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Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (EE)

Me: Hello, good morning sir, how r u?

Vo: I am doing well, how r u ?

Me: fine sir.

Vo: when did u got passed out?

Me: its last year, 2017.

Vo: what's ur undergrad score?

Me: I hold a first class degree from SRM Univ, Chennai and my undergraduate score is 6.8 CGPA.

Vo: Is it 6.8 out of 10?

Me: yes it is sir.

Vo: what's ur gre score?

Me: Its 292 sir.

Vo: what are u going to do after ur graduation?

Me: after pursuing my masters I would apply for opt so that, I can get more practical knowledge and skills and then I will be back to my country where I can get a challenging position in many reputed organisations.

Vo: can u pls elaborate about the job that ur talking about?

Me: In India there are many reputed companies such as BHEL and ECIL those offer many jobs with good salaries for EE engineers.

Vo: how are you going to fund ur masters?

Me: I had savings of about XXXX out of which I had a sanctioned loan of about XXXX at SBI which is located in my home town.

Vo: how did u able to get that loan?

Me: I do got that loan sanctioned by mortgaging a property in our home town which values about XXXX

Vo: from whom do u got sponsored?

Me: my father sir.

Vo: what's ur father?

Me: he runs a fertilizer store since 1992 and the turn over is about XXXX.

And VO asked about the business details and I answered

Vo: thank u... ur visa is approved and handed over my i20 form.

Me: thank u sir

University of St. Thomas VISA Exp...

Me: Good morning sir (smiling)

VO: Hello, Good morning. How are you doing? (Smiling)

Me: Good Sir.

VO: was looking at the screen.

VO: What year did you graduate?

Me: I graduated in the year 2016.

VO: What have you been doing since then?

Me: working in HCL Technologies...

VO: Why do you want to do MS?

Me: I am currently working as an Analyst in HCL, we provide automated solutions based on the manual

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workload. the next step in my career is to develop smart software products which is relative to the topics in AI. I not only want to learn new technologies but also improve my current existing skills.

VO: Have you written your GRE?

Me: Yes, I have scored 291, though I have scored less in GRE, I tried to make up for it by focusing in an overall strong application (SOP, Academic Score, IELTS)

VO: Who is funding your MS?

Me: My family (answered about annual income)

VO: Did you take any loan?

Me: answered about savings and loan

VO: Your visa is approved; please carry this I-20 while going to the US (handed over my I-20).

Me: Thank you sir, have a great day.

University of Texas Dallas, Visa Exp.....

VO: Hello gud mrng

Me: Gud mrng madam

VO: handover your passport and i20

Me: yes please!

VO: so Why UTD?

Me: The course work interests me as it has both IT and business.

VO: who is sponsoring you

Me: my father is sponsoring me and I have taken a bank loan too.

VO: wat does your father do ?

Me: explained

VO: when did u graduate?

Me: may 2017

VO: how much percentage did you get in your undergraduate?

Me: 7.72 cgpa

VO: Saw i20 and started typing for almost 2 minutes and then said visa approved, thank you and have a great day

Me: Thank you n have a great day too

University of Missouri Kansas City - Got Visa

FOURTH TIME:-

Visa Rejected thrice in 2016 for University of North Texas, Denton - CE

Date:- 07/05/2018

Consulate:- Chennai

Status:- Approved

University:- UMKC - CS

Interview duration:- 1min

Me: Gud Afternoon Officer

Vo: Gud Afternoon Sir ,How r u doing?

Me: Doing Good sir, How r u doing ?

Vo: Good, thank you, pass me you passport, I20 and Sevis Fee receipt.

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Vo: What is ur Gre score?

Me: 302 (Q -162,V -140)

Vo: Why this school?

Me: this university is offering is having a good course structure for data science specialisation and a good amount of research is being going on in this field.

Currently I am working as data analyst at IBM , so I want to learn more and excel in this field ,come back to india and become a data scientist.

Vo: How are going to fund your education?

Me: XX lakhs loan, YY lakhs of savings

Vo: I see that your Visa is refused three times...?

Me: Yes sir , my visa was refused thrice in 2016 , right after my graduation.

Vo: Ok, Now I am approving your Visa , have a nice stay in US.

Me: Thank you so much.

Vo: Welcome and All the best!!

Me: Thanks again

SUNY Polytechnic Institute - Got Visa / CIS Major

'Your VISA is approved' by VO are the best words I ever heard.

