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Company: Oracle Financial Service Software (OFSS)

Job Profile: Associate Consultant

Offer Type: Placement Only

Compensation: 9.82 LPA + Performance Variable + Relocation

Location: Mumbai / Pune / Bangalore / Chennai

Process Date: 12 August 2025

1.**OA Round** (336 students appeared for this round)

DSA Computer fundamentals and Aptitude (Criteria min 7 CGPA or 70% & above)

There were 3 sections - Problem Solving 2 problem, Technical MCQ-20 Q and General Aptitude and Communication MCQ-15 Q.

The two coding problems were:

1. **Stock price trend detection:** counting strictly increasing subarrays of length k.
2. **Minimize array maximum value:** performing a series of allowed operations on array elements to reduce the overall maximum value to the smallest possible.

Technical MCQs were on code snippets, OOPS, CCN, OS and DBMS.

General Aptitude was of the Indiabix level.

So total 36 questions in 95 mins.

2.**Preplacement Talk**

3.**Technical Interview** (48 students appeared for this round.)

The interview began with **"Tell me about yourself."** While reviewing my resume, the interviewer picked one of my projects and asked me to explain its **technology stack, design, and the exact problem it solved.** It's important to be ready to discuss every project you list what you built, why you built it, and how it works.

After this icebreaker, the discussion moved into **Java concepts**:

- **Multithreading, thread lifecycle, and common thread functions**
- A **trick question on join()**

- **Exception handling** - I was asked to write code demonstrating exception handling. While some candidates only mentioned try, catch, and finally, I also incorporated throw and throws in my solution and explained their usage, which genuinely impressed the interviewer. I used a **banking transaction case study** to make the explanation practical.
- **Design patterns and OOP principles** - I explained these using both technical language and real-world examples, depending on what the interviewer preferred.
- **JVM, JRE, JDK how they work together**
- **Hashing, and how HashMap stores entries and handles collisions inside buckets**
- **Difference between arrays and ArrayLists, and when/why to use Vectors**

The interviewer appreciated clear explanations, relevant examples, and the way I coded while explaining my thought process. This round lasted about **40–50 minutes** and went **very smoothly.**

3.**Tech + HR Interview** (20 approx students were appeared for this round.)

This round also began with an introduction, after which the interviewer asked me to talk about the most challenging project I had worked on and why it was particularly difficult. We then discussed my internship experience in detail the platform's users, my role and contributions, the current status of the website, the tech stack we selected, and the challenges faced during development. At the very start, the interviewer mentioned that this would be a Tech + HR combined interview and that he might ask technical questions if required. However, since I had already received very positive feedback from the previous technical round, he didn't feel the need to test me further on technical concepts.

The rest of the discussion focused on behavioural and situational questions: how I handle stress, my usual approach to tackling challenges, what motivates me to pursue a career in technology, and how I would handle conflicts with teammates. He also asked where I see myself in five years, why I chose OFSS, and gave me a few corporate client scenarios to understand how I would respond in real-world situations. The conversation was smooth and conversational rather than interrogative, and towards the end, I asked about what my growth would look like at OFSS and the opportunities available to me within the organization.

This round was less about testing knowledge and more about assessing confidence, clarity, and attitude. Maintaining a positive approach, good posture, and giving spontaneous, well-reasoned answers were the keys to performing well here, especially since many of these questions cannot be prepared for in advance.

20 Students received the offer!

Useful Tips for Preparation:

- Strengthen your Java and DSA concepts: Regular practice is essential. Use resources like the Striver's A2Z DSA Sheet for structured problem-solving.
- Revise Computer Fundamentals: Platforms like Javatpoint are great for brushing up on OS, DBMS, OOP, and CN basics.
- Practice Aptitude and Communication MCQs: Indiabix has plenty of relevant questions.
- Use SQL resources: Solve LC50 SQL questions on LeetCode and practice scenario-based queries on DataLemur.
- The CareerRide YouTube channel is useful for aptitude questions.
- Give and take mock interviews: Practicing with friends helps improve confidence and clarity while explaining solutions or projects.
- Be thorough with your resume: Be ready to explain every project in terms of tech stack, design, and problem statement.
- Maintain consistency: Even 1-2 hours of DSA practice daily will keep problem-solving sharp.
- During interviews: Stay calm, sit with good posture, and answer confidently even if you don't know something, it's better to admit it honestly rather than guess.

All the best for your placements! Worrying about things won't help in any way, so relax, take a chill pill and prepare with a positive attitude.

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