✅ **Behavioral & Mock Interview Questions (with STAR prompts)**

**🧠 General Behavioral Questions**

These evaluate your mindset, problem-solving, and communication skills.

1. **Tell me about yourself.**  
   *(Frame it with your Python learning, insurance background, and your transition story clearly.)*
2. **Why did you switch from the insurance domain to software development?**  
   → Focus on your passion, adaptability, learning mindset.
3. **What’s a technical project you’re proud of? How did you build it?**  
   *(Be detailed, use STAR — especially how you used Django/DRF/PostgreSQL.)*
4. **Describe a challenging bug you faced and how you resolved it.**
5. **Tell me about a time you worked under a tight deadline. How did you handle it?**
6. **Have you ever worked in a team where someone didn’t contribute? What did you do?**
7. **How do you manage priorities when multiple tasks come at once?**
8. **What would you do if you’re stuck on a task and your team lead isn’t available?**
9. **Give an example of receiving constructive criticism. How did you respond?**
10. **How do you stay up to date with Python/Django technologies?**

**💻 Mock Technical Questions (Soft-skill oriented)**

These sound technical but check how you *think, explain, and collaborate*.

1. **How do you design a REST API in Django? Walk me through your thought process.**  
   → Include: Models → Serializers → Views → URLs → Permissions → Testing.
2. **How would you explain Django ORM to someone new?**
3. **Can you describe the folder structure of a Django project and its purpose?**
4. **What’s the difference between a function-based view and a class-based view? Why would you choose one over the other?**
5. **Have you ever optimized a Django query? How?**
6. **What Git commands do you use frequently in development workflow?**
7. **If the API is returning 500 Internal Server Error, how would you debug it?**
8. **How do you test APIs in Django Rest Framework? Tools? Strategy?**
9. **How do you handle user authentication in Django Rest Framework?**
10. **You are deploying a Django app. What steps would you take to prepare it for production?**

**🧩 Mini Scenario-Based Questions (Practice with STAR)**

These might be asked casually — be clear and confident.

* **Imagine your API response is taking too long. What steps will you take?**
* **A teammate made changes in the same file you worked on, and it caused merge conflicts. What’s your approach?**
* **How would you explain DRF to someone from a non-technical background?**
* **How would you handle feedback that your code is not readable?**

**⭐ STAR Technique (Recap)**

Use this format for behavioral answers:

* **S**ituation – What was the context?
* **T**ask – What was your responsibility?
* **A**ction – What did you do?
* **R**esult – What happened at the end?