

## **GEP Interview Experience 2022 (Super Dream)**

2/8/2022

Pre Placement Talk (Virtual) at 2:30 pm

### **Round 1 – Aptitude (at 5:30 pm):**

- Section 1: Math Reasoning – 9 questions in 13 mins
- Section 2: Logical Reasoning and Data Int. – 21 questions in 26 mins
- Section 3: Attention to Detail – 3 questions in 2 mins
- Section 4: Verbal – 19 mins, included comprehension related questions
- Total test duration – 1 hr

Not sure how many people attempted the aptitude but approximately 200 attended the PPT. Aptitude results were announced at 9:30 pm. 32 people were shortlisted for interviews, and 10 more were waitlisted.

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### **Interview 1: Preliminary Interview – 10:30 am**

- The interviewer began with a couple of standard, make-yourself-comfortable questions and then asked me to introduce myself. Based on my answer, he asked me which 3 qualities I thought made me a good leader and which 3 qualities I could improve upon that would make me a better leader.
- Then he asked me if I could invite any 4 leaders for lunch, who would I invite and why?
- He asked me the area of India. Later I realized this was a guesstimate, but during the interview I just directly gave him the actual figure as I was aware of it.
- He asked me the nearest fast food restaurant from the college. When I replied McDonalds, he told me to estimate the kgs of tomato McDonalds would be using in 1 day to make ketchup.
- Total interview duration was around 25 mins

### **Interview 2: Case Interview – 11 am**

- I was called for the 2nd interview immediately after the 1<sup>st</sup> one.
- This round was mostly based on a case study. The question was that a car fleet rental operator has been experiencing flat profits for the last 3 quarters, find out why and give a recommendation.
- The case study went on for about 15 mins. I kept asking the interviewer questions and went deeper and deeper into the case.
- After the case study, I was asked a puzzle: How can we measure 4L water using 2 jugs of capacities 3L and 5L. <http://puzzles.nigelcoldwell.co.uk/twentytwo.htm>  
I was able to correctly answer after some thought.
- This interview went on for about 30 mins.

### **Interview 3: Final Interview – 2.15 pm**

- 10 or 11 students had been shortlisted for this round.
- In the previous rounds, there was only 1 interviewer, here there were 2.

- They started off by asking a few behavioral questions such as –
  1. What do you think of criticism and how do you deal with it? (I talked about constructive vs destructive criticism)
  2. What would you do if someone criticizes you destructively?
  3. What would you do if your boss comes and starts yelling at you?
  4. What was your biggest failure and how did you deal with it? Etc.
- They asked me to state 5 qualities a consultant should have and rate myself on each one. The ones I listed were – problem solving, structured thinking, communication skills, attention to detail, drawing valuable insights from data.
- I was asked why I wanted to join GEP.
- They asked me to estimate the volume of the room (it was one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor labs). I knew that the size of the tiles was 2ft x 2ft and hence could easily calculate the dimensions by counting the tiles.
- Then they asked if a butterfly is in one corner of the room and wants to fly to the opposite corner, what is the least distance that it has to travel (diagonal of cuboid). Once I gave the formula, they asked how the formula might have come about (using Pythagoras).
- Finally came the case study. The question was that the client is a cab operator (like Ola, Uber) whose revenue is max among competitors but profits are minimum. Find out the reason. The case went on for about 15 mins.
- Total interview duration around 40 mins

We were expecting this to be the last interview, but at around 5.15 pm they started calling people for a 4<sup>th</sup> round. This time there were 5 to 6 interviewers and the interviews were going on for anywhere between 10-20 mins. However, this round only happened for 4 people, excluding me. From what I heard from others, they were grilling about HR related stuff, asking lots of behavioral questions, such as “what would you do in X situation,” “why would you do it,” “why would you **not** do something else,” and so on.

Finally at around 6.15 pm they announced the results. Six candidates were selected 😊

#### **Some random stuff:**

- I was not asked any questions based on my resume. In fact, none of the interviewers even looked at my resume. However, this was not true for everyone, people were asked questions related to projects, skills, and internships which they had put on their resume.
- Both of my case studies did not go well. The interviewers were constantly prodding me in the right direction and giving hints, yet my final answers were different from what they were expecting. Hence, I believe that the remaining parts of my interviews must have gone very well to make up for that.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions:-

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