I am happy as my VISA got approved. I want to thank everyone at I20 Fever, KPHB for your guidance and assistance. Attending Mock interviews helped me out.

However, I am sharing my VISA Experience here.

On the day of interview, waiting in line i have absorbed many students coming out with GREEN sheet in hand. So, I realized that it's gonna be tough and made myself strong to face rejection.

After waiting for one-hour I got counter no 13. I was third person before the counter.

Luck favours me here, I met the officer who taking Interview during the visa orientation session held at American corner, Begumpet. It made easy for me to face Him.

Someone from side came and took my I20 and Passport from me and gave to VO when he taking interview for girl before me.

Now It's my turn. The overall interview happened for less than 90 Seconds.

Date: 14th May 2018 @Hyderabad

VO- Come forward Sir, Good Morning

Me - Good morning Sir, How are you doing?

VO- He gave a smile and said doing good, Thanks for asking (Seems like no one wished him till then), He asked me how am I doing?

Me- Said I am doing great and thanks.

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VO- As he already got my I20, he gone through all the details. I am looking at him, he noticed that there is a graduate assistantship then he turned to PC and asked me Which year pass out Sir?

Me- 2015

VO- What are you doing since then

Me- I am working as for

VO- How long you are working ?

Me- I have been working for.....

VO- What is your gre score-

Me- Score... With.... in quants.

VO- How you are funding for education

Me- Having bank loan of..... and saving of.....

VO- What is your father

Me- My father is a contractor earning..... per annum, I extended my answer saying my brother is also included as sponsor he is working as and earning.....

Because father anual income is less, so i brought my brother topic as well.

Thats it then the golden words come from him as VISA approved.

I never faced any questions regarding University or technical stuff.

I believe Graduate assistantship in I20 gave a god impact. And I showed my character and maintained Eye contact during my answers and gave him natural replies. He is observing me while I am answering very keenly.

Being Confident and Giving Clear answers are the key.

Columbus State University - Got Visa

Status: Approved

Consulate: Hyderabad

Date: 11h May 2018

Time Slot: 10:30 am

University: Columbus State University

Course: MS CSE

Counter :13

VO is a lady in her late 40's

VO: Good morning. Pass me your I-20. .

Me: Good Morning. Gave the I-20. .

VO: Why this University?

Me: Because of its well defined Flexible...

VO: Interrupted and asked what do u mean by flexibility

Me: This university offered me with 34 credit hours out of which 18 are of my own choice so i felt it is

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flexible that way.

VO: How many Universities applied?

Me: 5

VO: How many Admits

Me: told

VO: What's your aggregate?

Me: 88% with no backlogs

VO: What's your GRE?

Me: 303

VO: Why did u choose this university over others?

Me: Gave some description about specialization that this university is offering me.

VO: Have you taken any loan

Me: Yes i have loan sanctioned for 20 lakhs

VO: from which bank?

Me: told.

VO: Is it secured or Unsecured?

Me: Based on my profile and my parents financial income they have offered me unsecured loan

VO: When did you pass out?

Me: told

VO: What have you been doing since then?

Me: I have worked with Tcs for 2 years and then moved to XXX company and i'm currently with this company

VO: Don't u think even with 20 lacs loan you are short of fee?

Me: i have a savings of 30 lacs from my parents and me

VO: what do your father do?

Me: Both my parents are in to business and explained the business

VO: What are their annual income

Me :12 Lacs per annum

then she muted the mic and spoke to her colleague beside her and finally said OK Ma'am I'm approving u r visa. Have a great Stay at USA She did not ask me for any document other than i20 and passport.

This is my visa experience. Hope this helps.

University of North Texas - Got Visa / BA Major

11th May was my interview.

My appointment time was 9:30AM, I reached there by 8 AM

BY 8:30AM i was asked to stand in a queue for a document check to enter the gates.

At 8:45AM i entered the gates and was asked to sit in the chairs before going to a security check. Within few minutes i was asked to go in, surprisingly the security asked me to remove my belt also during the check.

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Once again, they sent me to another waiting area where i waited for half hour and finally they asked a bunch of us to go to 7th counter. Our finger prints were cross checked.

Now another queue

Then, got a card that said 14 and the lady guided me to 14th booth.

The INTERVIEW

i reached to the booth no 14 and there were already two parties waiting for interview before me.

First party got rejected and the second family was going to visit their son's graduation ceremony, they got the visa approved.

Finally, my turn. I saw the lady in the booth on the other side of the glass

Me: I put my file on the side and ready to give my i20 and passport, "Hello ma'am, good morning."

