Me: Manchester United

P2: Why not Chelsea? How is Manchester United better than Chelsea?

Me: Gave reasons in support of my argument.

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** As I stated plainly that I hated Chelsea, his expression changed. I knew I had made a big mistake by saying so.

P2: (took a paper and a pen) Write on this paper that you hate Manchester United and you love Chelsea.

Me: No sir. I can not do that.

P2: Why? If you write it, I shall keep it with me and will guarantee you a seat in IIM K. I shall communicate with the relevant ministry if required and I promise to get you in. Are you willing to give up on IIM K for the club you admire?

Me: Sir, If I write it then I'll be lying to myself. And I don't want to do that. Studying in a prestigious institute like IIM K will be a dream come true for me but I've been following this club since 2008 and it is my passion. I can achieve my dream by different means if I'm dedicated enough but if I compromise on my passion I won't be able to call it as my passion ever again.

P1: Which company do you work in?

Me: Dynamic Digital Technology. It is the R&D division of Polaris Networks.

P1: What is your role there?

Me: Explained it.

P1. What are the components found in the circuit board of a Cellphone?

Me: Told as much as I knew. The answer wasn't satisfactory .

P1: Name two companies that manufacture the chips of mobile phones.

Me: Qualcomm is the leader in this segment in the market. Samsung can be counted as well.

P2: Give me two names for OS of mobile phones that are not very popular.

Me: (after some thinking) Samsung had released some products featuring a new OS called "BADA" around the time of transitioning from feature phones to smartphones. They didn't find many takers and were quickly withdrawn.

P2: Okay. Another one?

Me: Sorry sir. I can not recall any other such OS now.

P2: When Microsoft bought Nokia, couple of employees from Nokia refused to join Microsoft and decided to start their own handset-making company. Name that company.

Me: (Clueless) Sorry sir. I do not know the answer to your question.

P1 asked a couple of questions related to my family background and they asked if I had any questions.

Me: When it comes to the Armed Forces, they follow meritocracy in their selection procedure since security of the nation can't be compromised. But an equally prestigious institution - the IIMs- still follow reservation policy even after all 20 of them have been given autonomy in the latest IIM bill. Does it mean the nation is ready to compromise on quality managers but not on quality defense officers.

P1 and P2 both explained their opinions and the interview was over.

Personally I am not too hopeful of any possible conversion after an interview like this. But knowing about the questions asked might help the fellow readers for having an idea of the interview nonetheless. So here it is.

Thank You. :)

Verdict: Converted

Interview Experience – 70

Profile:

10th- 95 % | 12th - 97 % | Graduation- 79 % (upto 7th semester)

CAT Percentile: 99.74

GEM Fresher

Venue: IIM K Campus

Date:26-03-18

Round 1: Written ability test for 15 minutes on the topic “the sole responsibility of companies is to make profits”. I wrote both for and against the topic, about how profitable companies provide employment opportunities to people and also about how companies have to fulfill the social responsibility that they have towards the society.

Round 2: The WAT was followed by a 15 minute GD session which went balanced and had limited interruptions from candidates. Everyone got their chance to speak. I did speak about 5–6 times stressing on topics such as CSR, employment and company growth. Both the WAT and GD were satisfactory.

Round 3: Personal Interview

I was the fifth in a panel of 8 to be called for the interview.

P1 comes out of the room and calls me in.

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After I get seated, they ask me for my files.

P1: So you are still in your final year, Sachin?

Me: Yes, Sir. I'm currently pursuing Mechanical Engineering at NIT Calicut.

P1: Tell us why we should take you when compared to someone with work experience?

Me: *told about how freshers will be academically stronger as they haven't taken a break in academics. Also told about how freshers will be unbiased while choosing a field of their liking as compared to people with work-ex. (interviewer seemed satisfied)

P2: You have reasonably good academic scores. Shall we ask some questions based on academics.

Me: Yes, Sir.

P1: OK then, tell me what is a Stirling engine?

Me:(after trying to recollect for sometime). Sir, it is an engine based on the Stirling cycle.

