**How did I prepare?**

I solve ATLEAST 3-4 DSA based questions daily. Now these could be from Love Babbar 450 questions sheet, Leetcode daily question or some tag-based questions from GFG too.

To suggest some Youtube channels for proper explanations of DSA, I’d say, channel of Striver and Aditya Verma (specifically for DP).

Moreover, to prepare for technical questions from Core Subjects, it is advisable to attend classes regularly, it would help you in long-term and also won’t create unnecessary pressure during the times of placements.

For last minute brush-up you can check cheatsheets from gfg and love babbar(whatever suits you best) and top interview questions separately from different websites.

PLATFORMS I USED FOR CODING (DSA): Mainly leetcode and sometimes gfg

Preparation Tips

TIP 1: Keep yourself motivated and that has to eventually come from your inner self only. A video, a lecture, or a session would work for an hour, for 5 hours, for 10 hours, for a day, two day, or maybe five days, not more than that.

TIP 2: Never lose consistency. It’s THE CORE of excellence!

TIP 3: Keep your fundamentals clear and ask questions if you have any in your classes without any hesitation.

TIP 4: Try to get your hands dirty in Aptitude, LR based questions and English too. (They’re asked in many Online Screening rounds and also would help you in long run.)

**Resume Tips**

TIP 1: NEVER BLUFF on your Resume.

TIP 2: Keep it short(1 Page), concise, and crisp. Use bullet points wherever required.

How did I apply?

On Campus

How many rounds were there?

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First Round Details:

It was an Online Test conducted on 25th November, 2020. A 1.5 hr camera proctored test which included 30 Technical MCQs and 2 Coding Questions(Medium-Hard Level). Moreover, the paper had different sets which made sure that everyone gets a different set of questions.

Time Management along with accuracy measures for passing this round.

After this round, 34 students were shortlisted.

Second Round(Tech+HR+Managerial):

It was a Tech+HR+Managerial round of interview where questions revolved around my resume, Core Subjects and HR and Managerial questions.

He started off with “Tell me about yourself” and went long till asking me many questions related to all the Leadership Experience I had mentioned in my resume including about my club, the events I have participated, situational questions, core subjects etc.

They value their principles a lot, so many questions aligned to the values the company demonstrate.

After this round, 7 students were given a final offer for Summer Internship at Barclays.

Why do you think you were shortlisted?

1. I surely think I was a fit for the role given my technical and interpersonal skills.

2. I was also very clear with my answers during the interview.

3. I gave my best effort during the tenure of my internship too.

My Experience At Barclays as a Summer Intern:

It was obviously an altogether different feeling to work at an MNC as large as it is. Daily we used to have scrum calls on which we updated about our previous day work and that day’s objectives. After the scrum call I used to remain in touch continuously with my mentor for the entire day and completed the tasks at hand. Moreover, along with the mentor, it was the manager too with whom I used to work. They have a surreal work culture and immensely supportive and friendly people at their organization.

WFH culture is quite adaptable at the company. They also have “Friday Connect” meetings every Friday where we used to discuss about technical newcomings in the industry and also had great virtual games sessions.

I was also given this opportunity to host a Virtual game session for the entire India Division of the Department that I was working in on the last day of my internship as a final token and it was a huge success.

The best thing that I felt at Barclays was that they appreciate your efforts, even if it’s the smallest one, they consider your opinions, regardless of your position and they adhere to their values everyday.

*After Internship, I was offered a Pre placement offer to join Barclays as a full time employee*.