

## Student's Manual- Session 6

### Tell me Something About yourself

Duration - 2 hrs.

Date – 16 to 18 Dec 2024, Mon to Wed

Timing: 11 am to 1pm to 2 to 4pm

Flow of the session	-	2 hrs. (Total)
Brain Storming with the Students on : What do they think what could be the best Response to TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF	-	15 mints
Workshop on "Tell me Something about yourself"	-	1.15 Hrs
Team building – Balcon (Balance & concentration)	-	30 Mnts
<b>BACK GROUND TO THE WORKSHOP</b>		

Interview is not a question-answer round – it's an interaction round. It offers you and the employer the opportunity to meet one another, exchange information and come to tentative conclusions about "hiring" one another. One very common question asked mostly by the interviewer is TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF. This is the most probable question for any HR interview. This unique question really is an opportunity for you to take control of the interview and position yourself as the perfect candidate for the job. You will have time later to walk through your resume in more detail and fill in any gaps. Don't try to squeeze in too much information or your interviewer will start to tune out.

Hence, the Objectives of the workshop are:

- To make their responses sound natural, not fabricated
- To sound different than others to stand out in the crowd
- To enable the students to express themselves effectively and impressively

**SAMPLE Responses (Usually answered by students in the interview – To be avoided)**

**Sample 1** – Thank you for giving me an opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Sukesh Sahoo. I have done my schooling from KV, 12<sup>th</sup> from DPS, and currently pursuing B.Tech from ITER in Computer Science Branch. I have a family of 5 members: Father is a Govt Servant, mother is a Housewife, we are two brothers, I am the elder and my younger brother is in class 12<sup>th</sup>. Coming to my hobby, I play cricket, listen to music and watching TV. I want to be successful developer in an IT sector.

**Sample 2** – My name is Salim Khan. Currently I am pursuing my B.Tech in Civil engineering from ITER. My schooling and inter, both are from Narayan School, Vizag. We are a joint family, my father is a business man, we are 15 members in my family. My hobbies are chatting with friends, travelling, reading novels. My strengths are communication skills, hard work, teamwork, and leadership. I want to become a successful Civil engineer.

**NOTE:** Generally, maximum students end their self-introduction in just 15 to 40 secs which hardly has a chance to create an impact.

**Common Mistakes to Avoid (V.V. Important)**

- Starting with formalities like: "Thank you for giving me an opportunity to introduce yourself", or "As you know my name"
- "Giving a chronological life history in a very monotonous manner as if you have got it by heart
- Not describing your personality & attributes with supporting evidence or examples
- Mentioning school, college, & family details (irrelevant)
- Giving stoppages during introduction like: Coming on to my hobby, coming on to my strengths (Unwanted)
- Starting straight away about technical skills immediately after mentioning your name and place
- Repeating many information cited on your resume
- Looking up and down and sides as if you are remembering and saying during the interview

**MODEL Responses (Recommended) (60 to 70 secs)**

**Model 1** - I am Raj Vardhan. Being born and brought up in the temple city Bhubaneswar, I did all my schooling here. Currently I am pursuing my bachelor's degree of technology in computer science and engineering wherein I have learnt a lot about basic foundations of programming languages and Software cycle. What I learnt even more is how to face the real world.

As a person I am very determined and logical but at the same time very expressive in nature. Stepping out of my comfort zone and trying out new challenges is what drives me each and every single day. Apart from academics I love being physically active, trying different adventure sports, I even happened to be a zonal level athlete during my school days. I also like travelling and meeting new people where I learn about their culture, heritage and even their traditions.

At present I aim at expanding my career graph by joining the corporate world using my learning orientation and active involvement in mastering Python, AI

**Model 2** - My name is Gurpreet. Currently I am doing my B.Tech in computer science & Engg. from Institute of Technical Education & Research (SOA university) Bhubaneswar.

I am a quick learner with a positive attitude towards work commitments to work with willingness to learn new things which I have reflected while adapting to hostel life and Academic journey. I am good at coding and very much active in competitive coding in platforms like codechef and Leetcode. I believe I am good at organizing or leading events as I have conducted many events like functions, awareness programmes, and seminars in the past.

I have chosen this tech track as I want to explore more in solving real life problems with code and want to learn more about AI and ML. I am looking forward to excel as a programmer embracing the emerging technology which is the need of the industry. That's all-in brief about me. Thank you so much.

**Model 3** - I am Srinivas. I am a pre-final year student majoring in computer science. In my free time, I love to blog as one of my interests is writing on tech world. This keen interest helps me in many ways to do well productively in executing tech projects.

Learning from my past experiences, I believe I display team management and interpersonal skills at its best. Whenever I see a problem, I find out a possible way to solve it which makes people call me a 'problem solver'. Moreover, I tend to grasp things pretty quickly which helps me quickly adjust into any given situation. The above makes me different than others at many situations.

I am passionate about leveraging technology into solving real world problems. I have my share of practical experience through hackathons that take place globally.

**Model 4** - My name is Mohammad Samim, I belong to Jamshedpur which is also referred as steel city of India. I am an engineering graduate in Computer Science from Institute of Technical Education and Research, Bhubaneswar. During my school days I realized that I am good in Mathematics and solving problems which led me choose Engineering. Currently I am the Class Representative of my section and have represented my school in various fields which shows that I am Accountable and responsible. I am an Engineer by choice and a Fitness freak by passion. As a person I am expressive and like to interact with people around me. I like to plan my task before execution and prefer timely completion of the task. I have many ambitions, however currently I am focused in progressing in IT sector, I have my Strength in coding and have special Interest in Web Development.

**INDIVIDUAL TASK** – Instruct the students to draft their own self introduction by referring to the above four model (4) responses so that it sounds natural, instead of sounding fabricated (Please ensure they do not copy the model responses). They can be creative too. The Facilitator needs to ensure that all the students draft their introduction and get it evaluated and corrected by him/her. If time permits, do tell them to speak it out voluntarily as a few samples either on stage or at their seat.

Best Wishes!!