



CATKing IIM CAP

WAT PI Workbook

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How to use this workbook?

This is a consolidation of **15** CAP round, WAT/ PI Experiences. These are consolidated from various online sources.

IIM WAT and PI is conducted across India at Bangalore / Delhi / Kolkata / Hyderabad / Mumbai.

This Booklet gives you the Candidate Profile also in most cases, for you to understand the Personal Interview and relate to it better.

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What is CAP?

Common Admission process or CAP is the final selection round comprising Personal Interview (PI) and Writing Ability Test (WAT) for MBA admission 2022 in new IIMs. CAP 2022 is likely to be conducted in the month of February-March 2022 by one of the new IIMs. Last year it was conducted by IIM Raipur.

The CAP 2022 selection process consists of two components - Writing Ability Test (WAT) and Personal Interview (PI) round. CAP 2022 is a single point selection process and is common PI-WAT round for all the participating IIMs. It is conducted in prominent cities of India. Candidates are not required to separately appear in PI-WAT for each of the participating IIMs as the scores of CAP are applicable for all the participating IIMs. Final admission offer to the candidates is released by the new IIMs based on the performance in CAP round, CAT score, Academic Profile, diversity, work experience among other parameters.

Participating IIMs in CAP 2022

The CAP round is organized for the IIMs which started operation in 2010-11 and for the new generation IIMs that started operating in 2015-16. It is the final selection round comprising common PI-WAT process for following 9 IIMs which participated in CAP last year:

- IIM Udaipur
- IIM Tiruchirappalli
- IIM Kashipur
- IIM Raipur
- IIM Ranchi
- IIM Bodh Gaya
- IIM Jammu
- IIM Sambalpur
- IIM Sirmaur

How CAP was conducted Last year?

In the initial days of last year CAP round, the common PI-WAT round for all the 9 IIMs was conducted with the physical presence of the candidates at the Personal Interview (PI) venue. A student of IIM Udaipur of MBA 2021-23 batch attended the PI round in person. However, later on due to grave Covid pandemic situation, the process was conducted online. Read CAT toppers experiences on Online and Offline PI-WAT round for new IIMs CAP and for PI-WAT round conducted by IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta and other top IIMs

What does the IIMs look for?

- Excellent Academic Background
- Work Experience is a great asset
- Knowledge base is of utmost importance
- Personal Interview Evaluates Candidates on Qualities of – Focus, Clarity of Thought, Learnability, Level of Optimism, Ability to handle pressure, Decision making skills, Discipline

Prerequisite

- Form to be Submitted (Interview)
- Resume (not mentioned , good to carry)
- Original Documents along with photocopies

Insights - Interview

Interview time - 20-30 Minutes. (Sometimes as low as 10 mints)

Interview Panel Details - Only 2 people (One Professor and One Alumni, earlier it used to be 3-4 Panelists)

Interview Type - Detailed Interviews check your through knowledge of subjects (Companies) / Decent knowledge of Current Affairs

Interview discussion Pointers –

- Be completely prepared with anything and everything on the form.
- They will go into details of everything you speak about in the interview. (level1- what do you know about Indian Economy level2- what do you think about GST, level3- how has GST affected the sector you work in).

- They will test your knowledge base and approach to problems
- It is absolutely fine to ask for time before you answer (they often expect you to think about a solution when they ask you about a problem at hand).
- It is fine if you are anxious and you need not portray a brave face being real with your emotions is better.
- Be prepared to answer everything about you work experience or about your favorite subjects if you are a fresher.



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1) Interview Experience - 1

14 months workex. Undergrad – EEE

Two profs

P1:

1. What calls did you get? (No tell me about yourself)
2. Which college and which stream?
3. Tell me the difference between electronics and communication.
4. Explain the difference between diode and transistor and mention the applications.
5. Defense minister and health minister.
6. Any extracurricular activities.

P2

1. What is the integration of x^3 ?
2. What is a function and how do you check it?
3. How to find the maxima and minima?
4. Do you have any questions for us?

Now you can log off

2) Interview Experience - 2

Date: 15th Jan 2021

Profile: Metallurgy Student NIT

X/XII/Grad:95/92/84

1. Tell me something about yourself

Told.

2. What's your class Rank?

Told.

