"I'm not looking for trouble, I'm looking forward to LogicLooM 4.0" 😜 *(inspired by Captain Jack Sparrow)*

Common questions on Prelims that we receive…

1. Is it hard? -- Questions are NOT hard, in most cases straightforward. If you "think" hard, you win.

2. Do I need to know ML to crack this? -- No, That would defeat the purpose of our "creativity round". Think logical, do nothing. 😌

3. Will there be questions on MLOps or ML? -- Maybe, it's all unpredictable here. Having said that, "0" prior knowledge on ML will be required to answer them correctly. Problems will be crafted in a way that will help you add fuel to your thinking. Anything out of context which is not expected for you to know will be provided as hints, help resources - can be a blog, paper, video content and trust me, that should be enough.

4. I'm a Foundational student, should I participate? -- Yes!! We love inclusivity. Questions will be designed in a way that cater to various levels of students of varying skill levels or coming from non-coding backgrounds, ensuring accessibility to beginners as well. This has been answered multiple times, we guess. Also, you guys have different problems as per your level - remember some FL participants outpowered Diploma & degree students in our first edition when separate categories didn't exist.

5. Can I search online? -- No, this is NOT an open book/open internet round. That's allowed (& badly needed!) in Round-2. Why not go for it with no LLMs this time? You can always refer to resources provided by us on the quiz portal. Take me casually, and you'll be prosecuted. 🤦

6. How many questions and what's the marking scheme? -- Just 10, enough to test you out of the box. You score full, we take you directly to the finals. We don't believe in negative scoring here, it takes a lotttt of time to come up with such questions, we would be unhappy if you don't think for (attempt) all. 😥

Smart Scoring - Earn More by Solving What Others Can't! In this quiz, not all questions are created equal, neither are their points! Each problem has a base point set by us based on its difficulty and you secure points dynamically adjusted based on how many participants answered it correctly. The fewer the number of correct responses across the batch, the higher the points it carries. This means tougher questions reward you more! 😉

7. So should I just sit with my brain? -- No, take 1 rough sheet, coffee to quench your logical thirst and a calculator (that will be required for hardly 2-3 questions, simple calculations, don't worry. Less on counting skills, more on thinking). 😉

8. Any mocks available? -- Why this question every time? 😩 Chill, this is in no way an insti quiz. Learn from and most importantly, enjoy the round. If you're curious, ask in the discussion group - many seniors who have been participating since 2023 will answer these better. Also, you can go through our archives. We don't repeat problems but have a tendency to ask real life questions - maybe from recordings of our workshop sessions 👀

9. If I ace this round, what's the probability I'll reach finals and what's the prize amount? -- Good chances. Well, mate… "Not all treasure is silver and gold", it's also about learning. Jokes apart, you can expect the highest prize pool in technicals :)

10. Any final tips to ace? -- You're already intelligent enough to have registered here. Don't try searching GPT, it won't help and will waste your precious time. Remember you have 20 mins! Even if you try, our system would detect and you'll end up losing the participation cert. Finally, think rationally. It would be a learning experience. Don't forget to submit your feedback after submission.

Set sail beyond the mysteries. Good luck!

~ Somsubhra, Sayan