Lady: can i see your passport and i20

Me: sure, (passed my passport and i20)

Lady: which university

Me : University of North Texas

Lady : why this University

Me: well, this university is one of the oldest and the course I opted for.....

Lady : let me stop you there , so the course you opted for dosent match your previous degree (CSE) , justify.

Me: well, I have been working as an assistant manager Business development from past 3 years, So..

Lady: ok, let me stop you ther, how are you going to fund your education.

Me: I have a saving of 9,48,000/- and my father ...

Lady : let me stop you there, let us take this slow in step wise. So how much do you have in your account ?

Me: Rs 9,48,000

Lady : let me convert in to dollars. Ok its \$ 14,000 , and your father ?

Me: Rs 31,00,000

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Lady: is it all savings

Me: yes ma'am its all savings.

Lady: is this course fee \$30,000 for 1year or 2

Me: 2 years ma'am

Lady: But your father's savings is just \$46,000/- how can you afford the course?

Me: actually by adding my father's and my savings it comes up to \$61,000/- which is enough for my studies.

Lady: ok, have you given GRE ?

Me: yes ma'am

Lady: and the score is ?

Me: 292 ma'am

Lady: whats your percentage in bachelors?

Me: its calculated in CGPA , i got 8.06 of 10

Lady : Did you have any backlogs ?

Me : No ma'am

Lady: Ok, your visa is issued. Happy staying in Texas.

Me: Thank you ma'am, have a nice day.

Lady : you too.

Visa Interview Experience: / University of Cincinnati - MECS

Date: 18th May, 2018

Consulate: Hyderabad

Counter: 9

Slot: 10:30 am

Status: Approved

Duration: 1 min

VO was a man in his late 20s or early 30s.

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VO: Good Morning.

Me: Good Morning sir.

VO: How are you doing?

Me: I'm doing well. How are you doing?

VO: I'm doing good. *smiled*

VO: What is your GRE score?

Me: told

VO: Which year did you complete your undergraduation?

Me: 2015 sir

VO: What were you doing since then?

Me: I have been working in Infosys.

VO: Infosys *nodded his head and was typing something in his PC*

VO: *looking at the i20* Which company approved your education loan? *his voice was not clearly audible*

Me: Sorry sir I didn't get your question

VO: *repeated the question again*

Me: It's HDFC Credila sir.

My i20 contains only my education loan and scholarship details. There were no details about personal savings. But this was the only question asked regarding finances.

VO: Credila *Nodded again*

VO: Why masters?

Me: To enhance my professional skills. I always liked artificial intelligence field and I worked on projects related to artificial intelligence and automation. I spoke with my delivery managers regarding my career goals and my masters plan. So I'm taking sabbatical leave and after my masters I will be a data analyst at Infosys.

told my entire future plan because after hearing to the answers of previous applicants I can clearly say that VO is asking more questions to know whether the applicant will return to India or not.

VO: *with a huge smile*

Alright! Your visa is approved.

he dropped my passport in a tray and he was showing my i20 through the glass
carry this with you to the immigration you will need it

he passed my i20 to me through a small opening below the glass partition

Me: Thank you sir. You made my day.

VO: *Gave a huge smile and started typing something in his PC again*

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It is good to maintain a little smile even when you are waiting for your turn. The VO in this counter can see all the applicants in the waiting area and he was frequently noticing the other applicants standing in the queue.

University of Central Missouri - Got Visa

Here are the questions VO Officer asked me.

1. What is the purpose of your visit?
2. Is it 2 years masters ?
3. Why UCM ?
4. What is your under graduate %?
5. Any backlogs?
6. When did you passout? What are you doing after your undergraduate ?
7. Did you give GRE ? What is the score?
8. How do you plan to pay tuition fee?
9. What is your father ?
10. What is his annual income ?

That is all. He told me "I am issuing your Visa.. Congratulations.. Study hard."

Missouri University of Science and Technology (EE)

VO: Good morning. How are you?

Me: Good Morning sir. I'm fine. How are you?

VO: Pass me your passport.

Me: Passed my passport to him.

VO: So, which university?

Me: Missouri University of Science and Technology

VO: Pass me ur i20.

Me: Gave him my i20.

VO: Which year have you graduated?

Me: I have graduated in May 2017

VO: So did you apply to universities last year and what did you do since then.