3. Tell me a bit about your Final Year Project?

Told about how no project allotted yet, then talked about the project I had undergone in my internship and talked about the project I will be allotted in a week as final year project.

4. What is Magnetic Flux?

Mentioned vaguely as number of magnetic field lines per unit area.

5. SI Unit?

Don't remember

6. What is a function?

Asked if it is in relation to mathematics or Computer Science. Told the definition and explained practical usage

7. What is polymorphism?

Explained

8. Example?

Used the example of triangles.

9. Tell me the loop programming for a prime number?

Told.

10. Name 3 cabinet ministers in US of Indian Origin?

Kamala Harris and Dr. Vivek Murthy. Couldn't remember more. That cracked them up a bit.

11. Tell me three qualities a manager should not have as communication skills?

Told.

Thank you. You can now leave.

3) Interview Experience - 3

Profile: CSE background

P1:

1. Tell me about yourself in 5 sentences

So, then I talked about my hobby at throwball and painting

1. Tell me few folk arts in India

2. 5 women CEO

3. 5 politicians

4. Then they asked about my final year project paper which I had published in international journal

5. Deputy president

P2:

1. Budget 2021

2. Asked me about semiconductors

3. Relation between semiconductors

4) Interview Experience - 4

Location: Monarch Luxor, Bangalore

Interview: CAP.

Percentile: 99.76

Calls: A,B,C,K,S,CAP

Profile: X- 10CGPA. XII-95.3. UG-8.62(Mechanical Engineering (Honors) at IIT Hyderabad)

I decided to attend this as a trial run in the lead up to my B interview on 14th Feb.

There were three panelists, 2 female and one male. Let's call the females F1 and F2 and male M1. G is me.

M1: Tell me something about yourself.

G: My name is Ganesh. Ever since I was a child, I was very taken by books. This started because of my parents who consistently brought a lot of books home. Also, being an only child, books were among my only entertainment. When I read these books, I started empathizing with the characters. I started understanding different types of people. Fast forward to IIT Hyderabad, and this empathy and understanding are what motivated me to take up several extracurriculars, where I could effectively understand and communicate with people. Carrying forward my interest, I founded the literary society at IITH. It was a very bleak literary scene that we started at and then we went on to win the best club award for the year. My stint at the Entrepreneurship cell made me interested in companies. And it was this mix of extracurriculars and academics that motivated me to take up a techno management job at BPCL. And working at BPCL, at the refinery, I felt that my job was too specific and less based on problem solving. Which is what led me to write CAT this year.

F1: You said you founded the litsoc. Wasn't it already there? What activities did you conduct?

G: IITH started only in 2008. There was a literary activities club that had done very poorly and was shelved. Then I integrated the debate club, the literary activities club and the quiz club into one.

F1: Your favorite author from fiction and non-fiction

G: JK Rowling is an all-time favorite. JRR Tolkien as well. I've read very little nonfiction but the book "Zen and the art of motorcycle maintenance" was something that I could associate very deeply with. Even though it was an abstract read, the story of Phcdrus echoed very strongly with me

F1: Favorite character from LOTR.

G: Gandalf

M1: You're a mechanical engineer. Tell me the Different operations that happen on a lathe.

G: turning. That is the basic operation to reduce the diameter of a job. Then there's facing. In order to make a surface planar and clean. If there's an end Chuck, we can bore and drill the job. By setting the insert at an angle, we can chamfer a job. Then we can use special inserts to give the job a texture. (Knurling-couldn't recall it then) M1: what is the Difference between a NC and CNC machine.

G: Sir, I've never worked on an NC machine but I think a CNC machine has storage ability while an NC machine can only execute one command after another. Hence we cannot have NC programs but a CNC machine can be used to run programs.

M1: What area have you specialized in?

G: there's no specialization as such, but I've worked a little on solid mechanics and materials

F1: So, tell me, what is your key takeaway from budget

G: A lot of people are now talking about the healthcare policy that the government is touting. In fact, yesterday, I was reading that there have been no exact fund allocations for the plan, but the government would raise the amount as and when needed. That aside, I think this is a valuable step in the right direction for a country like India, since medical care is also a necessity that the government should take care of. And by starting such a program, it is making a positive stride towards healthcare, something that should have been done long ago. While this isn't the first time that such an effort is being made and a similar plan happened in 1980s, when the government couldn't execute it because of the poor condition of the Indian economy, we find ourselves in a similar state now, where the economy isn't as healthy. But this plan if executed would be a great step in the right direction.

