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WAT PI Workbook

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Summary What IIM Indore looks for?

- Excellent Academic, cocurricular and extracurricular Background
- Work
- Gender and academic Diversity gives an edge
- Personal Interview Evaluates Candidates on Qualities of – Focus, Clarity of Thought, Learnability, Ethical Dilemma, 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 - Writing Ability Test

- Time Allotted is 10-30 minutes
- When given an abstract topic time allotted is less
- When given a specific topic for in-depth analysis time is given separately for ideation and writing

Sample WAT Topics -

1. Unethical practices by doctors are increasing. Provide some solutions to improve the current scenario.
2. It is better for old people to live in retirement homes away from rush of city. Do advantages of living in retirement homes outweigh the disadvantages

Insights - Interview

- **Interview time** - 20-30 Minutes. (Sometimes as low as 10 mints)
- **Interview Panel Details** - 2 to 3 people (Professor and Alumni)
- **Interview Type** - Detailed Interviews check your perspective, thought process, interests and knowledge
- **Interview discussion Pointers** – (as per IIMI experiences of last five years)
- 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 can ask about your hobbies and interests.

- 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 your work experience or about your favorite subjects if you are a fresher.



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1) Interview and WAT Experience - 1

Date: 18th March 2021

Time slot: 10:00 AM, Actual: 10:25 AM – 10:45 AM, About 20 minutes

Panel 5: 2 Males

Background: CA with 2+ years of GenMan experience in a startup

(Amicable panel, but they were taking a lot of pauses between questions, almost as if they weren't sure what to ask. Do keep your ID proofs ready for verification at the beginning.)

M1: (after I showed them my PAN) Tell me Aakruti, what do the letters in your PAN denote?

AF: Sir, I am unsure of the first four letters but the fifth one denotes the name of the assessed. That is why in my case, it is F.

M1: Very well. Introduce yourself.

AF: (did the spiel, he seemed very interested and was reacting to stuff – 'ooh nice', 'impressive')

M1: That is a very versatile profile you have Aakruti.

AF: (unsure what to say, because compliments in an interview do sometimes lead into difficult questions) Thanks sir.

M1: So, you are a CA, when did you qualify? (Answered, 2019) And you're from Poddar college in Mumbai, that is a very good institution. What year was that? (Answered, 2017)

Who are you working with right now? (Answered, Xtreme Media. Had already spoken about my profile and a couple projects I had handled there.)

M1: That is quite a leap, from being a CA to doing work that is not traditionally that of a CA.

AF: Yes sir, it was a conscious decision on my part. My parents are entrepreneurs and they have always been a big influence on me. After article ship, I decided I needed to have a more holistic experience and do a deeper dive into business ops.

M1: Wow, impressive that you see entrepreneurship as a goal. Why do this course at all? You should start up and then come to IIM Indore to recruit people, not the other way around. (Everyone laughed)

AF: But sir, while these two years have been invaluable in shaping my goals, they have also made me realize that there exist quite a few work points, both for me as an individual and as a potential leader. Looking at the journeys of the businesses I have been exposed to, my parents' and my current employer, I do see areas where a management education would enhance my abilities to tackle those situations better. Hence the decision for this course.

M1: Alright. You seem quite focused. Can I ask you some commerce related questions?

AF: Sure sir.

M1: Rapid fire: (could answer all of these, someone up there likes me.)

(1) Tell me what PE Ratio is (MPS/EPS – uses, what it denotes)

(2) What is the Modigliani-Miller Theory (capital gearing has no effect on earnings)

(3) The other day, I overheard a CA and a person who worked in PE talking to each other. PE guy said, "You CAs only look at ROI, ROE, ROCE and all. But we look at multiples – 5x,10x." Any idea what he was talking about? (Answered that since this is a PE professional, he's most likely referring to the EBITDA multiple of a startup. Explained why this is a better metric for startup valuations, and that we would have to look at the exact industry he was referring to, to infer more about it.)

(4) What is a Long Form Audit Report (LFAR)? Spoke about the context of bank audits, detailed asset analysis and vulnerabilities. Did not know much about format etc., did not tell him this.)

(M1 passes the baton to M2, whose internet is glitchy.)

M2: Hello Aakruti. So can you tell me a bit about 'pumping profit'.

AF: Sir I haven't heard about this term but, what I can infer is that it refers to the overstating of profits to show better than actual performance, a sort of window-dressing.

M2: Have you heard about Toshiba?

AF: Yes.

M2: Toshiba had been involved in pumping of their profits a while ago.

AF: I'll read up on this sir.

M2: Okay, do you know about what happened at Enron (answered that I was unaware of details, but it was a case of whistleblowing on the top management over window-dressing the company's results).

What about the chit fund scam in India? (Said I knew what it was but would need to refresh the details.)

2) Interview and WAT Experience - 2

IIM Indore Panel 4

Engineering Male Fresher

10 CGPA/93.33/8.55

Two Panelist (Male P1, Male P2)

Poor me (Me)

P1 - Tell me about yourself

Me - memorized answer

P1 - Another mechanical engineer

P1 - Explain fractional distillation

me - Explained

P1 - State 3rd law of thermodynamics

Me - Explained

P1 - What is disorder Ness?

Me - Told

P1 - What is randomness?

Me - Unorganized form of energy associated with the system

P1 - who is the chairman of Adani Enterprises Limited

Me - told

P1 - Pick a pen and paper draw a graph of $xy = 5$

Me - Drawn and told them it a rectangular hyperbola

P1 - How can we cover the other two quadrants...?

Me - $xy = -5$ will cover the 2nd and 4th quadrants.

P1- How about all the quadrants together??

me - using mod sir... we can cover all the quadrants.

P1 - looked satisfied.

P2 - Why do you want to do an MBA?? You are in a good company that is related to you field?? Why not keep working?

Me - Explained well prepared answer

P2 - Who is the CEO of FB?

Me - Told

P2 - CEO of Google?

Me - Told. he is also the CEO of Alphabet.

P2 - What is Alphabet?

Me - Explained Briefly

P2 - Okay. Do you know about Peace Prize??

Me - yes Sir

P2 - The prize is given after whose name??

Me - Told

P2 - Do you know anything about him??

Me - Not much.

P2 - What all peace prizes are there??

me - Peace, Literature, Physics

P2 - and???