P1: What is the Stirling cycle?

Me: Sir, it is a thermodynamic cycle, however I do not relocate the exact processes associated with it.

P1: Ok then can you tell us about other thermodynamic cycles.

Me: I explained about Otto, Diesel and Rankine cycles.

*a few questions on these cycles, their applications which I could answer.

P2: Can you tell us what a trade war is?

*This was asked when there was a trade war brewing up between the US and China, with the US imposing taxes on steel and aluminum imports and China reciprocating the same with other products.

Me: Sir, a trade war is a scenario where countries try to destroy each other's trade by imposing taxes on selected products in order to gain economic dominance over the other. *talked about the situation between US and China and what India should do in such tough times.

P1: Sachin, have you heard of the firm Cambridge Analytica

Me: Yes. *explained about why they were in the news and their link to Facebook and how they extracted data without user's permissions.

P1: What all other calls do you have?

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Me: IIM C, L and I

P1: Do you have any questions to ask us?

Me: No sir.

P2: That would be all then. Thank you.

Me: Thank you.

Verdict: Converted!

Interview Experience – 71

Venue: Hotel Monarch Luxur, Bangalore

Profile:

10th - 93.7%

12th- 95.2%

Grad- 8.16 CGPA

CAT Score: 99.23

Work Ex: 17 months

WAT : Our progress will lead us to our extinction

Resume writing:

Q1. Mention a scenario by giving concrete example in which you developed plan to adapt to a new situation.

Q2. Mention a scenario in which your leadership skills was challenged

P1:

I was the last person to be interviewed in my panel. The interview went on for around 20 minutes. There were two panelists, both seemed chilled out guys.

P1: So you have been waiting for a long time...

Me: Yes sir, quite a long wait.

P2: Let's start by you telling us about yourself

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Me: Sir I basically belong from Lucknow and I am currently working as a decision scientist...

P1: Decision scientist seems to be an interesting title....what do you do exactly?

Me: Sir, in Mu Sigma there is this trend of giving interesting names to rather all the jobs...eg: managers are called Apprentice Leader, people who train new joinees are called Alchemist....

P1: Alchemists ...heh...so you are gold now (both of them laughed)

I also give a faint smile although didn't find the joke funny

P2: Coming back to what do you do

Me: Told about what decision science is all about....told them about my current project related to computer vision (they appeared interested in the latter part)

P1: So if you have to explain how a machine sees a picture to a non technical person...how would you do it?

Me: Any image is made up by combining very small single colored squares together in a grid. These small squares are called pixels. Each of these square has it's unique position in the grid and property like color, intensity etc. A machine would look at this grid like we might view tiles arrange on the floor. It will read one square at a time understand it's property and do whatever is required

P1: (nodding) Ok xxx so what are your hobbies

Me: Sir I do photography in my spare time...

P2: Through phone or...

Me: No sir I bought a camera from my first salary

P2: Ok, so you have a DSLR...

Me: No sir it's a bridge camera. If you look at my salary slip you will realize I couldn't afford a DSLR. (They both exchanged smile, I wanted them to ask difference between Bridge and DSLR but they didn't)

P1: Ok xxx, so help me understand you just go out and start shooting

Me: No sir, not exactly like that. I try to shoot whenever I can, for eg I recently went to Goa and before that Banaras....

P1: So you travel a lot?

Me: I wouldn't say I am an avid traveller....but I travel whenever I can. Also, I am more interested in doing composite photography.

P1: What's that?

Me: Sir, it's like combining two or more photos to create a new one

P1: Like a collage??

Me: No sir it's like....I tried taking a photo of sunrise at ganga ghat in Banaras but it came out rather dull because it was cloudy, so I added the beautiful sunrise I took at Goa to it to create an altogether new scenery.

P2: (All of a sudden) who is the CM of Goa?

Me: (I forgot his first name) Sir, Parikar I don't remember the first name.

P2: Tell me something about the on going CBI controversy

Me: Sir the Mamta Bannerjee vs CBI one?

P2: No the other one

Me: (I didn't know any other controversy) Sir I am unable to recollect any other...

