

Character Analysis Questions

The actor must know the answer to every question, though the character in performance may be (and probably is) ignorant of many.

Physical Qualities

1. Who am I? Nagendra Padmanabham alias Nani
2. Who am I named after? Do I like my name? I am named after my Dad, yes i do.
3. What is my gender? What do I think about sex? M, misogynist
4. How old am I? What do I think of my age? 45, I don't pay attention to it.
5. How does my posture express my age, health, inner feeling? My posture reflects facing hardships, triumph, content, sorrow, pride, dominance, minor health issues
6. How is my complexion? What do I think of it? Fair, i feel i am privileged
7. What is my height? What do I think of I? 5.9ish, I don't pay attention to it.
8. What is my weight? What do I think of it? Around 85 kgs, I keep working on reducing it.
9. What is the pitch, volume, tempo, resonance or quality of my voice? What do I think of it? deep, medium, medium, articulated
10. Is my articulation careless or precise? Is my articulation standard or colloquial? Do I have a dialect or accent?
11. What is my hair color and style? Do I like it? short cut, i do as i pay attention to how ppl look and present themselves
12. Do I have any deformities? What do I think of them? I have a stagger in my walk due to joint issues which shows up intermittently
13. Do I have any mannerisms? What do I think of them? I droop and salute people i know, i speak while gesticulating iwht m heads
14. Do I have any handicaps? What do I think of them? only joint pains
15. How energetic or vital am I? Do I like it? i am healthy, not very energetic but enthusiastic
16. Do I suffer from any diseases past or present? i was a psychosis patient who got successfully treated in a mental hospital
17. Are my gestures complete or incomplete, vigorous or weak, compulsive or controlled? vigorous and compulsie
18. Do I like my walk? yes
19. How do I usually sit? with my legs open and ar
20. How do I usually stand? more weight on my left leg
21. Do I have any objects, hand props or accessories with me? Why? How do I handle them?
22. Are my basic rhythms smooth or jerky, even-tempered or volatile, impulsive or deliberate, ponderous or light, broken or continuous?
23. What do I like to wear? What do I have to wear? How do I wear my clothes? How do I handle them?

Social Qualities

1. What do I do when I wake up each morning? wash my car, my scooty ,
2. What is my relationship to my environment? Do I like it? yes, i love my house
3. What is my educational background? How much discipline was I subjected to? How intelligent am I? mba, authoritative, contractor cu
4. What was my childhood like? What are my strongest memories? NA parents, smart and manipulat
5. How much money do I have? How much do I want? Rich/affluent, greedy
6. What is my nationality? What do I think of it? Indian, proud of it
7. What is my occupation? Do I like it? What other jobs have I had? When and why did I choose this one? Diesel busine, contractor cu
8. What are my political attitudes? BJP , Conservative, CEO, Reason
9. Am I religious? Yes NA
10. Whom would I choose to be if I could be anyone else?
11. Did I have childhood heroes? What did I like about them?
12. Do I like members of the opposite sex? What do I like about them?
13. Who were my parents? What do I like and/or dislike about them?
14. Do I like my family? What do I like? What do I dislike?
15. How has my mother influenced me? How has my father influenced me?
16. Do I have brothers and sisters? What do I think about them?
17. What was my favorite fairy tale? Why?
18. Who are my friends? Who are my enemies? How can I tell if someone is a friend or an enemy?
19. What ideas do I like? What ideas do I dislike?
20. What hobbies or interests do I have?
21. Do I have children? Do I like them? Why? Do they like me?

22. What advice do I have for my children? Grow up healthy, well educated, disciplined and become rich, well connected
23. Am I married? Why did I marry the person I did? Yes, i married a woman because of being forced by my parents
24. What do I think about my spouse? What do I dislike? We don't have a romantic relationship. We have marital issues, She has married me because i am rich and i was in trouble
25. How do my physical traits affect each of the social traits? I am proud of my looks and think I am very handsome, charming
26. How do the social traits affect the script and my objective? Influential
27. How do the social traits affect my life needs and wants? Social traits contribute to makin the character interesting to observe and his schemes make it

Psychological Qualities

1. What choices do I face? Mostly , choices which have to do with social ladder progression
2. What choices do I make? Mostly towards my thirst for power and taking care of family
3. What makes me angry? What relaxes me? Being disrespected and people not listening to me anger me the most. Taking care of my home relaxes me.
4. What are my driving ambitions, my goals? To become a politician
5. Do I have ny instincts? NA
6. Do I do things impulsively? No, I don't
7. What do I worry about? The future of my children
8. What do I want? What do others think I want? I want people to admire me, Others think i am a jerk.
9. What do I like about myself? Dislike about myself? I like the fact that i am powerful, rich and influential. I hate my past
10. What do I need? I need to be respected, I need prominence
11. What do I fear? I fear being ridiculed
12. Why can't I get what I want? Because of my lack of empathy
13. Do other people like me? Why? most people find me intrusive, narcissistic , manipulative and shady
14. Are any of my psychological traits manifested physically? yes, standing and walking postures
15. Are any of my psychological traits manifested vocally? yes, grandiosity

Moral Qualities

1. Are the choices I will make based upon expediency of some ethical standard? yes
2. Who do I admire? i admire politicians in my state
3. Will the pursuit of my needs lead to a moral choice? no
4. What is my attitude toward the choice I make? towards
5. How do I express this attitude vocally and physically? loudly, in a strict-authoritative way , with my hands and chest

Play Qualities

1. Why am I included in the play? How do I contribute to the overall idea the playwright wishes to express?
2. What similes, metaphors, or personifications are used to describe me?
3. How and why are these figures of speech related to my physical, social, psychological, and moral traits.
4. Why do I make each of my stage entrances? What do I want each time? What am I thinking about at each stage entrance?
5. Where have I been prior to each of my stage entrances? How does this affect my actions verbally and physically? What would I like to see or do when I enter?
6. How does the locale of the play make me feel?
7. How does the time of the play make me feel?
8. How does the period of the play affect my actions?