Me - there are many more, but I don't remember all of them

P2 - Name any one Nobel Prize winner

Me - Kailash Satyarthi. Nobel Peace Prize

P1 - Who is the CJ of India?

me - I don't remember his full name. but I know it Mr. S A Bobde. his term is about to end.

extempore -

Death penalty or capital punishment

3) Interview and WAT Experience - 3

Profile:

GEM fresher, Chemical Engg.

Panel 3

2 panelists

Asked me about the courses I have in my current semester.

Asked me what was the topic of my college project.

P1:

1. Started to ask me about the Manufacture of Catalysts for reactions and fertilizers.

Told him that these haven't been taught to us.

2. Is Haber's process exothermic or endothermic & why?
3. Explain the energy of a reaction in terms of bond energy?
4. Do we need to supply heat for Haber's process or is heat released from Haber's process?
5. What is the type of bond present in Nitrogen & Hydrogen?
6. If I leave a block of Sodium in air, what will happen? Will there be any reaction and if yes, what will be its nature (exothermic or endothermic)
7. What will happen if I leave the block of Sodium in Chlorine?

P2:

1. What do you know about the WhatsApp crisis and why are people making noise about it?
2. Extempore: How did child labor start? How is it happening in India? How will you put an end to it?
3. If you're the manager of a company, how will you try to put an end to child labor?

4) Interview and WAT Experience - 4

Profile: BTech CSE fresher.

Panel number 5.

P1, P2 both male. P1 and P2 both in 40's.

P1: By any chance do you happen to have watched the movie UP.

No sir.

P1: Okay then, Introduce yourself.

P1: You should not try to give us this coached introduction. We don't like these coached answers. Be more natural.

Me: I haven't even gone for a single mock interview and they call this coached.

P1: What specific type of novels do you read.

P2: Name some work of George Orwell apart from animal farm.

P1: Name some novels that come in to this category of allegorical fictions.

P2: What do you know about Russian revolution (I said I don't know much about it.)

P1: Then how did you understand Animal Farm. It is not possible to understand it without it?

I was speechless. Lost my smile and got nervous.

P2: Please Just don't mention it if you have watched the movie and haven't read it.

Justified it by saying that i have done both. Talked about pigs and all of us laughed.

P1: Forget about the George Orwell thing it's okay. Let's go the academics part.

P2: what are your favorite subjects.

(I said DBMS, OOPS, Blockchain.)

Basic questions on them.

P2: okay name three sorts and their worst-case time complexity.

(I mentioned four) got grilled.

Luckily was able to tackle most of it.

P1: You must have learnt something about electronic chips and IC's. Name a few and brief us about them.

I mentioned a few.

P2: That's it (like he wanted me to name more). Okay what is microprocessor.

Answered.

P1: You mentioned about food. Extempore on difference in food habits of different parts of the country.
30 seconds to think.

P2: Suppose i want to buy Singh(groundnuts) where should i buy it from. Bhavanagar,jamnagar,rajkot.
Don't know.

P2: If i want to eat Lilo chevdo where should i go.

You'll get it here in Surat as well.

He said NO. Suddenly i realise that p2 is a Gujarati.

I suddenly say.

Vadodra jagdish farsan.

P2: This is common about us Gujaratis we laugh when we talk about food.

P2: There is a common saying in Gujarati about food of Surat.

I recalled and said it.

Thank you, you may leave.

5) Interview and WAT Experience - 5

Venue: Hotel Vivanta by Taj, New Delhi

Profile:

X (CBSE 2012) 95.00 | XII (CBSE 2014) 95.40 | B.Tech. (Mechanical Engg.) NIT Raipur 86.20 (As per CAT application) | GEM Fresher

Extra-curricular: University rank 3rd in 'Vid'-Diploma in Tabla, AIR 4 in 'Quad Torc'- quad bike manufacturing team event, Intra-state and inter-college winner in quizzes, Inter-zone winner in group singing, International and National rank holder in Maths, Science and English Olympiads.

WAT Assessment:

Every year 10 million Indian youth add up into working population, but most of the youth is unskilled and is unable to cope up with technological advancement in the world. What skills, according to you, should be imparted to the youth under the skill development programs? (300 words, 30 minutes)

Personal Interview:

Three male panelists A (Alumni, age around 30), B and C (Professors).

A opened the door and welcomed me in.

PANELIST2: Tell us something about yourself.

Candidate: *Spoke about under graduation, academic and extra-curricular achievements, hobbies including surfing through maps*

PANELIST2: X, so you are a mechanical engineer. Differentiate between work and heat.

Candidate: Sir both are forms of energy...

PANELIST2: (Interrupting) No I want a proper definition.

Candidate: *Couldn't answer very well*

PANELIST2: Suppose that you have a younger brother and he is entering the first year of mechanical engineering. How would you define work and heat to him?

Candidate: *Again tried, though not very successfully*

PANELIST2: The definition of work and heat forms the basis of which law of thermodynamics?

Candidate: First law.

PANELIST2: What does it state?

Candidate: *Answered*

C1: How will you differentiate between petrol and diesel in terms of their chemical properties?

Candidate: *Answered, though they wanted more distinguishing parameters*

PANELIST2: How will a pressure drop occur across pipe?

Candidate: Sir there are various parameters- change in area of cross-section, velocity change or a vertical height drop.

PANELIST2: OK assuming a constant cross-section, constant velocity and no height difference. Then will there not be any pressure drop?

Candidate: Sir there can be a pressure drop due to friction.

PANELIST2: Exactly. That is what I wanted to know. So why does friction result in pressure drop? How is that expressed mathematically?

Candidate: *Wrote the equation, though not very sure of the constant terms*

PANELIST2: Are you sure?

Candidate: (Changed the constant term and said...) Yes sir. (Though on verifying afterwards, I found out that I was correct the first time!)

PANELIST1: You said you are interested in automobile. What are the different types of chassis?

Candidate: Broadly speaking there are two types of chassis- Conventional and frameless. *Gave a brief detail* Sir I would like to add here that my final year project in college is based on the study of chassis of Indian vehicles and optimizing it.

PANELIST1: Tell us more about the project.

Candidate: *Told that we are trying to design a chassis with maximum possible energy absorption capacity on impact during accidents based on the current Indian SUV chassis. Also added certain details*

PANELIST3: Alright. X I will be giving you a topic to speak on. You will have 30 seconds to think and 90 seconds to speak. Alright?