Me: Yes sir, I have applied to universities last year but due to unexpected reasons I had to stay back. Currently, I am working as a software engineer at NCR Corporation.

VO: What's your undergrad percentage?

Me: 82.7%

VO: What is a diode?

I was nervous because I didn't expect this question and took time to reply

Me: It is a device which allows flow of current in only one direction.

VO: Hmm... Which material is suited for conducting electricity?

I was blank for 2 seconds and then told Copper and aluminium.

VO: What is your GRE and TOEFL score?

Me: Sir, I have a Gre score of 317 and a Toefl score of 103.

VO: He looked quite impressed but wanted to cross verify so he asked me my score reports.

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Gave him my score reports.

VO: How will you be funding for your Masters?

Me: My parents are funding me. We have savings of XXXX and a loan of XXXX.

VO was constantly typing for 1 minute and no reply from him.

He kept my passport and told goodluck.

Me: Thank you so much sir.

San Jose State University(CE)

VO: Good Morning

ME: Good Morning mam

VO: when did you passed out?

ME: 2016

VO: what are you doing since then?

ME: I have graduated from a reputed collage in hyderabad with 83% with this i got an offer to work in TCS but I have rejected the offer. (stop stop..)

VO: what are you doing currently?

ME: internship

VO: why did u left TCS?

ME: I want to explore broad areas in my field of interest.

VO: which?

ME: Embedded Systems

VO: what is Embedded system

ME: It's a combination of software running on hardware.

VO: why did u like it?

ME: when I was a child I played with toys like helicopter which have motors and has circuit board embedded into it....

VO: did u open those?

ME: yes

VO: did u assembled it ?

ME: I struggled to fix it, but opening it was easy.

VO: pass me your i20

ME: passed

VO: which universities did u applied?

ME: 5 universities. SJSU,UNT,UMBC,UAH,Wright state Univ

VO: why this University?

ME: because course curriculum matches my areas of interest. And it is ranked number 1 in computer engineering by USNEWS and World report. (i forgot to say among public universities)

VO: There are universities like MIT, Harvard and other top universities much better than SJSU

ME: yes but I can't get admit from top universities

VO: Ok, SJSU is also a good university

ME: yes mam

VO: but it's not 1st

ME: its first among public universities mam

VO: Ok, what's your academic percentage

ME: 83%

VO: what is your GRE score

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ME: 303

VO: who is sponsoring you?

ME: my parents

VO: what does he do?

ME: he is a govt employee. he is working in xxxxxxxx

VO: what is his income?

ME: explained

VO: how much savings do you have?

ME: explained

VO: do u have bank statments and loan letter?

ME: yes mam

VO: Please, pass it.

ME: (passed)

VO: (after looking at my bank statments and loan letter she muted the mike and gone somewhere...she came after 4-5 mins and typing something)

ME: (I was looking at her...after 2mins she handed me a white color slip and said we will inform you in few days and check your mail

VO: Thank you

ME: Thank you mam

(She kept my passport and loan sanction letter with her)....After 5days my visa approved.

Texas A and M University, Kingsville.

Vo : good morning

Me : good morning sir.

One of the assistants there already passed my I20 and passport to VO

VO: what is the purpose of your visit ?

Me: To pursue masters degree sir

VO: where are you studying?

Me: (i was actually confused if he was asking where am i studying now? Or where will i be studying later... so i mixed both the answers)

I am studying in XX clg.. i will be studying my masters in TAMUK sir.

VO: What is your major?

Me: Computer Science sir

VO: when did you pass out?

Me: This year sir. I got my final result day before yesterday so i haven't received my final transcripts yet.

VO: How will you pay the tuition fees?

Me: I have savings of total XXrs. Out of which XXrs is loan from XYZ bank and previous bank savings of XXrs.

VO: what did you submit as collateral to the bank for this loan?

Me: told him what all i have submitted.

VO: its going to be a two year program right?

Me: yes sir.

VO: what is your father?

Me: answered

VO: Congratulations... i am approving your visa..!!

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Georgia State University

Consulate: Hyderabad

Slot: 10 am

VO is of age 40+

Me: good morning sir

VO: pass me your passport and F1 form(i20)

VO: so you are going to Georgia state for comp science

Me: yes sir

VO: your ug major is also computer science

Me: yes sir

VO: what's your GPA

Me: told

VO: its a very good percentage

Me: thank you sir

VO: what's your gre score

Me: told

VO: what is fibnocci series

Me: told

Vo: How are you going to show your funding

Me: bank loan of 35 lakhs and father's savings account balance

Vo: All the best

By giving my i20 back

University of Cincinnati

My visa interview was scheduled at 9:30 AM. I was in by 8 45 AM.

