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hi Frnds,

i wud like to share my success and my experiences of getting into IBM. I had my test on 22 July in Warangal.

But the thing is in **English Section** it mainly concentrates on usage of articles and prepositions mostly to the basic level. So do prepare by taking a lucid book which could eplain by examples .i have prepared two books for it. CAT verbal material (if available) it's more than enough.other case do refer "practical english usage" by michael swan. He gives u a example based principles and also the most frequent mistakes which are prone to be done. It will be useful for the preparation for IBM, Infy,or any other co. As every one has a section for sentence correction. other than this there shall be a RC passage and 5to 6 questions. So reading skill is important for this one.but donot waste much time to infer the ans.as u can score in other sections.try to get an outer look of the entire passage. there shall be 1or 2 questions which could be answered without reading the entire passage.try to finsh as soon as possible.

The next one will be the **Apti Section** the areas that have to be concentrated are venn diagrams (mostly 2 or 3 set diagrams) not more than that.simple blood relation inferences(do refer verbal reasoning by RSagarwal). and percentages, time and work, time and distance. All the Q's will be simple formula based ones so time management is important. Do not waste much time for any question. I was stuck in the venn diagram question but later i could manage my time.so do praactise venn diag and time and work so u could mange ur tim for reasoning.

the next part other than apti **Data Sufficiency** do practise from RS agarwal it is sufficient. Q's r easy u could gain time in this one.

the next one is the **Reasoning part**. In this mostly there are common types of Q's if practised then it wud be easy to score in this section..

the most common types are:

1. if +is-,-is/ ,/is *so on.do practise the models in a faster approach. u cud refer cat material or rs agarwal for thisone.

2. the next one is if 1is a and 0 is b and he would give some questions on it .so do practise finding out binary equivalents and binary to decimal conversions.

3. the cubes problems do practise as much as u can .if possible start with the basic types.this one wud be the time consuming,it has to be practised.

4. the next one is there shall be some conditions given for the selection process, or any other and there will be questions based on it.prepare it from verbal reaoning (RS agarwal puzzle test.)complete all the 9. So u cud get the basic approach how to solve the Q's in a faster manner.This one is also a time consuming one.

After solving some Q's of it i had 15 Q's left and 15 min left, so, I had to shift to the technical part to gain my time.

The **Technical Part** is mainly based on basics of C&ds, DBMS,1 or 2 Q's in unix,and some basic Q's on object concept. So the technical part wud be easy one to solve. I have completed it in 5 min and then shifted to reasoning part. There will be 1 or 2 which cud be guessed in techi part so do not waste in this section.

Do see that at last u fill all the Q's as there is no negative marking.i donot remember my written test Questions exactly so, im writing this way .this was the exact way the paper looked like and that was my approach which made me to score around 50+(out of 55) which i cud see on my paper at the time of HR.

As the written test in IBM is an easy one and mostly around 40-50% wud be selected for technical interview.so, the technical inerview is the main screening round for IBM.

In the **Tech Intrvw** for electronics,mechanical and other non it candidates are supposed to know basics of c and data structures.they shall ask u to write some basic pgms like swap, prime, pallindrome(using stack),some basic rules abt pointers, and programs on different searching and sorting techniques. There shall be q's on your core subjects and your project which u have mentioned in ur resume.

As I belong to computers, and as I specified my favourites as OS, C&DS, my entire intrvw was on different concepts of OS. Every question wud be linked with the type of answer we give for the previous one. There my panel was one-one and she concentrated entirely on OS. Then she shifted to some basic concepts of C,DS and pointers.she asked me around 5-6 programs and asked me to discuss abt the outputs.my first one was based on linked lists, I tried it but could not get it, then she asked me some other pgms on pointers, strings, stacks, queus, which i was able to explain them in detail. She asked me some concepts of trees,asked me to explain operations on binary search trees with examples. I explained them in detail with full confidence which did matter in my success to get on to the next round.the tech intrvw was about 30-40 minutes for every one. some of my frnds had two-one panels and they made stress intrvs and tested the patience.some panels concentrated entirely on dbms, sql queries and concepts of java, so for IT members they should have sound knowledge in concepts of OS, java, C&DS, dbms, sql queries, unix (if given in resume).they shall entirely concentrate on the subjects specified in the resume. So do place the subjects which u r perfect. Do prepare some questions to ask the interviewer which wud add ur chances to get qualified.

