

Interview Experience

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Round 1 : Online Test

It consists of aptitude questions only, so focus on quant, logical reasoning and English.

There was no negative marking, 60 questions that had to be done in 60 minutes.

There is a sectional cutoff so don't just focus on one section, do half the questions in all the sections and then do the remaining ones.

Tip : Clarify in the beginning if there is a sectional cutoff or not. If not then just do the section which is easier for u :P

Interviews :

Round 1:

The first question was the interview constant question – Tell me something about yourself that is not in this resume.

Ans- He doesn't mean the not in resume part literally, obviously while introducing yourself mention your educational background but that is it. Other than that add things like where are you from, who do you live with and hobbies that you have not mentioned in the resume.

I added the fact that I am a big fan of desserts and that I love to drive and my long and short term goals (Buying a Vitara Brezza in next 2 years and one of the Mercedes AMG's in next 7 years :P)

Yes these goals were added as a joke and they made him laugh and my interview got a lot more fun thereafter.

My advice would be to keep a lil stuff out of the resume as it can be used here and also make this intro as honest and fun as possible because this sets the tone for your entire interview. (But not too fun or casual..it is an interview)

He asked me to explain everything I know about OOPS concepts and asked a little about my projects as well.

Next question was What do you know about analytics and why do you want to go in this industry instead of hardcore coding as you are from a technical background.

If you are sitting for BA profile, be prepared to answer this one.

I answered as honestly as I could that I didn't know about this till last year but then I got interested and blah blah...be honest but not too honest.

After that my interview shifted to Business logic.

Ques- There is a company which is the sole producer of a product and has positive turnover every year but it stills stores all its data in dataware house, why are they doing it what is the need and should they be doing it?

Just don't sit down quietly at any point, he is testing how quickly you can think on your feet.

Ques- If you own this said industry, what are the factors you would look at?

Ans- I assumed it's a shoe industry and I would look at factors like male female ratio in customer base, whether I can outsource production etc.

He was satisfied after 4-5 points so I did not elaborate any further.

Ques- Suppose you have to open up a restaurant in Delhi, how would you go about it?

This was a long one and took time. I said there are many factors I would have to look at like footfall of the location, what cuisine, pricing etc. In the end I added that to get good profits I would want to sell liquor as well and went on about liquor licence and rules about it and all which seriously impressed him.

Final question was a puzzle.

Ques- There are 2 islands, one where everyone always says the truth and the other where everyone always lies. A person gets shipwrecked on one and has no idea which one is he on, he meets 3 people that day and asked each of them which island they belong to. The first 2 people he asked reply that "the other two belong to the same". What did the third person say?

When working on a puzzle always sell your answer to him, no matter how many times you have heard it, never jump to the answer right away, make him believe that he has you cornered.

I asked a few questions to clarify so that he believed I was hearing the puzzle for the first time and then gave him the answer. He was happy and told me to wait for the results.

Round 2 :

This one was with the AVP and HR.

The AVP was acting all disinterested and rude. (Don't lose your cool or get offended, they are testing you).

The AVP asked me to walk him through my resume and then asked questions about a research paper I had written. Since it was a business model, he got pretty interested and had a long discussion with me about it.

Then he asked why I wanted to go into analytics being from computer science (standard question, will be asked again and again).

I answered the same as I did in round 1.

Then he asked how will I compete with Stats and Operational Research students in analytics and that is when I played the whole joke thing again and answered that being from a stereotypical Agarwal family gives me all the advantage I need.

He laughed and said that Ok lets test it. If you answer my question then you are selected. (he wasn't rude anymore)

Ques- Estimate the no. of Meru cabs at IGI airport everyday.

I clarified things like the availability of any other modes of transport and competition like OLA etc which he answered.

Then he started working on his laptop while acting all disinterested again.

Instead of writing the entire solution and then answering I went about it the other way and engaged him in my thought process and threw numbers at him while still keeping him interested in what I was doing.

(Do this or else you will be asked to make changes at the end in such a confusing way that you would have to begin again, which is a negative point)

I worked out the guesstimate and he seemed pretty convinced at the end.

That's it..that's my interview experience :D