F2: Do you think our economy is slowing down. What are the indications that you use for this?

G: The large amounts of NPAs with Banks is making the money unavailable to the public. Because when people don't repay loans, the lending capacity of the bank decreases. When the lending capacity decreases, people spend lesser. It is like the repo and reverse repo rates. If the RBI lends at cheaper rate, the bank lend at cheaper rates and there is more cash flow. When cash is stuck like this, there is less spending. And since GDP is based on spending, the growth of the GDP also slows down.

F1: What steps should the government take for Improvements in the farm sector? Are subsidies effective?

G: India is a heavily farm agriculture-based economy. While the trend of the government has always been giving subsidies on farm equipment, the latest budget increased the MSP. While subsidies do encourage more farm production, I do think that MSP increase is also essential as it provides a cushion for the farmer in the last stage of production. The biggest problem with India is subsistence-based agriculture. With inheritance, the area of lands are being divided which is leading to increased fixed costs and lesser production. The government should invest in farm infrastructure to support initiatives like ladder farming and greenhouses in order to increase production. They shouldn't go for blind subsidies in fertilizers as they leech the ground in the long run.

F1: Why MBA?

G: like I said earlier, I have been interested in problem solving since I was a child. I like to dissect the problem, analyze it and solve it. I think that though I'm able to apply my technical knowledge at BPCL, I couldn't really concentrate on components that involved large scale problem solving. The scope of the job is clearly defined for me and I would like to move to a

more strategic profile- I'm not really sure if strategy is exactly what my opinion about it is, but I seem to be inclined towards it.

F2: Don't you face any problems in your company?

G: no ma'am, we sure do. In industries like ours, there are periodic turnaround activities where we have to carry out a set of jobs in an extremely limited timeframe. That aspect involves a lot of problem solving but the shutdowns are only for few days of the year. The rest of the year, the job has limited challenges and the work carried out is often easily manageable.

F1: Are there any women on the shop floor?

G: No ma'am. A few trade apprentices, but no one else. The factory act 1950 doesn't allow women to work in a factory after 7pm. And maintenance department often requires overtime, which takes it to around 11pm on a few days. Since they wouldn't be allowed to do that, there are very few women on the shop floor.

F1: very few or no women?

G: no women, but there are a couple of officers in the electrical department.

M1: name All South states and capitals

G: told

M1: Can you name All their chief ministers.

G: I'm not sure but I'll try. (M1 Started smiling)

Karnataka: Siddiramaiah

AP: Chandrababu Naidu

Telangana: KCR

Kerala: Pinarayi Vijayan

Tamil Nadu: I don't know- Panneerselvan?

(Everybody bursts out laughing and say the people of Tamil Nadu themselves don't know who their chief minister is)

F1: do you have any sports interests?

G: Not really .

M1: What did you learn from your extracurriculars?

G: I'd done a bit of marketing for my college technical fest. My key learning from that had been that I had to believe in the value of a product, or a fest, or a service that I'm selling. It is the inherent value of a product that makes it saleable. If I were to sell this pencil, for instance, I would have to believe that this pencil would deliver all that was promised of it, that it would write well, that it would withstand wear and tear, etc. Going into the litsoc, this is what I did. By exposing the club on all fronts at once, by starting an online blog, establishing presence, frequent activities, we made sure that litsoc was on people's minds. I think that's what is brand building on a college scale. In the E Cell, I was working on networking with groups such as the Indus Entrepreneurs to get mentorship for startups in the ecosystem, arranged for talks by people like Rashmi Bansal, etc.

M1: What is your cat percentile

G: 99.76

F3: Which IIM do you want to join

G: I believe that all IIMs are great institutes and I'll join whichever takes me.

F3: forget about all these. What is your dream IIM?

G: I have always been fascinated with IIMA, given its rich history and knowledge, so maybe I would want to join there.

M1: Who is the defense minister of India?