Candidate: Yes sir.

PANELIST3: As the chief minister of Chhattisgarh, speak on the prospects of Make in India in Chhattisgarh. Candidate: (After thinking for about 20 seconds) *Spoke about Bhilai Steel plant and development of allied industries, vast natural reserves and its sustainable mining and refinement, booming infrastructure opportunities especially since Chhattisgarh is a new state, great connectivity in the form of airport and railways which shouldn't create logistical problems* (Was about to finish when A interrupted saying that 90 seconds were over)

PANELIST3: So you spoke about Bhilai Steel Plant and you have mentioned in the form about your internship there. So tell us when was it created?

Candidate: *Answered*

Then there were a few more questions on BSP about their products, specialty etc.

PANELIST3: Accha you said that there are reserves which can be mined and processed. And you talked about Aluminum and Bauxite. So how are they mined and processed?

Candidate: (Confounded as I had never read anything related to mining of Aluminum or Bauxite) Sir I am not very sure about the process.

PANELIST3: Then how did you mention about it?

Candidate: Sir I know for sure that BALCO (Bharat Aluminum Company Ltd.) carries it out in the state.

PANELIST3: Okay what is iron?

Candidate: *Answered*

PANELIST3: What is the difference between iron, iron ore and steel? Which among them is the purest?

Candidate: *Answered, though not very well*

PANELIST1: Okay you had said that you know about maps.

Candidate: (Hesitatingly, as I had merely mentioned surfing through maps as my hobby) Yes sir. I like to go through maps in my leisure time.

PANELIST1: So when was the first map made?

Candidate: I don't know sir.

PANELIST1: Accha what are the types of maps?

Candidate: Sir physical and political.

PANELIST1: Are ye to baccho wala answer ho gya.

Candidate: (Smiled. Didn't know what else to do!)

PANELIST1: OK, which major parameters define a map?

Candidate: Sir, latitude and longitude.

PANELIST1: OK. Does the equator pass through India?

Candidate: No sir.

PANELIST1: Then which major latitude passes through India?

Candidate: Sir, Tropic of Cancer.

PANELIST1: What is its specification?

Candidate: Sir 23.3 degrees north.

PANELIST1: Now suppose that you are standing on the equator right below India. You start moving towards the west direction. Which countries will fall on your right?

Candidate: (Sir now you have played the ball right into my court!) Sir all the European and North American countries. Starting from Sri Lanka, we have Maldives, Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Middle East. In Africa, we have Egypt, Algeria, Nigeria, Sudan, Western Sahara, Libya and a few more. Then we have the Caribbean islands and Venezuela in the American continent. A part of Brazil falls above the equator. Then we have Hawaii and Marshall Islands in the Pacific. Then back in Asia, we have China, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar among others.

PANELIST1: (Nods) Alright.

PANELIST2: Thank you. Do you have any questions?

Candidate: Sir I had applied for the IPM program of IIM Indore after class 12th and got selected. But as it wasn't very certain whether degrees would be given or diploma and with no batch passing out by then,

2014, I focused on getting an engineering base first. How is the IPM course going to be affected after the passing of IIM bill? PANELIST1: I think now it would not be of any meaning talking about IPM as you have applied for PGP.

Candidate: Sure sir. Thank you so much!

6) Interview and WAT Experience - 6

Venue: IHM, Dadar

Profile: GEM Fresher

10/12/Graduation 95/89.7/78.7

WAT Assessment:

A number of governments in the past have proposed various schemes and measures to improve the condition of farmers. However, 70 years after Independence the plight of farmers is the same. Suggest a few measures to alleviate the suffering of farmers in India.

Personal Interview:

The panel had 3 male members (PANELIST1, PANELIST2 and PANELIST3)

PANELIST1: Tell me something about yourself.

CANDIDATE: Answered. Was interrupted within 15 seconds.

PANELIST1: So you're a chemical engineer. Tell me about your favourite subject.

CANDIDATE: Talked about the subject of Plant Design and Economics. Described how the design is done, how the costing is done, profitability analysis as well as about the techniques like HAZOP, SIS etc. Talked about how we got an opportunity to explore industrial disasters such as Chernobyl, Bhopal Gas Tragedy, Three Mile Island etc from a chemical engineering perspective.

PANELIST1: Okay. Tell me about the Bhopal Gas Tragedy from the economic point of view.

CANDIDATE: Tried to explain the financial scenario which was a reason for cost-cutting and indirectly the reason for the tragedy.

PANELIST2: No no this is the finance of it. Tell us about economics.

CANDIDATE: Sir, isn't finance a subset of economics?

PANELIST1: Not exactly, but okay let's move on.

PANELIST3: So are you good at mathematics.

CANDIDATE: Sir I would say I am decent.

PANELIST3: Okay do you remember 12th standard calculus.

CANDIDATE: Sir it is a bit rusty but I can try.

PANELIST3: *wrote two questions on a piece of paper*

$\int 3-2|x-1| \cdot dx$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2-9}{x-3}$

CANDIDATE: Solved both.

PANELIST2: Okay since you are a chemical engineer, you must be familiar with Reynold's Number.

CANDIDATE: Yes sir, I know it

PANELIST2: Okay, explain it to me as if I am a layperson.

CANDIDATE: Tried to give the definition. Explained its relation with turbulence and laminar flow. Tried to explain the laminar flow and turbulent flow. Explained viscosity and density. However, they were not convinced.

PANELIST1: This is still not something a layperson will understand. Tell me the main reason for using it.

PANELIST2: Okay leave that. Let's move on to the non-technical questions.

Where are you from?

CANDIDATE: Sir I was born and brought up in Nagpur, the geographical centre of India.

PANELIST2: Okay. Who is the MP from Nagpur?

CANDIDATE: Nitin Gadkari

PANELIST2: What is his portfolio?

CANDIDATE: Answered.

PANELIST2: Suppose you are walking down the street. You see Nitin Gadkari. You talk to him for 1 minute. You can tell/ask him anything you want. We don't care if you ask for his daughter's hand in marriage **smiles at PANELIST3* You have 30 seconds to think and 1 minute to talk. Your time starts now. CANDIDATE: *jotted down all the points in the given 30 seconds and started*

Before beginning, I must say that asking Mr Gadkari for his daughter's hand would be rude as she is already married... Afterwards, I talked about the Metro in Nagpur and his views on it as Transport Minister. I asked about the situation of the Vidarbha issue which has now lost steam. Talked about the farmers' suicides in Vidarbha and a few questions about the General Elections 2019.