The next round which is **HR** was a bit tough one for some of my non-IT frnds. Here there shall be some Q's on ur core subjects.some of my frnds hr round was also a complete techi one where again they asked questions on the subjects mentioned.but we have to make our first impression in the first important question "tell me abt urself". Try to give examples for your strengths which wud add a postive impression on you.the hr also may be 20-30 min.this wud vary.
my Hr was a short one around 10-15 min. he asked me question on integration, diff b/w definite and indefinite integrals. He asked me a question like how many bytes make a Kb and asked me to convince that it was 1024 but not 1000.whichI did.
Then he asked me some qustions on data structures,diff sortings and searching techniques.he asked me abt deadlock and tried to distract my concentration by making sounds.we have to keep our concentration and answer the question without any hesitation which i did. Then he asked me my personal details.he asked me that what i learned from my father.this was all abt my HR

So frnds, this was all about my interview for IBM.hope this wud be helpful to you..

I am very thankful to the group which constantly gave me the materials which did matter in my preparation.so, bye frnds and i hope u all land in your dream companies.

IBM PAPER ON 29th July 2006 AT LIMAT, FARIDABAD

Well everybody's interview was going fine as most of d tech interviews r not as tough as mine, infect they r easy 4 Comp n IT people n r actually a cake walk 4 them. Now HR is where u break it or make it…u need 2 posses that extra edge 4 getting selected…THINK b4 speaking n don't become nervous…IBM needs INNOVATION n confidence. That is it…GUD communication skills help but if u r presenting yourself well n r clear about wt r u saying den it wont matter, if u speak with little jerks…

As I said they r really friendly so keep a smile on your face n don't sit b4 asking. Enter d room n walk in a positive manner, be neatly dressed….

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My interview went like this…

1. Tell me about yourself, your family, your hobbies & your achievements in d past…????

2. Den he asked me my aggregate n also d individual %ages per Semester n den said r u saying d truth here is d catch. don't shake n say a LOUD N CLEAR YES…coz sometimes people flitter with d marks n mention them as 70…so here is where they get caught.. this question is bound 2 come up if your aggregate Is 70 or 71..otherwise no problem…

3. Den he said y so much fluctuations in d marks that means u r really inconsistent…???

    I said well I m not inconsistent, I have always scored between 800 n 815 in all d five SEMS it is just that d other part that is d max marks keep changing.. LOLS. Crazy answer. But he really liked it n said this is d coolest answer I have got..

Coz generally when this question is asked, people start giving excuses that this happened n start talking about family problems…n I couldn't study n shit. Well they know that u r a human being n know that it can happen with anyone. Please would recommend that u don't start RAMAYAN over there as being precise is d key…

4. Where do u see yourself 5 years 4m now..??

Prepare this answer well n make sure what u say highlights your strengths n is actually related 2IBM or some MNC…

5. Then he asked about weakness..???
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7. WELL 1 question which is bound 2 come up in both d rounds is Y IBM n WT DO U KNW ABT IT…????? Also if u r 4m non COMP background den Y moving in2 software….???

D answer that I gave is DAT being in ECE I easily have d option of moving 2 either hardware n software, considering that IBM provides TELECOM solution so a person who doesn't have d knowledge of Communication cant enter that field n being specialized in that field I can really contribute in d growth. .Also being 4m ECE I have been exposed 2 software languages and have d required skills, so coming 4m a diverse background will be like a Dual advantage n well I feel that I have the basic knowledge of being a software Professional , also very candidly I said that SOFWARE is d Future n there r d jobs, very limited jobs in Electronics n in life everybody wants 2 grow…

HE was impressed n satisfied…

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Thats it. with all this I m sure that u can crack IBM…

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unless u r told in d interview itself that you r selected, which is very rare..(but it happens)…

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If ur interview is being conducted by 2 member panel den hopefully it'll be d only interview dat u have 2 face,but if u r havin a one 2 one den most probably 2 set of interviews..i had 2 intrviews..1st was d tech..
People at IBM r overly friendly n will make u feel comfortable den only start d interview. My intrvw went smthng like this..here ur resume really matters,dnt mention things which u r not comfortable wid as d intrvw is purely based on ur CV..it shud be Succinct n neatly done…I m 4m ECE backgrnd, so he asked me 4m my stream only n den went ahead wid 3 or 4 C ques….

1. tell me about urself..??
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12. if we cnt inherit Private members den y do we define dem nywy….???
Den aftr this he asked abt hobbies n wt do u do in ur free time…dats it
Shook my hand n I said HOPE 2 C u..(a little clever)..i answered all d ques except d last 1 which I wasn't able 2 comprehend well so just cudnt be clear…Bt he was satisfied n said no probs..
Well in tech if u r lucky enough dey mght nt ask u dis much..bt do revise ur stream subjects in a proper manner..coz IBM generally emphasise on wt hv u learnt in ur stream rather than grilling on u JAVA n C++..
Also DBMS n SQL overview is necessary 4 ECE people…
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