

Interview Preparation Notes – Interview Preparation Notes – Workplace Readiness Prepared by:  
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1. Personal Introduction Question: Tell me about yourself. Answer: "I am currently a Diploma student in Information and Communication Technology at CPUT. I have been involved in a 6-month WIL project developing a Nursing System Portal website, where I contributed to front-end development and database integration. I enjoy problem-solving, working in teams, and improving my technical and professional skills."
2. Strengths and Weaknesses Question: What are your strengths and weaknesses? Answer (STAR):

Strength: "I am highly organized and proactive. For example, during the Nursing System Portal project, I kept track of my tasks on Trello, ensuring I met all deadlines and helped the team stay on schedule."

Weakness: "I sometimes take longer to double-check my work. I've been improving by setting time limits for reviews without sacrificing quality."

3. Project Experience Question: Describe a project you are proud of. Answer (STAR):

Situation: "Our team was tasked with creating a Nursing System Portal website for patient management."

Task: "I was responsible for developing the patient records section and ensuring the database integrated correctly."

Action: "I designed the database tables, coded the JAVA/SpingBoot back-end, and tested the functionality for accuracy."

Result: "The section worked flawlessly, my supervisor praised the design, and it improved my coding and teamwork skills."

4. Communication and Teamwork Question: Give an example of teamwork. Answer (STAR):

Situation: "During our WIL project, team members were working on different website modules."

Task: "I needed to coordinate my work with the front-end and back-end developers to avoid conflicts."

Action: "We used Trello to track progress, communicated via messages, and held weekly meetings."

Result: "We integrated all modules smoothly, completed the project on time, and learned effective team communication."

5. Problem Solving Question: Describe a time you solved a difficult problem. Answer (STAR):

Situation: "While developing the patient records module, a bug prevented data from saving correctly."

Task: "I needed to identify the issue and fix it before the project deadline."

Action: "I debugged the code, checked the database connections, and corrected the SQL queries."

Result: "The bug was resolved, the module worked perfectly, and I learned troubleshooting and debugging skills."

6. Career Goals Question: Where do you see yourself in 2–5 years? Answer: "I aim to work as a software developer, focusing on web applications and system integration. I want to continue improving my technical skills, contribute to meaningful projects, and grow professionally."

7. STAR Technique Reminder Situation: Describe the context.

Task: Explain your responsibility.

Action: Describe the steps you took.

Result: Explain the outcome and what you learned.