P2: So you don't follow news and all..

Me: Sir I scored -0.01 in GK in IIFT so I wouldn't say GK is my strong suit

(They both smiled by looking at each other)

P1: Achha xxx, in Mu Sigma you do a pretty complicated work, how much does your company charge from your clients?

Me: Sir for the current engagement on which I am working it charges about 1 mn euros annually. For the previous engagement, which was related to sentiment analysis, it charged about 1.5 mn dollars annually....

P1: And yet you mentioned earlier about having a low pay on your payslip. Do you think it's fair?

Me: Sir if I was an entrepreneur and was running a company like this, I would do the same. That's how a business works, you try to gain maximum by spending minimum

P1: But still don't you think it's less than your industry standards

Me: Explained to them about Mu Sigma's 3 year bond policy according to which one gets 5 lakhs as joining bonus which he has to return at if he leaves before 3 years. So if one stays 3 years in the company, overall his pay becomes equal to the industry standards

P1: So you have completed 3 years...??

Me: No sir, I have completed only 17 months

P2: Then you will be returning 5 lakhs as well as taking loan for IIM

Me: Sir, then should I assume this call is converted?

(Both of them laughed)

P2: What's your CAT percentile xxx?

Me: 99.23 sir

P2: So I think you will be having call from Lucknow

Me: Sir even I thought so, but K is my best call

P1: Tumhara address dekh k nhi bulaya hoga..(laughed again)

P2: Ok xxx, we are done I guess....you wait outside for some time we will give you your form.

(They were doing this with every candidate. After the interview, they ask the candidate to wait outside and then give the profile form back)

After some wait P1 came out

P1: We forgot to talk about Lucknow and it's biryani. You like biryani right.... Veg to nhi ho?

Me: No sir, complete non veg. Infact I am going to have biryani for dinner today.

He smiled and went back inside the room.

Result : Converted. Joining K

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Interview Experience – 72

Date: April 20, 2018

Interview time: 22 min.

Bcom Hons. from DU (Final year)

Panel 2(Male and Female)

P1: Good morning! Please take a seat.

A: Good morning! Thank you.

P1: You've been waiting for a while. Hope it wasn't too boring.

A: No sir, I enjoyed observing the different dynamics during the interviews.

F2: Great to hear! Let's start by telling us about yourself.

A: Sure. My name is XYZ, and I completed my BCom Hons. from DU. I've always been passionate about finance, and that led me to Mu Sigma, where I work as a decision scientist. I handle projects related to computer vision, particularly in the realm of image processing.

P1: Decision scientist, interesting title. Can you explain what it entails?

A: Certainly. In Mu Sigma, we use the term to describe various roles. In my case, it involves working with data to derive insights that can guide decision-making. Currently, I'm involved in a project related to computer vision, specifically image processing.

F2: You mentioned composite photography as a hobby. Can you share a memorable experience or project you worked on?

A: Definitely. During my visit to Banaras, I aimed to capture the sunrise at the Ganga ghat. Unfortunately, the weather was cloudy, and the photo didn't turn out as vibrant as I wanted. So, I blended it with a beautiful sunrise photo from Goa to create a stunning composite image.

P1: That sounds creative. Moving on, your work at Mu Sigma involves machine vision. Can you simplify how machines 'see' images for a non-technical person?

A: Certainly. I explained about pixels and how machines interpret images by breaking them down into these small units. It's akin to how we might view tiles on the floor, understanding each one's properties to make sense of the entire picture.

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F2: Okay, let's shift to your role as a decision scientist. How do you handle the ethical implications of working with data, especially in terms of privacy?

A: Ethical considerations are crucial in handling data, especially when dealing with personal information. In my role, we adhere to strict data privacy protocols and ensure that the insights derived are used responsibly, without compromising the privacy or security of individuals.

P1: Good to hear. Now, considering your role, how do you approach problem-solving, especially when dealing with complex data sets?

A: Problem-solving in decision science involves a combination of technical expertise and critical thinking. I follow a structured approach—understanding the problem, exploring various analytical methods, and deriving insights that are not only accurate but also actionable for our clients.