G: Nirmala Sitharaman

M1: What would you do if you were the defense minister

G: if I were the defense minister, I would make sure that the borders are secure. That would be my prime motto. India is known as a soft power throughout the world. With India vying for a seat on the security council, it is time we moved from being a soft power to a hard one. Our defense expenditure as a percentage of the total budget has been falling, and it is essential to bring the percentage up in order to establish a strong military. It does not do to be known as a tourist destination or just a spiritual center. At the center of it all, we need a strong military. India has always had a no attack policy, but no attack does not mean that we don't retaliate. When the time comes, it is essential that we retaliate with sure and deadly force. I would also concentrate on POK and Arunachal, both of which are essential to our integrity as a country. The borders would also have to be tightened by taking care of immigrants in states like Assam-

M1: that's enough. Thank you very much

G: thank you sir

5) Interview Experience - 5

Date: February 18, 2021

Venue: Zoom Platform

IIM CAP Interview: Trichy, Udaipur, Ranchi, Raipur, Kashipur, Sirmaur, Sambalpur, BodhGaya , Jammu

CAT score: 96.5%ile

Panel had 2 members one male and one female

I'll just give the gist of the answers I gave to the panel members

Panel1(P1): Introduce yourself!

Me: (I gave the prepared answer)

P1: (Picked the last line of my answer about contribution to organization and society)Ear comes in conflict with stomach and says I'm not getting enough energy. What will you do?

Me: (Explained the digestion process)Energy is distributed to all parts of body in equity.

P1: Then why do you want to contribute to the society aren't you already a part of system and contributing enough?

Me: No sir, the human body is completely different from the world outside. We live in a capitalist society where the differences between rich and poor are increasing. The contribution from my side is not enough and I would like to do more.(Looked satisfied with my answer)

P1: Tell me how people and companies are trying to contribute?

Me: I gave the example of Warren Buffet as Philanthropist and ITC for its e-choupal initiative.

P1: What are your favorite subjects?(Prepare 2 subjects at least)

Me: Programming languages and DBMS

P1: What is Object Oriented Programming and what is the difference between C and C++? Explain in layman terms

Me: Explained him about every problem can be represented in Objects and properties. I gave the example of laptop

P2: What are the qualities that you learned in NCC(I had mentioned while introducing)?

Me: I told them about the motto "Unity and Discipline" then leadership and responsibilities.

P2: If you already possess all these qualities then why do you want to do an MBA?

Me: I said that I mentioned in my introduction “brief stint of leadership” as these qualities are developed over time not in a span of 2–3 years. I told them that Learning is a continuous process.(She seemed satisfied with my answer).

P2: How do you keep yourself updated with the happenings in the world?

Me: Through newspaper and few YouTube channels.

P2: Why not news channels on Television.

Me: I told them that I don’t watch tv and our cable connection is cutoff. She started smiling and asked why is it so? I explained her in detail.

P2: What is so unique about you?(Asked in a way “why should we hire you?”)

Me: I love to learn new things. I told them that I started YouTube channel in my final year for helping students with the IPT subject as classes used to get cancelled a lot in last year. Then I told them about the courses I have done and about the book that I read on marketing.

P2: What did you learn in this book?

Me: Explained the first two chapters in brief.

P2: Can you give some examples.

Me: I gave the example of Coca-Cola and Pepsi in the context of those 2 chapters.

P2: So, you want to learn marketing?

Me: I am interested in marketing but I would like to learn about other subjects too.

P2: We are done with your interview; you can log out now!!

6) Interview Experience - 6

CAT — 95.84%ile

Profile — 95/87/80

Chemical engineer with 12 months of experience in manufacturing.

CAP Interview 16/02/21. Slot- 9:30 AM, PI started at 10:53.

Duration: 7-minute interview.

Panel had 2 members & both were male and were probably in their 30s.

I was getting bored so I was sort of dosing off on my chair and suddenly the panel called me in. I was so startled that I forgot to turn my camera on.

Panel (P) — Hello !

Me(M) — Hello sir. Am I audible?

P — Yes you are but, you are not visible.

M — (in the startled state started thinking what went wrong in my laptop and later realized that I need to turn on my camera button) Am I visible now?

P — Yes (with a big smile)

P — So you are... ?

M — Nikhil Tumbde. Sir.

P — Yeah, so Nikhil tell me something about yourself.