VCO looked cool and approved two tourist visas ahead of me.

Me : Hello sir very good morning!! How is your day?

VCO : Good. Thank you. How is your day?

Me : Great sir. Thank you!

VCO : pass me your i20

Me : Gave my i20

VCO : So Cincinnati huh?

Me : Yes sir!

VCO : What is your undergraduate percentage

Me : 71.1% sir

VCP : what is your GRE score

Me : 302

VCO : What is your undergraduate stream

Me : Electronics and communications Engineering

VCO : any backlogs?

Me : 3 sir but I have cleared them in my first attempt.

VCO : why 3 were you goofing around?

Me : No sir I was sick during two of those exams

VCO :what is Trojan Horse

Me : Sir, it is a computer virus.

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VCO : How are you going to support your education fee
Me : I have a loan sanctioned of xx and have savings of xx in my bank
VCO : Good luck!
Me: : Thank you sir! You've made my day thank you!!

The interview lasted for 30 secs.
Just be confident and don't break eye contact.

University of North Carolina Charlotte

My VISA Experience:

Location : Hyderabad
Counter : 13
Date : 17 may 2018
Slot : 10 AM
Visa officer is very young
Me : Good morning mam! how are you?
VO : Good morning!
Vo : Purpose of your visit
Me : to do masters in uncc
Vo : wow!! Dats really a good college(with lot of smile)
Me : yes! Thanks mam
Vo : What do you want to do there?
Me : I wanted to do specialization in data science
Vo : why data science?
Me : told abt my experience in present company
Vo : what is ur montly and annual income?
Me : told
Vo : what is father doing
Me : he is zonal manager in greencrop international
Vo : what is his annual income?
Me : told
Vo : how are going to fund?
Me : 40 lakhs loan 20 lakhs savings
Vo : do u have any siblings?
Me : yes one elder sister
Vo: what is she doing and where?
Me : working as metadata analyst in cigna , us
Vo : Pass me ur loan documents
Vo : Pass me ur savings documents(she verified each and every transaction)
Vo : congrats your visa is approved .. study hard

Cleveland state university

Hyderabad consulate
Slot 10 am

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18th may

Vo- good mrng

Me- good mrng mam

Vo- percentage

Me-81

Vo - which rank

Me -3rd

Vo- out of

Me -60

vo- good

Vo- why Cleveland

Me - told about course (interrupted) told about professor (interrupted smiling and funny conversation
vo was saying u people change the names and courses and tell about research

Vo- what courses and how may hrs class work

Me- data mining etc etc,.. 9hrs cls wrk

Vo - what typ of job you are expecting

Me- actually had plans for start up

Vo-who is your sponsor

Me- my maternal uncle and also had a loan sanctioned for 24lakhs

Vo- what does he do?

Me- govt employee at education dept, savings 50lks

Vo - give me ur passbook

Me- gave checked for 5min

Vo- huge amount accumulated from 6 mnths

Me- yes.. we sold our land for my education purpose

Vo- is ur father alive

Me - no

Vo-tution fee

Me- told.

Vo- congrats issued ur visa

University of Cincinnati

Visa interview date : 21 may 2018

Consulate : Hyderabad

Time : 10:30 am

Status : Approved

VO: hello Sir

Me : Hello sir good morning

VO: Pass me you i20

Me : passed i20

VO : which college are you going on

Me: Uni. Of Cincinnati

VO : When did you graduate

Me:2014

VO : What have you been doing since then

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Me: Working as Ass. Consultant at Oracle

VO: Hyd or Bangalore

Me: Bangalore

VO: How many colleges did you apply and how many admits

Me: applied 4 , 2 admits

VO: what are they

Me : said the college names (full names)

VO: are you still waiting for other two colleges

Me: No sir , got the result as reject

VO: how are planning to pay your fee

Me: I have an educational loan of xxxx lakhs from xxxx bank and also savings of xxxx lakhs

VO: what do your parents do..

Me: my father is in to construction business and my mother is house wife

VO: what's your father's annual income

Me : xxxx lakhs

VO: what's your GRE score

Me: 308

VO : what's your undergraduate percentage

Me: 7.5

VO: which college

Me: GITAM uni.

VO: Vizag.??

Me: yes sir

You visa approved

Interview lasted for 2-3 min