*All three panelists looked satisfied. *

PANELIST2: If you say all this to Gadkari Ji he will say you're the youth. You should give me answers, not questions.

PANELIST1: Okay tell me about the heritage of the Mughal dynasty.

CANDIDATE: It begins with Babur who came to India from Fergana in 1450. He was succeeded by his son Humayun who briefly lost his throne to Sher Shah Suri but regained it and then the throne went to Akbar. After that it went to Jehangir, followed by Shah Jahan in whose reign the Taj Mahal was built. Shah Jahan was followed by Aurangzeb who was the main adversary of Shivaji Maharaj. I do not remember the emperors in between but the dynasty ended with Bahadur Shah Jafar who was a revolutionary in the 1857 Sepoy Mutiny.

I could see that all three panelists were really impressed as even I did not expect that I would remember all of this in detail. I was kind a sure that I was in the moment I answered this question

PANELIST3: What is the population of Nagpur.

CANDIDATE: Told the figure according to the 2011 census.

PANELIST3: So less? What is the population of Maharashtra then?

CANDIDATE: Sir I don't know that.

PANELIST3: Okay try to guess. What is the population of Mumbai?

CANDIDATE: I don't know sir.

PANELIST3: Guess toh karo

CANDIDATE: Gussed (way less)

PANELIST3: Okay so how many districts are there in Maharashtra?

CANDIDATE: Sir I think it is somewhere around 40.

PANELIST3: So many? Do you think one state can have so many districts?

How many districts do you think are in India?

CANDIDATE: Gussed 300

PANELIST3: So what fraction of India's districts is in Maharashtra?

CANDIDATE: around 1/7th

PANELIST3: Okay then assuming uniform population in all districts, what is the population of Maharashtra?

CANDIDATE: *calculated*

PANELIST3: Now assuming 40 districts in India, what is the population of a district in Nagpur?

CANDIDATE: *calculated and it was way more than the population of Nagpur that I had mentioned*

PANELIST3: So... your estimate is way off the actual scene. Where do you think did you go wrong?

CANDIDATE: Sir I am confident about my calculations and the number of districts in Maharashtra so I guess it must be the total districts in India.

PANELIST2: Yes. The total number of districts in India is somewhere around 800 and the number of districts in Maharashtra is 43.

CANDIDATE: Okay sir.

PANELIST2: Okay. Thank you have a good day.

CANDIDATE: Good day to you too sir. Thank you!

7) Interview and WAT Experience - 7

Profile:

96/89/80/96.65 (10/12/graduation/CAT)

Final year Mechanical engineering student

General category

WAT Assessment:

poor quality of education in government schools (30 min 300 words)

Personal Interview

(3 panelists - all male)

PANELIST1: Tell me about yourself.

CANDIDATE: Talked about Gujaratis being business oriented and so am I. My long-term goal is setting up a business. Then about my logical reasoning skills being good, how it is so etc etc

PANELIST3: Then why wait for long term? Go start a business now.

CANDIDATE: Want to learn basics and have field experience.

PANELIST3: What business you want to set up?

CANDIDATE: Not exactly decided.

PANELIST3: Still. Which one would you like?

CANDIDATE: Probably Automobile.

PANELIST3: Different parts of automobile or what exactly?

CANDIDATE: Explained that can't directly go for large scale production of general category cars. so may be parts or may be high end cars for specific customers.

PANELIST1: Do you know any cars which do not have conventional engine or drivetrain?

CANDIDATE: As per recent technology, tesla cars.

(then PANELIST1 and PANELIST2 scrutinized me over drivetrain of electric cars, which motors are used, why, are they all 4 wheel drive, type of batteries, where they are placed in cars, why etc... all details...could tell about batteries...not about motors)

PANELIST2: asked about Stephen Boltzmann constant

CANDIDATE: explained little bit

now GK

PANELIST1: Do you follow indian current affairs?

CANDIDATE: yes

PANELIST1: In which states elections are due?

CANDIDATE: (thought he is asking about finished one as it was recent news) So named Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland

PANELIST1: asked it again

CANDIDATE: sorry sir. Rajasthan, Karnataka, mp

PANELIST1: when

CANDIDATE: don't know exactly... around end of 2018

Then came worst question there could be

PANELIST1: asked about in which states are iim kashipur, raipur, some other 2 names

(My main aim was CAT18. I was taking CAT17 just because I was eligible. So while filing form of CAT17, I made a big mistake and applied randomly for top 5 or 6 colleges that I knew of) CANDIDATE (could sense that winter is coming): Didn't know any of those

PANELIST1: You are applying for iims and dont know any of their states??!! (with disgust)

CANDIDATE: I didn't apply in any of those.

PANELIST1: Why

CANDIDATE: Explained in a way that my main aim was to go for CAT after 2-3 years of work ex as it has too much weightage in top IIMs. I set for CAT this year to get acquainted. But after result I've decided

that if I can lend institute like iim indore then I will start mba and so I started preparing for interview then after.

PANELIST3: extempore - gujarat model of development

CANDIDATE: spoke average content

8) Interview and WAT Experience - 8

Venue:

Hotel Vivanta by Taj, New Delhi

Profile:

95%, 85% & 83.33% in 10th, 12th and graduation (Civil Engineering)

WAT Assessment

(300 words, 30 minutes):

Can today's advertisement be accused for misleading the society or not? (Don't remember the exact words of the topic but the question was about this only).

Personal Interview:

Three panelists (X, Y and Z) in my panel. (Total were 5 panels). All males.

PANELIST2: How can we pronounce your name and what does it mean?

Candidate: Sir, it's X and it means love. (Motherly love)

PANELIST1: Which subject is your favorite subject in Civil engineering?

Candidate: Water Resources Engineering

PANELIST1: Any other subject apart from that?

Candidate: Operation Management

PANELIST1: Any other subject?

Candidate: Strength of Materials (though I was not good in it but had to say it).

PANELIST1: What is a phase change material?

Candidate: Thought for few seconds and replied "Sorry sir, I don't remember this term".

PANELIST1: What is Young's modulus and it's significance?

Candidate: Answered correctly.

PANELIST1: Which material is more elastic, rubber or steel?