M — (Gave my prepared answer. Also, mentioned that I was born and brought up in Nagpur)

P — So tell me something special about Nagpur.

M — (Gave a prepared answer and mentioned that Nagpur has zero mile which is also the center of India)

P — (other one steps in with a wicked smile) So why is Nagpur not a logistics hub instead of Pune?

M — I am not sure sir but, Can I take a guess?

P — yeah.

M — Explained. They seemed satisfied.

P — So why do you want to pursue MBA ?

M — explained. (They were not satisfied so they asked me more about it)

M — Explained (Included peer learning and the importance of looking at a problem from different perspectives)

P — Okay. (Couldn't figure out if they were satisfied with the answer)

P — So you worked in a manufacturing unit, tell me the types of manufacturing.

M — (had no clue what he was saying) Told him I am not sure.

P — Okay tell me what type of manufacturing is there at your company.

M — (Took a guess and answered. They seemed satisfied so, it was lucky guess for me)

P — Thank you Nikhil. You can now disconnect.

Me thinking “ ye interview toh shuru hote hi khatam ho gya “.

Overall, it was a very chilled out interview. The panel kept smiling and made me feel comfortable throughout the interview. Though I am not sure if the interview went well.

7) Interview Experience - 7

Date & Time: 22.02.2021, 1:30 P.M. Online.

Profile:

10th/12th/Grad : 10/93%/9

Undergrad - B.Sc. (Hindu College)

CAT - 98.62%ile

They took our attendance at 1:50 P.M. and asked us to wait in the waiting room.

They admitted me at 2:05 P.M.

Duration - Around 13 minutes.

Two Professors: Both Male (P1 and P2)

Both seemed to be alumni, in the late 30s.

P1: Good Afternoon, Ankit. How are you feeling?

Me: Good Afternoon, Sir. Little excited, little nervous.

P2: Perfect coached answer.

(We all laughed and P1 asked instantly)

P1: Tell me something about yourself!

Me: Told them the well-prepared answer.

P1: What all subjects are you studying in undergrad?

Me: Sir, Physics, Chemistry and Maths.

P1: What all topics in Maths?

Me: Matrices, Determinants, Calculus, Coordinate Geometry, Algebra, Real Analysis, Differential Equation.

P1: What about Statistics?

Me: No sir. *(Although it is in the current semester, I was not sure about that.)*

P1: What is a Vector?

Me: A quantity that has both magnitude and direction.

P1: What is a Subspace?

Me: Sorry sir, I am not able to recall now. *(Knew, but couldn't transform it into words)*

P1: Can the modulus graph be differentiated? Explain.

Me: No, sir. The modulus graph is a perfect V shape and in the graph, there is a critical point at the origin that is not differentiable.

P1: What is a definite integral?

Me: Integration with limits sir.

P1: So, now my colleague will ask you some questions.

P2: What are your ECAs/ Achievements?

Me: Told.

P2: What is GDP?

Me: The monetary value of all finished goods and services made within a country in a specific period.

P2: What is a recession?

Me: GDP contraction in two consecutive quarters of an economy.

P2: Has India ever gone into recession?

Me: Yes sir, last year only.

P2: Thank you, Ankit. We are done.

Me: Thank you, Sir.

Verdict - *Waitlist and Convert*

8) Interview Experience - 8

Profile: GEM

Academic: 85/65/65

Work ex: 12 months.

No extracurricular activity with 6 months of gap.

Two panelist one male and other one female.

At first they told me that my interview number is 9th which was last in that session so I went to my kitchen to take breakfast, aloo ka paratha, with me.

When I returned interviewers were waiting and I felt cheated as they told me that my turn was last. They told me that I am not visible so I checked it as I was very nervous and somehow managed to turn on my camera.

P1: Asked about my education

Me: Told (Although I was expecting tell me about yourself)

P1: how does your work profile matches with your education(as I was working in sales and marketing after doing engineering)?

Me: Was expecting this question so explained (he seemed satisfied).

P1: Asked some more question about my work as I was working in a manufacturing unit.

Me: I was prepared so told.

P1: your fav subject in Engineering.

Me: told

P1: what is difference between AC and DC current?

Me: told

P2: Have you participated in any extracurricular activity?

