QUESTIONS FOR SDLC INTERVIEW- PRACTICAL 3

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Hello,

Today, we will be interviewing Mr. Anish Kantawala, a seasoned professional with over two decades of experience. Currently, Mr. Kantawala holds the position of Head of Solution Architect for Enterprise Applications at AWS. Additionally, Mr. Kantawala has a forte in Agentic AI, Gen AI, Business Analysis, Business Intelligence, and other leadership roles.

Sir will talk about his experiences in software engineering and it's various domains.

Hello Anish Sir, Good Morning ! Hope you're doing well ! Thank you for sparing your precious time for this interview, we're very grateful !

QUE(STUTI): Could you kindly provide us with a concise overview of your professional experience in the IT industry? Specifically, we would appreciate insights into your roles at Amazon and Warner Bros. over the past two decades of your career.

QUE(MAHEK): How do you navigate transitions between roles that are technical (like IT Analyst) and strategic (like Business Analyst/Manager)? What mindset shifts are needed?

QUE(NANDINI): We are also keen to understand your approach to client acquisition. Do you have a specific procedure in place? Alternatively, how do clients typically initiate contact with you or your team?

QUE(STUTI): Given your experience, we can assume that you have coordinated or led numerous teams for various projects. Could you share your insights on how you effectively manage team members and achieve project success?

QUE(NANDINI): In the realm of project management, it is not uncommon to encounter varying perspectives and approaches from team members and clients. How can one effectively address these differing viewpoints, particularly when they originate from clients?

QUE(MAHEK): In your long and diverse career, you've worked across companies with different cultures and scales. How have you adapted your working style to fit different organizational structures, especially in high-pressure tech environments?

QUE(STUTI): With your experience as an IT Analyst at Power Build Elecon and a Business Analyst at Sabre Holdings, we would be interested to learn about the types of problem statements you have encountered as an analyst. Please share your approach to addressing these problems and the tools and technologies you found most effective.

QUE(MAHEK): Many aspiring professionals like myself often struggle with choosing between technical depth and moving toward managerial roles. How did you decide your path, and what advice would you give to those at a similar crossroads?

QUE(NANDINI): Could you please elaborate on your current position at AWS? Specifically, what is your role and your approach towards it? Additionally, how do you prepare yourself on a daily basis to face new challenges in your work?

QUE(MAHEK): What helped you maintain relevance as technology evolved over the last two decades — did you focus on continuous learning, adaptability, or strategic networking? Looking back, were there any pivotal career decisions that shaped your long-term trajectory — any risks you took that paid off or didn't?

QUE(NANDINI): Given your position and forte in the field of artificial intelligence and machine learning, how do you believe artificial intelligence is shaping the world today? Furthermore, how will it impact the job market in the IT sector in the coming years?

QUE(STUTI): *What advice do you have for women in tech especially in the field of data science , machine learning and management ?*

QUE(MAHEK): *How do you foster a culture of accountability and ownership within your teams, especially when working on complex or high-stakes systems? What have been your biggest leadership challenges — especially while working with cross-cultural or distributed teams?*

QUE(STUTI): *If you had a 25-year-old version of yourself sitting here, just starting out what one bold risk would you encourage them to take in the current tech world?*

QUE(NANDINI): *In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your patient and courteous responses to our inquiries. If you have any advice regarding Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) and how we can prepare ourselves for future roles within the corporate world, we would be delighted to receive it.*