Candidate: Answered correctly (steel)

PANELIST1: Are you really sure about your answer?

Candidate: Yes sir! I'm sure

PANELIST1: Draw FBD diagram of a simply supported beam.

Candidate: Answered but did some mistake.

PANELIST1: What is momentum and moment of inertia?

Candidate: Defined momentum and was going to define MOI but interviewer Y interrupted.

PANELIST2: How long can a bridge survive without any maintenance?

Candidate: Answered

PANELIST2: Which equipment do Civil engineers use in the footing for Metro Construction to protect it from earthquake?

Candidate: Sir, I don't know the exact name of that equipment but the function of that equipment must be to absorb shock from the earth and not let it get transferred to the structure. There is a whole subject called "Seismic designing" which discuss about such type of equipments and engineering.

PANELIST2: Why do we use steel in concrete structures and not just cement and aggregates?

Candidate: Answered correctly (concrete has good compressive strength but lacks in tensile strength which steel provides in it).

PANELIST2: What is the ratio of mixture of cement and other aggregates in a concrete structure?

Candidate: Answered correctly

PANELIST3: Who is our current Highway and transport minister?

Candidate: Nitin Gadkari (Z was surprised by my answer as if he had assumed that I won't be able to answer it).

PANELIST3: How do you know about him?

Candidate: When demonetization took place in India, there used to be long queues on Delhi Highways. At that time, Nitin Gadkari had removed tolls in Delhi.

PANELIST3: (Satisfied by answer said "Very good")

X, now we will give you a topic on which you have to speak for two minutes without break and you can take your time to start. Topic is "Government is coming up with so many big projects (like with projects of 14000 crores on infrastructure). Do you think such projects are really beneficial for our country?"

Candidate: (I was very well prepared with GDP growth data, current GDP of India and GDP of other developed countries as well and I knew how to connect it with the growth in infrastructure specially with electronic infrastructure).

I started speaking without even thinking for a single second.

PANELIST2 interrupted and asked me to think before I speak since I had to speak for 2 minutes non-stop.

Candidate: Sure sir. (Thought for 15–20 seconds) Then started speaking. I was confident with extempore since I had previously won extempore competition.

PANELIST2: Thank you X. You can go.

Thus, my interview ended and the whole day went good afterwards added with a girl proposing in the evening: p

9) Interview and WAT Experience - 9

Venue: Hotel kenilworth, Kolkata

WAT Assessment –

How Ease of doing business ranking is created? What is your opinion on India regarding ease of doing business? What government can do to improve ease of doing business in India?

Decent Write up with proper government initiatives and explanation detailing it's impact on Indian industry. Ended with some suggestions.

Personal Interview

Three panelist PANELIST1 - Alumni, PANELIST2 & PANELIST3 Prof. and M - mere liye.

PANELIST2 - Tell us something about yourself.

PANELIST1 - Told

PANELIST2 - Are you an Economics Graduate?

PANELIST1 - Yes sir,

PANELIST2 - Your Favourite in Economics?

PANELIST1 - Sir, Microeconomics

PANELIST2 - Draw Demand curve and explain it. PANELIST1 - Drawn and explained it Properly (all 3-panelist satisfied)

PANELIST2 - You must have taken some assumptions while drawing it. What are those?

PANELIST1 - Assumptions I took were:

- Income of Consumer
- Taste of Consumer
- Price of complementary and substitute goods
- Number of buyers and sellers in the Market And explained all these properly...

PANELIST2 - what is price elasticity of demand?

PANELIST1 - Price elasticity of demand refers to Percentage change in Quantity demanded of a good with respect to

Percent change in its Price.

Mathematical expression of price elasticity of demand:

Price Elasticity = $(\% \text{ Change in Quantity}) / (\% \text{ Change in Price})$

PANELIST2 - what is income elasticity?

PANELIST1 - Income elasticity of Demand refers to the Percentage change in Quantity demanded with respect to the percentage change in Income of the consumer.

Mathematical expression of Income elasticity:

Price Elasticity = $(\% \text{ Change in Quantity}) / (\% \text{ Change in Income})$

PANELIST1 - tell me the equation of the graph you drawn? (he gave me 3 equation)

- $Y = x + 5$
- $Y = -x + 3$
- $XY = 5$

PANELIST1 - Told him the correct option and he seems satisfied.

PANELIST1 - How to calculate the Slope of this Demand Curve (Pointing to the curve I Made)?

PANELIST1 - Told The Slope formula

PANELIST1 - X, Today we called 10 students in a panel but 1 is absent then In how many ways we can call all 9

candidates for Interview?

PANELIST1 - Sir, 9! ways (told Instantly without taking any time)

PANELIST3 - Why?

PANELIST1 - Sir, Suppose if I am an Interviewer and I have to Interview you 3 people, Let's call your name A,B,C. If I called A first then I can call either B or C in any order I want. (Further I say anything he told me OK I got it)

PANELIST3 - Extempore Time and Told me all the rules...and topic... My topic was "Compulsory attendance should be removed from higher education".

PANELIST1 - Told not completely but attendance limit should be reduced which gives students a chance to explore other areas and support entrepreneurship and gives the example of Facebook and Microsoft and elaborated on it.

PANELIST3 - Who drafted The Constitution of India?

PANELIST1 - Sir, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

PANELIST3 - Tell me something about Indian Parliament? PANELIST1 - Told about lok sabha & Rajya sabha, How Members of Lok sabha and Rajya sabha are elected.

PANELIST3 - Why Rajya sabha is called Upper House?

PANELIST1 - Told him Sir I don't know the exact reason.... might be because they are indirectly elected representative.

PANELIST3 - What do you mean by indirectly elected?

PANELIST1 - Sir member of Lok sabha are directly elected by people but Members of Rajya sabha are elected by the Elected Members of legislative assembly.

PANELIST3 - who is the chairman of Rajya sabha?

PANELIST1 - Sir, Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu.

PANELIST3 - Who is the Current speaker of lok sabha?

PANELIST1 - Sir Sumitra Mahajan.

PANELIST3 - which is the opposition party in Lok sabha? PANELIST1 - Sir UPA (later I checked and found it's vacant)

PANELIST3 - Ok we we are done.

Told, thank you sir... came out

10) Interview and WAT Experience–10

Venue: Hotel Vivanta by Taj, New Delhi

WAT Assessment:

What do you think about the rising rates of pollution in India? Discuss in detail, enumerating causes and ways to combat the same (300 words, 30 minutes)

Personal Interview:

Three male panelists A, B and C (All Professors).