Me: No mam but I told them some of activities which I recently did and told them that now I want to ratify my mistakes so if chosen I would participate in as much as activity as possible.

P2: Why MBA?

Me: told

P2: Your hometown and tell me few things about it.

Me: Answered

That's it XX now you can leave.

P1 was smiling throughout the interview that gave me confidence while answering.

Overall, it was a nice experience although I was scared at first but after giving interview I was satisfied. They didn't care why I wasn't involved in extracurricular activities and why my grades were low. You just need to analyze yourself and justify what you say.

PS: For me, it was mock interview for next year.

9) Interview Experience - 9

Date- 15/02/2021 , Panel 1

Profile - 95/89.33/70.15 , in final year of BCom

CAT-99.09

There were 2 Panelist , both male.

P1- How are you ?

Me-I am good sir.

P1- SO you are from Haryana, tell me why are the farmers protesting?

Me- Sir, I think they have lost trust in the govt and have fear that due to these laws, MSP will end in the near future and they are afraid of corporate players

P1- What is your opinion about farm bills?

Me- Sir, I think there are some flaws and govt. should make amendments like law should be there that outside APMC , goods will be sold on MSP or above only. Otherwise, it will be illegal.

The discussion continued for few minutes . He was contradicting me at every point.

and after that.

P1- What is your favorite subject?

Me- Economics and....

P1 interrupted and said OK my colleague will ask you on economics.

P2- What is Economics and who is father of Economics?

Me- Told.

P2- What is Indifference curve?

Me- Told

P2- Asked another question , I don't remember what it was.

Me- I don't know sir.

P2- What is monopsony market.

Me- Told.

P2- Any example of this type of market.

Me- Told how the labor market can act as a market.

P1- Yes, that's fine but tell me a practical example.

Me- After thinking few seconds, I don't know sir.

P2- what is perfect market?

Me- Told.

P2- Any example of this.

Me- Explained that there is no market which can act as a perfect market but sugar industry is very close to perfect market.

P1- You are a Delhi university commerce graduate student. Tell me what activities you have been part of?

Me- Told my extracurricular activities , which I have been part of.

P1- Alright , we have taken a lot of your time. Do you have any questions for us?

Me- No sir.

Interview lasted around 12 mins.

10) Interview Experience - 10

Date: 18/02/2021

Panelists 2 panel 5 (1M 1F)

Cat : 99.81

Acad : 9/8/8

Workex : 33 months

both middle aged (40's)

P1- Hi can you tell us the exact pronunciation of your name ?

Answered.

P2(F) was just listening

P1 : Please introduce yourself ..

Done. Mentioned my work at Cognizant then switching to a different sector (startup)

P1 : So, working in a big MNC why did you leave your Job and join a start-up?

Answered .. mentioned my interest in teaching how I wanted to get an idea of working across domains ..

P1 : so, this has inspired you a lot why the sudden MBA urge..

Mentioned my interests in Fin CFA .. Goals in the next 10 years .. and how MBA caters to all these things .. and how it will give me a focused path to fulfill them..

both were smiling ..

P2 comes in - what is skill development scheme ...

Here I was a bit iffy I mentioned PMKVY and how it helped both were smiling ..

P1- is there a startup scheme?

Answered ...

P2 - so as an engineer you have learned environmental engineering too .. So, what are these talks about environmental issues .. Are they actually worth anything .? And how has covid changed/affected environment ?

Mentioned finding a viable planet to live in let alone traversing billions of light years is practically out of reach for humans .. So even if there is technological advancements and

growth it won't matter if we don't have an environment to live in ... Mentioned how covid has reduced the carbon footprint how water bodies have cleared .. some habitats restored...

Both smiled and nodded ...

P1 : what did you do in the R and D wing of your college ...

mentioned about my final year project .. speech signal analysis and decryption...

P2- so what's cryptography

Explained in detail mentioned messaging apps etc.

P2 - so is this interview encrypted is it safe

I answered during the start of covid there were a lot of problems but recent updates have made it stronger and safer...

P1 then looks at P2 and then asks me Do You have any questions for us

I answered no

They smiled and told me I can log off...

Approx. 15 minutes...

Overall, my experience was pretty good .. The panelists even informed us about the order of our interviews so people could get a rough of idea when they would be called upon..