F2: You mentioned traveling and photography. Do you think these experiences contribute to your decision-making skills in your professional life?

A: Absolutely. Traveling exposes me to diverse cultures and perspectives, enhancing my adaptability and cultural intelligence. Photography, on the other hand, hones my attention to detail and creativity, which are valuable in both personal and professional aspects.

P1: Your CAT score is impressive. How do you manage to balance your work and preparation for such competitive exams?

A: Balancing work and CAT preparation requires effective time management and consistency. I dedicated specific hours each day for focused preparation, leveraging weekends for more intensive study sessions. Regular mock tests were crucial in identifying areas for improvement.

F2: You mentioned having 17 months of work experience. Can you share an instance where your leadership skills were challenged?

A: Certainly. In a project where tight deadlines were crucial, I had to lead a team to ensure the completion of deliverables. It required effective communication, delegation, and problem-solving to overcome challenges and deliver results on time.

P1: That's a practical example. Now, considering your background in finance, how do you view the recent economic policies in India, especially related to taxation?

A: I discussed the recent changes in taxation policies, expressing my views on their impact on individuals and businesses. I also touched upon the need for a balance between revenue generation and fostering economic growth.

F2: Good insights. We have one last question for you. If you were to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

A: Adaptable, analytical, and creative.

P1: Thank you for your responses. It was great talking to you.

A: Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity and am excited about the prospect of being a part of IIM Kozhikode.

Result: Converted.

Interview Experience – 73

Date: April 25, 2023

Interview time: 18 min.

B.Tech in Computer Science (Final year)

Panel 3(Male and Female)

P1: Good afternoon! Please have a seat.

A: Good afternoon! Thank you.

P2: Let's dive right in. Tell us about your journey from pursuing B.Tech in Computer Science to applying for an MBA.

A: Certainly. I pursued Computer Science because of my interest in technology and innovation. However, during my internship at a tech firm, I realized my passion lies in understanding the business implications of technology. I want to bridge the gap between technology and business strategy, which is why I decided to pursue an MBA.

P1: Interesting transition. Now, you have a good academic record. How do you think your technical background will contribute to your MBA journey?

A: My technical background equips me with analytical and problem-solving skills, which are essential in both technology and management. I believe this foundation will help me grasp complex business concepts and contribute a unique perspective to problem-solving within the business context.

P2: You mentioned in your resume about leading a coding competition in your college. Can you share more details about that experience?

A: Certainly. I organized a coding competition to promote a culture of innovation and problem-solving among students. It required planning the event, coordinating with participants and sponsors, and ensuring the smooth execution of the competition. It was not just about coding skills but also about fostering a collaborative and competitive spirit among participants.

P1: Now, moving on to your work experience. You mentioned working on a project related to cybersecurity. Can you elaborate on the challenges you faced and how you addressed them?

A: In the cybersecurity project, the main challenge was ensuring the confidentiality and integrity of sensitive data. I implemented robust encryption protocols and conducted regular vulnerability assessments to identify and address potential security threats. It was a constant process of staying one step ahead of potential risks.

P2: That sounds like a critical role. Given the rise of cyber threats, how do you see the role of AI in enhancing cybersecurity measures?

A: AI plays a significant role in cybersecurity by enabling proactive threat detection, automating responses, and adapting to evolving threats. Machine learning algorithms can analyze patterns and anomalies in real-time, making it more efficient to identify and mitigate potential security breaches.

P1: Let's talk about your CAT score. It's quite commendable. How did you prepare for CAT while managing your academic and work responsibilities?

A: Balancing academics, work, and CAT preparation required disciplined time management. I dedicated specific hours each day for preparation, focused on strengthening my weak areas, and took regular mock tests to assess my progress. It was challenging, but the key was consistent and strategic preparation.

P2: You also mentioned participating in a national-level business plan competition. Can you share the details of the business plan you worked on?