Once the previous candidate was out, I knocked on the door and they asked me to come in. This is how our conversation went after exchanging pleasantries:

PANELIST2: Tell us something about yourself.

Candidate: *Spoke about under graduation, academic and extra-curricular achievements, hobbies including reading and writing*

PANELIST2: So we will begin with the extempore. Since you mentioned so much about writing, your topic is Indian writers, and whether we have enough of them or not, and the reasons for the same.

Spoke about the lack of exposure to long writing, writing not being seen as a career option, difficulty in getting a book published, etc. Ended by mentioning the some of the great Indian writers like Arundhati Roy, Salman Rushdie. PANELIST2: Nowadays a lot of engineers are writing books as well. Can you mention some? Candidate: Amish Tripathi, Durjoy Dutta

(I don't know what I was thinking to have mentioned these two together :P)

PANELIST2: (Interrupting) What about someone who was an MBA degree as well?

Candidate: Chetan Bhagat?!?

Low key cursing myself for blurting that out without thinking, but then I couldn't think of anyone else that time

I could see tension lines on B's face that told me my last answer had not gone down very well.

Immediately covered up:

CANDIDATE: Sir, we may not approve of him, but he is the reason so many teenagers started reading in the first place.

People who may not be able to understand the depths of a Rushdie are able to enjoy a book because of him today.

Gradually, these people may move to better books, all because Mr. Bhagat gave them the confidence to pick up one.

So he's definitely increasing the number of readers in India, which is a commendable thing according to me.

B seemed better now

All this while, C had been drawing something. Now he hands over the sheet to me. It has an hourglass like figure formed by way of 2 cones inside a cylinder. He asks me to calculate the volume of a particular part, which I do. He now draws up one big cone adjacent to the previous figure and asks me to calculate its volume. I stretch out my hand, asking for my pen, which he is holding, but he refuses to give it to me :P

C1: Do it mentally.

Candidate: Sir I can't.

C1: At least try once?

Candidate: *Squint my eyes and pretend to concentrate*

C1: *Finally hands me the pen and I answer*

PANELIST1: The elections for 3 states have recently taken place. Can you name all three?

Candidate: *Evil smiling because I had prepared this one*

Yes Sir, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Tripura.

PANELIST1: This was an easy one, but what if I ask you the names of the new CMs as well? Would you be able to answer that?

Winks at B and C

Candidate: Yes Sir, For Nagaland it is Mr. Neiphiu Rio, for Tripura it is Mr. Biplab Deb, and for Meghalaya it is ____ (Took the name of some other state minister)

PANELIST1: But wasn't it Conrad-something for Meghalaya?

Candidate: Of course not sir, I am very sure :P

PANELIST2: The sister of Meghalaya's CM is a reknown personality, can you talk about her and her work?

Candidate: (Giving the dirtiest look I could) No sir.

PANELIST2: Thank you. You may leave now

11) Interview and WAT Experience - 11

Venue: Hotel Monarch Luxur, Bangalore

Profile:

X - 9.8 (CGPA), XII - 96.4%, B.E. - 9.72 (CGPA), CAT - 96.32(GEM), Work Ex - 17 Months

WAT Assessment

Marketing is responsible for creation of new segments in the industry. What are your views on this?
(Time given was half an hour for WAT)

Panelists: There were 3 Male panelists. Lets call them PANELIST1, PANELIST2 and PANELIST3. All of them looked like Profs.

Personal Interview:

(I was fourth in the panel. PANELIST2 called me in)

PANELIST1: Tell us something about yourself.

Candidate: <Told> (Had a well-rehearsed answer for this)

PANELIST1: You must be very sad, Subham. Nadal went out in the semi-finals of the Australian Open.
(Had mentioned in the intro that I am a big fan of Rafael Nadal)

Candidate: Spoke about Rafa's 2 grand slam wins last year and said that as a fan, it has been a pleasure for me to see Rafa play for the last 13 years.

PANELIST3: Have you read his auto-biography?

Candidate: Yes, sir.

PANELIST3: What are some of the superstitions that he follows?

Candidate: Spoke a lot about this.

PANELIST3: What do you like the most about him?

Candidate: Spoke about his attitude of never giving up, no matter what the circumstances are.
(All this time, PANELIST2 was going through my application form)

PANELIST2: Your parents stay in Jabalpur, right?

Candidate: Yes, sir.

PANELIST2: What is the most famous thing about Jabalpur?

Candidate: Spoke about the Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur which manufactures and assembles military vehicles.

PANELIST2: Do you know any other famous thing about Jabalpur?

Candidate: Told him about the Bhedaghat falls.

PANELIST2: Yes, the Bhedaghat falls. Have you been there?

Candidate: No, sir. But have heard a lot about it from my Mom.

PANELIST2: Your dad is in Defence, right?

Candidate: Yes, sir.

PANELIST2: What do you think about the Make In India initiative? How will it impact our defence forces?

Candidate: Had read a lot about this, both positives and negatives. But concentrated mainly on the positive sides while speaking and said that, it won't be fair to judge the Make in India initiative within 2-3 years. Probably 10 years down the line, we'll see its real impact.

PANELIST2: Tell us one thing in which our Armed forces are self-reliant and one in which they are not.

Candidate: For the not self-reliant part, I mentioned the fighter aircraft, submarine, missiles, etc. acquisition from foreign countries. (I could not think of anything in which our armed forces are completely self-reliant)

PANELIST2: What about the self-reliant part?

Candidate: Sir, I am not able to think of any aspect where our armed forces are completely self-reliant.

PANELIST2: Then, how have we won so many wars?

Candidate: Sir, we have won wars because of our soldiers. Kargil war is a great example of the perseverance of the Indian Army. We were able to move a lot of soldiers in a very short time and from a position of surprise we were able to win the war because of the valiant effort of our soldiers.

PANELIST2: Why do you think Pakistan attacked Kargil? They could have attacked some other place where it was tougher for the Indian Army to deploy soldiers in a short time.

Candidate: Spoke about Operation Meghdoot where we had captured the Siachen Glacier by fooling Pakistan and to take revenge for that, they had captured the heights of Kargil in a similar fashion. Also mentioned that by capturing the heights of Kargil, it was easy to cut the National Highway which connects Srinagar and Leh. This would have given strategic advantage to the Pakistanis.