11) Interview Experience - 11

CAP ECE GEM Fresher (CAT 20 — 98.41)

10/12/Grad — 94.3/90.3/86.7

Panel 34 — 2 Male Panelists

18th Feb, 2021 — 1.30pm

Interview started at 2.30 and went on for 8-10 minutes

Hello, did you have lunch?

Have you graduated or still pursuing graduation?

Why MBA immediately after engineering? Why not go for workex?

Why not MBA from abroad?

Asked a bit about my family because of my previous answer

What is Virtual Proxy Network ?

You have studied Statistics and Multivariate Data Analysis subject. What did you study in that?

Explain how you can reduce dimensionality of data. 1 Method used for the same.

Why marks in sem 5 are low? All others are high.

Governor of RBI and Maharashtra ?

Difference between governor of Maharashtra and RBI ?

Whom does RBI governor report to?

Fiscal deficit at present ?

Fiscal deficit projections for next year ?

Whenever we ask you some numbers you look somewhere else. why so ??? he only said maybe because you are thinking that's why. I said yes sir. I can show u the room. he said no need.

- Any Extra-Curricular Activities during engineering?
- Difference between sponsor and investor ?

12) Interview Experience - 12

Profile :

GEM - 18 months' work-ex

10th/12th/grad/CAT : 10/98.5/8.3/99.76

Date: Feb 25, 10 A.M.

Overall experience: best interview ever. Chilled out profs with intent to have a healthy conversation. The interview lasted for 15 mins.

Panel: Male(40s)- M1, Male(50s)-M2

M1: You work for Adobe, right? Tell us about your company.

Me: *told a well-prepped answer*

M1: Who are the competitors for Document Cloud?

Me: DocuSign, Drobox

M1: Is there any video editing product by Adobe?

Me: Yes, Premiere Pro.

M1: So, do you know about Filmora?

Me: No sir, I don't know.

M1: What can you do to improve Adobe's Document Cloud?

Me: I think it is fine as it is.

M1: So, you say Adobe's Document cloud is perfect?

Me: Sir, I think Adobe doesn't price its products well for retail customers and it mainly focuses on enterprise customers.

M1: Yes, even I can't use Acrobat reader's premium version. So, what Adobe app do you suggest to convert PDF to word?

Me: Its acrobat reader sir. I think the feature is available only to premium customers. Adobe should have multiple price points to increase retail customer-driven revenues.

M1: What do you think of WhatsApp private policy?

Me: told that even though it is not different from what Google is doing, it shouldn't treat Europe and Indian customers differently.

M2 takes over...

M2: Will you join Adobe after IIM?

Me: No.

M2: Tell us one good thing and bad thing about Adobe.

Me: *told*

M2: What will you do if your manager consistently gives you negative reviews even though you are hard-working and your colleagues get better hikes for less performance?

Me: I would introspect whether I have done some mistakes which I may have to rectify.

M2: Let's say your introspection says your colleagues are idiots and u deserve better.

Me: Then I will take up with the manager and ask about his evaluation parameters.

M2: Thanks. We are done. Nice meeting you.

13) Interview Experience - 13

CAP Interview 15/02/2021, Panel 18,

Profile: Mechanical Engineer

87/78/77 (acads)

99.51 percentile

P1- Tell me about yourself in short.

Told about my family business background and my hobbies (F1 and reading)

If a friend not from Pune came to pune where would you take him?

Misal

Fc road

Pune being called the oxford of east (house on many foreign students) blah blah

How would you describe misal to an outsider? asked ingredients too

asked in detail about a few historical places and their significance

didn't know much about these places

You told your father owns a business , what business?

You know about recent PLI (Production linked incentive) ?

What does Forbes marshal produce?

Told

Materials used ?

Different types of steels ?

Why mild steel

difference between Forbes marshal and Thermax?

Told that didn't know their product catalogue in detail.

career goals ?

P2- why MBA ...why not continue with job and try again?

told that my main interests lie in managing (which I learned through various events).

what differentiates you from other engineer freshers?

Told about my perseverant nature and because of that I will be well suited for academic rigor in an IIM

what are top 3 teams in f1?

told

drivers in red bull racing ?

told (talked about Sergio Perez)

what happened to force India team ?

told about the Vijay Mallya thing and then takeover stroll and merger with Aston martin

favorite driver and why?

