Career Services Assignment 4 – Soft Skill Interview Prep

Points possible: 50

Category	Criteria	% of Grade
Completeness	All requirements of the assignment are complete.	50
Quality	Answers show thought, proper grammar, and would be acceptable in most interview situations.	50

Instructions: Find a job post online for a role and company you would like to apply for. Answer the following questions as if you were being interviewed for the job. Research the STAR method of answering behavioral interview questions and where applicable, utilize the STAR method in answering the below questions.

How did you hear about this position? (Make sure you remember where you heard about the role so it doesn't look like you are just applying randomly to every position possible.)

I heard about this position from a friend and she told me that you were in need of software developers.

What do you know about the company? (Research the company, website, products/services, and reviews. Talk about good reviews that make you want to join.)

I know that Teslar Software is a technology company that focuses on software solution for financial institutions. I heard that the company had very kind and helpful employees and would like to work together with some of them.

Why do you want this job? (Be very specific. Talk about what appeals to you about the role but focus more on the value you'll add to the team and company rather than what the company will do for you.)

I want to work here because I recently found interest in coding and I would like to put the coding experience I learned in Promineo for this company.

Why should we hire you? (Be very specific. Talk about your skills, passion, and willingness to continuously learn to be an asset.)

I know how to use Java and currently learning MySQL. Later in the Spring I am going to learn about Web API Design.

What is your greatest professional achievement? (STAR)

It was working on a Java project where we needed to code a War card game. The goal was to deal the cards to two players while shuffling every time and dealing the card each round and then taking in the score each round. Whichever player had the most points after all cards have been dealt was the winner. It took a lot of work trying to figure out all the methods I had to make in

Java and the real challenge was trying to make a list of the cards since I had to take in the face cards and the suits. Once I was finished with the methods, I just put it all together in the main method and the card game was successfully made.

Describe a difficult work situation and how you overcame it. (STAR. Never speak negatively about anyone else or any companies. Perhaps talk about change you experiences, as change is always difficult to overcome.)

A difficult situation I was in was when we didn't have enough people to work on something. I had to work a little harder, but I tried not to think about things and pushed forward. I did have a reliable co-worker with me which did alleviate some of the work load. In the end I did end up pushing through.

What are your goals for the future? (Make sure you answer in a time bound manner and talk about how you are looking to learn as much as possible in your field.)

I'm looking to land a job as a software developer to further gain experience outside of my Coding Bootcamp at Promineo to know how much different it is compared to what I'm working with right now.

Why are you leaving your last job? (Don't say anything negative. Mention growth, changing industries, etc.)

To start coding as a software developer. I want to get more efficient at coding, so I want to leave my last job to get one as a software developer.

What is your salary expectation?

A bit higher than minimum wage.