(He seemed satisfied with my answers)

PANELIST2: You mentioned that you work for Mu Sigma. What are your roles and responsibilities?

Candidate: <Told>

PANELIST2: Explain the concept of insurance.

Candidate: <Explained> (Had mentioned that I work in insurance domain)

(They asked me about insurance for soldiers. I was not able to answer questions on this properly.)

(After this, PANELIST3 pitched in)

PANELIST3: So, which technologies have you worked on?

Candidate: Sir, SQL and Excel.

PANELIST3: What are the different types of join in SQL?

Candidate: Told

PANELIST3: Where would you use a cross-join?

Candidate: Told

(After this PANELIST1 gave me a question in Excel. It was a basic VLOOKUP. Didn't write the entire formula. Just walked him through the solution.)

PANELIST2: OK X. We'll do an exercise now. It is called an extempore. We'll give you a topic and you have to think about that topic for 30 seconds and speak about it for 90 seconds.

(The topic given to me was: India should support the Balochis and the Uyghurs by providing them with arms and ammunition, so that they revolt against their country and form a separate state.)

I told them that India should support Balochis as Pakistan military is doing many atrocities against them. Since, there are not many atrocities being done against Uyghurs in China, there is no need to interfere there.

PANELIST2: OK X. We're done. You may leave now. All the best.

(Wished them a nice day and left the room)

12) Interview and WAT Experience - 12

Profile

X (WBBSE 2012) 89.86 | XII (WBCHSE 2014) 88.71 | B.E. (Electrical Engg.) Jadavpur University-8.49 GPA
(As per CAT 2017 application)

GEM Fresher

CAT 2017 - 98.87 percentile (99.54 percentile in QA)

Venue:

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Hotel Kenilworth, Kolkata

WAT Assessment:

Unethical practices by doctors are increasing. Provide some solutions to improve the current scenario.

Personal Interview:

Three panelists, 2 males PANELIST1 and PANELIST3 and 1 female PANELIST2 I had to open the door and get in.

PANELIST1: Almost pouncing after giving me the permission to sit down. So, you are an Electrical Engineer...tell me your favorite topic in Electrical Engineering.

Candidate: Sir, Transformers

PANELIST1: But, I don't want to ask you questions on that... Let's start with power systems

Candidate: *had no option and so nodded my head* -Ok, Sir.

PANELIST1: So, tell me do you know anything about buses?

Candidate: I wasn't sure what kind of buses he was talking about and so decided to answer the question with the buses present in a power system. For eg- the PV, PQ buses
PANELIST1: Describe each of the buses in detail

Candidate: I describe all the buses correctly.

PANELIST1: *pleased on hearing the answer* That's right. Take the sheet and can you derive the condition of maximum efficiency of a transformer

Candidate: *I take the sheet *

PANELIST1: Are you sure you can derive it?

Candidate: *Confidently* Yes Sir, and start writing the equations relating the efficiency of a transformer.

PANELIST1: *Even before I could finish deriving it* Stop. I get it..you can derive it...Tell me about the different kinds of transformers you know and also tell me their operating principle

Candidate: *thinking chalo ab mera area of interest pe aye hain* Answers all the questions related to transformers correctly and PANELIST1 seemed impressed

PANELIST3 (all of a sudden): You seem to be good with transformers. But I will ask you questions on Series motors

Candidate: *thinking to myself-Shit. This is not fair*

PANELIST3: Asked only 3 questions from Series Motors but all were based on his industrial experiences.

Candidate: I could answer 2 of them and didn't have any clue for the 3rd one. * I am sure PANELIST3 must have been an Electrical Engineer who has worked in the core sector for many years*

PANELIST3: You are going to be an Electrical Engineer...You should know all these things.

Candidate: Sorry, Sir. I am not good in this topic.

PANELIST1: Leave it, X. Tell me-have you done any project in your final year?

Candidate: Yes, Sir and started describing about the project details on being asked to.

PANELIST1: Got interested and asked a few other questions from my project work which I answer.

PANELIST1 (turns towards PANELIST2): I am done interviewing him. Do you want to ask anything Mam?

PANELIST2: Oh yes. I hope you aware of the recent happenings. Tell me something that has caught your attention recently

Candidate: Told them about the A320 neo air crafts along with the engine failure problems and they seemed interested to know more about the topic.

PANELIST2: It's good to see that you take so much interest in technology related affairs but are you aware of the current happenings in Kashmir? Give me your views on this and the steps the Govt. should undertake to stop all these. Candidate: gave my views on the topic while PANELIST1 didn't seem interested much to hear all this

PANELIST2: Ok, I get your views. Now tell me the number of attacks on Kashmir this year?

Candidate: 3, Mam.

PANELIST2: Tell me the number of attacks last year

Candidate: I don't remember that Mam

PANELIST2: Then tell me the number of attacks in the last 5 years

Candidate: *sighs When I don't know the number of attacks of last year how can she expect me to remember the attacks of last 5 years but still I answer* Mam I don't remember the figures of the number of attacks but there have been numerous attacks in the last 5 years and it's like we get to hear an attack at some place in Kashmir every month.

PANELIST2: Ok. Who is the CM of Kashmir?

Candidate: Mehbooba Mufti, Mam

PANELIST2: Thank you. We are done interviewing you. You may leave now.

Candidate: I get up, thank each of them and leave the room.

Verdict: waitlisted

13) Interview and WAT Experience–13

Profile:

Tenth:92%

Inter:97.9%

B. Tech:91.11%

Cat :96

Category: NC-OBC

WAT Assessment

Supreme court decided to have National anthem sung in movie theaters. Does this promotes patriotism? Is it the only way to promote patriotism what is your opinion?

Personal Interview

PANELIST2: so how you, people are feeling sitting outside what is the situation there?

Candidate: we are fine sir and have a little bit nervousness(smiling)

PANELIST2: what is the talk about us?

Candidate: they said that you are grilling on academics (they smiled looking at one another)

PANELIST2: ok tell me on what topics you are willing to speak lets speak on them only

Candidate: sir I will speak about my hobbies

PANELIST2: do we talk the entire interview only on hobbies???

Candidate: No sir We can consider academics also like..... mobile and cellular communication and some current world issues.

panelist2: So what current issues did you followed?