Daniel Ricciardo reasons - late braking and fun-loving nature

Nice meeting you, you can drop off now

14) Interview Experience - 14

PROFILE: GEM candidate

CAT2020: 99.2%ile

ACADEMICS: 90+, 90+, 70+

WORK EXP.: 2+ years as a derivative trader

DATE: 18 FEB 2020, SLOT: 1:30 PM

*No WAT this time due to the online process

INTERVIEW: Started at around 3:00 PM

2 panelists. P1(in his 60s) and P2(young, about 40)

P1: Take 1–2 minutes of your time to introduce yourself?

Me: Told

P2: I just want to make sure about your undergraduate college. It is Indraprastha Institute of Technology-Delhi Na?? I thought you just said IIT-Delhi.

P1 to P2: No no, he said IIIT-Delhi, you took it as IIT. (Both laughing).

Me: (I was in shock to hear this) I am sorry sir, but my undergraduate college is IIT-Delhi and not IIIT-Delhi?

P2: Wow, you should immediately speak to the CAP team regarding this after the interview. (Both)

P2: Explain your shift from Civil engineering to Derivatives trading and now your interest in doing an MBA?

Me: Well-rehearsed story/anecdote to support my answer.

P1: Tell me a derivative strategy you would use to benefit from high volatility in Crude Oil prices? Difference between option buyer and seller? What is the Black Scholes Merton Model?

Me: Gave him the simplest strategies, like a straddle. Also explained the model in detail.

P2 If you get a chance to be the CEO of your company, what is one thing you would implement that will benefit both the employees and the company?

Me: Told him how intraday trading can have a great toll on your brain. So, I would try to conduct regular cultural and sports events to give employees some break and help remove all the weekly stress. The Happier and stress-free employees will be in a much better state to trade that will finally benefit the company.

P2: So, do you follow sports news?

Me: No sir, I do not follow sports news?

P2: Ok, so what kind of news do you follow?

Me: Sir mostly the news related to economics, finance, general events, world affairs, and some political news as well.

P2: Ok, so tell me some interesting news you read today?

Me: Told him about India launching its own GPS system and what can impact be its future impacts.

P2: Do you know what happened near Pondicherry yesterday, something political?

Me: No sir, I am not aware of this news(I had no clue about this). Sir, as far as political news is concerned, I read about the Punjab municipal election results that came today itself.

(don't know why I mentioned it as I just read the news and did not know about it in detail, but I was lucky, they did not ask about it)

P1: Okay, let's talk about the economic news, tell me in detail about the GameStop incident, and what is its impact?

(Me inside: Bursting with confidence, as he just asked me one of the few current affairs I was really prepared for)

Me: Explained to everything that happened in detail. And how this is the first time when the ones who used to manipulate the markets(big players like hedge funds) have been the victim of manipulation by unity among small retail traders like myself. And how it will impact the Hedge fund reporting regulations etc.

P1, P2: Ok, we are done from our side. Do you have any questions for us?

Me: No sir, none from my side. Thank you.

P.S. It was a short interview of around 15 minutes. No grilling and no-stress situation, just like a casual talk.

VERDICT: Converted all CAP colleges

15) Interview Experience - 15

IIM CAP 2021–23

Joined at 1.30, started at 3.00

Profile: CAT 99.53

95/95/69

Btech EEE GEM

2 panelists

1st panelist:

Introduce yourself.

What is total reflection?

What is Archimedes principal?

What is buoyancy?

Why did you leave your job?

What will you learn from MBA?

Where do you see India after 10 years?

Parents of Rajiv Gandhi?

First three PM of India?

2nd panelist:

Talk about the rise of AI and its effect on humans.

What can others in college learn from you?

What will you learn from other students?

Overall, it was good. Answered most of the questions. I didn't understand why P1 started off with physics though xD



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Wednesday	How to Crack Interviews	10 to 11 pm
Thursday	How to Crack Case Study/SOP	10 to 11 pm
Friday	Finance Fridays	10 to 11 pm
Saturday	Personal Interview Must Do Questions	10 to 11 pm
Sunday	Concept Builders: GD/WAT	10 to 11 pm

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