A: Certainly. Our business plan focused on leveraging blockchain technology to enhance supply chain transparency in the pharmaceutical industry. We aimed to address issues related to counterfeit drugs and ensure the authenticity of pharmaceutical products from manufacturing to distribution.

P1: Impressive! Now, let's switch gears a bit. The WAT topic you had was about 'Our progress will lead us to our extinction.' What is your take on this?

A: The topic prompted me to reflect on the consequences of rapid progress, particularly in areas like technology and environmental exploitation. While progress is essential, it should be accompanied by responsible and sustainable practices to ensure a positive impact on society and the planet.

P2: Well put. Now, we have a scenario-based question. Suppose you are leading a team, and a crucial project deadline is approaching. One of your team members is struggling to meet their deliverables. How would you handle this situation?

A: In such a scenario, I would first assess the reasons behind the struggle—whether it's a lack of resources, understanding, or other factors. I would then work collaboratively with the team member to address the challenges, provide necessary support or resources, and possibly adjust the project timeline if needed. It's crucial to maintain open communication and foster a collaborative problem-solving approach.

P1: Good approach. One last question before we conclude. If you were to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

A: Analytical, adaptable, and visionary.

P2: Thank you for your insights. It was a pleasure talking to you.

A: Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity and look forward to the possibility of joining IIM Kozhikode.

Result: Converted

Interview Experience – 74

Date: April 2018

Average Duration: 20-25 mins

No. of Panelists: 3

Excerpts from Interview - (BE-Chemical engineer -8.7 CGPA, 10th - 92%, 12th-92%) -

Introduce yourself.

I see you have been a part of a non profit organisation. what is it,

How did you get the money for the projects,

What is CSR, Is it mandatory

In your opinion should companies allocate money for such activities.

I see you are a chemical engineer, What is navier stokes equation,

Are you placed

What is your job profile

Why don't you first work and then do an MBA

What is Reynolds number, give formul

What if I say it is wrong, How you will you prove that it is correct

Give the units of viscosity

1 poise equals to what

What is British Thermal Unit (BTU)

Write Fahrenheit to Celsius conversion.

Interview Experience – 75

Date: April 2019

Average Duration: 20 minutes.

No. of Panelists: 2

Excerpt from Interview 1-

Candidate Profile: B.Tech (ECE) with work experience

What other calls do you have?

No calls from FMS?

So why Kozhikode?

What do you do in your leisure hours?

(The candidate mentioned about reading books) Tell us about the last book that you have read.

What is your favorite club?

(The candidate had mentioned football among his interests)

Why not Chelsea? How is Manchester United better than Chelsea?

(The interviewer took a paper and a pen) Write on this paper that you hate Manchester United and you love Chelsea.

Why? If you write it, I shall keep it with me and will guarantee you a seat in IIM K.

I shall communicate with the relevant ministry if required and I promise to get you in.

Are you willing to give up on IIM K for the club you admire?

Which company do you work in?

What is your role there?

What are the components found in the circuit board of a Cellphone?

Name two companies that manufacture the chips of mobile phones.

Give me two names for OS of mobile phones that are not very popular.

When Microsoft bought Nokia, couple of employees from Nokia refused to join Microsoft and decided to start their own handset-making company.

Name that company. (A couple of questions were asked on candidate's family background)

Any questions for us?

Interview Experience – 76

Date: March 2018

Candidate Profile: B. Tech (CSE) with work experience in Samsung

What is this Samsung watermark on your form?

Does that cause any problems with security?

What do you think of upcoming elections in Karnataka?

Which newspaper do you read?

Name the most popular English daily of Karnataka.

Name some popular English papers of West Bengal.

Tell us about your work experience. (The candidate works in Data Science department)

What models do you use?

Explain Neural Networks.

What is enterprise 2.0?

Explain web 2.0.

So, web 2.0 and enterprise2.0 are same?

What do you do in your pastime?

(The candidate mentioned that his favorite author is Khaled Hosseini)

What was Hosseini's last book? Do you know about current affairs?

Tell me about the Hawaii incident.

Who is North Korea's biggest ally?

Anything else you want us to know about you.

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