Candidate: some world issues like North Korea –South Korea problem, Israel –Palestine problem, Trump’s presidency and recently about Obama care issue

PANELIST2: ok lets talk about Obama care? what is the fault with Obama care? why Trump want to scrap that?

Candidate: Actually according to Obama care every American citizen has to enroll, if they were not enrolled then they will be taxed heavily ...some people may not like to enroll but they are paying heavy

taxes for not enrolling and moreover people who were enrolled, their premium is increasing year by year and this is becoming a burden to people.... if there is any dangerous near death situation then only they were given insurance so people couldn't get its benefits properly even after paying money, and the website designed for this purpose didn't work properly in the initial days of its launch..... so there are several issues in that ...which didn't go well with people and finally some people got frustrated with it.

PANELIST2: ok then did he able to scrap that

Candidate: no sir

PANELIST2: why?

Candidate: Sir there are some millions of people who are depending on that and who are benefited from that so if they scrap suddenly without any replacement then it will backfire against them.

PANELIST2: ok do you know about Paris climatic conference

Candidate: I know that the climate conference was held in Paris sir but I don't know the exact data regarding that

PANELIST2: ok does Trump support it or not?

Candidate: No sir Trump may not encourage that policy he encourages more business oriented and industry-oriented ones... If America has to follow the policy laid out in Paris conference then industries get affected, so he will not encourage such things and moreover we can see the case of Dakota pipeline and some other pipeline also..... he again started them..... actually, Obama stopped them because America is considered as big brother and it has to be role model for this policy but Trump felt that industries should be encouraged since it has tough competition from china also at one side so he may not support sir

PANELIST3: So do you know math?

Candidate: yes, sir I will try

PANELIST3: ok draw the graph of $y^2=4x$

PANELIST1: what is that graph?

Candidate: It is parabola sir

Candidate: I drew it then he asked to draw $y=4x$ in the same graph I drew that then he asked will both of them have area enclosed in it

Candidate: answered it

PANELIST3: Ok how do we do determine the area enclosed in these curves (gave a parabola and straight line)

Candidate: Answered (Inter Math.... didn't expected this in the interview)

PANELIST2: ok tell me do you have any female business person whom you aspire and admire so much

Candidate: I don't have any such kind of one as of now.... sir

PANELIST1: ok tell me some famous women business people in India at least in the world

Candidate: Indra Nooyi, C.E.O of Pepsico

Arundhati Bhattacharya, SBI chairperson

Chanda Kochhar, ICICI bank C.E.O

(thought for some time and said) I couldn't think of other names sir

PANELIST2: ok tell me why female C.E.Os are less in number

Candidate: Sir actually female started coming out in the sense they started to be educated probably from the last 100 years or somen are there in the fields right from the beginning onwards and moreover if we consider on generation before for example my mother's generation then in those days, parents didn't give much importance for the education of a girl child when compared to a boy in the same house.....what parents thought is a girl will get married and go to some other place, so there is no need of education and a son has to be educated well, but now the situation changed, so now in education girls are treated on par with boys to a large extent. so may be the gap was there at present but in future this will reduce a lot sir and there is a change in the mindset of people from one generation to the next generation. So we can see a change in this trend of women being less in number to women being equal or may be greater in the future sir...

14) Interview and WAT Experience-14

Venue:

hotel monarch luxur, bangalore

WAT Assessment:

The wat topic was 'subjects such as humanities aren't given attention as science takes the limelight. However companies look for a broad base education in their employees. How can universities devise courses to make students more employable.'

I gave points regarding multi-disciplinary courses, Interaction btw working professionals and students during their course, internships and quizzes that should be made mandatory to promote awareness. I also stressed on some subjects such as principles of management and humanities that should also be incorporated in the curriculum.

Personal Interview:

There were 3 panelists. I asked if I may enter the room. When i started to wish them a good afternoon, one of them asked me to take a seat.

PANELIST1: So X, what are you currently pursuing?

Candidate: Answered (I wondered if this was an introduction qn or a straight to the point one. I settled on the latter.)

PANELIST1: So u are a fresher. why not get some work experience and then do mba. why do u want to do an mba?

Candidate:(Heart beating fast!Shit!)Answered that i like quant and wanted to study the business part of how an organization works as i had little knowledge abt that.I also mentioned that i looked under the pedagogy of the b schools and subjects such as quantitative methods for demand forecasting and managerial economics caught my interest(yeah...typical bullshit).

(Calmed down a bit after the fast heartbeats)

PANELIST2: But those are only 2 subjects out of 27?

Candidate: Answered that i liked quant and that was my strength. I also mentioned that i didn't want to waste an opportunity in joining a reputed b school like indore. I stated that i wanted to know the business side of a company as i had some technical knowledge and that it'll help me later when i work.

PANELIST1: So ur strength is quant? We will test u on that.

Candidate (creepy smile)

PANELIST2: What is probability? what is a determinant? what is a Bayes' theorem and how do u write a set which is composed of null sets?

Candidate: Answered. (wrote some on a piece of paper)

PANELIST2: Mm...if u throw that pencil at that clock on the wall, what is the probability that it will hit it?

Candidate (thought for some time): Sir, I think the probability is the ratio of area of the clock(circle) to that of the wall on which it was hanging.

PANELIST2:so the probability is same for u and me? How do u mathematically prove that?

Candidate:(fumbled a bit) sir the ratio should also be multiplied by the accuracy of the person who is throwing it (which can be found by doing the same experiment 5 or any no of times and then the finding the probability, which will give the accuracy of the person.)

PANELIST3: What is the meant by destructive and non-destructive testing?

Candidate: Sir i took an elective as Non destructive testung. So i'll explain that first.

PANELIST3(smiling): That is y we are asking.

Candidate: Answered the qn.

PANELIST3: What is Young's modulus of elasticity?

Candidate: Answered.

PANELIST3: are u sure it is stress by strain? not the other way around?

Candidate: No sir, I am sure.

PANELIST3: Is stress a destructive testing or a non destructive one?

Candidate: Destructive as there is damage to the specimen. (Explained abt how a stress test is conducted using the stress vs strain graph and mentioned the fatigue and yield stresses.)

PANELIST1: What are the processes that a bill goes through in the parliament?

Candidate: answered and said it requires two-thirds majority for it to be passed and then, only the Presidents's signature is required for it to be an Act.

PANELIST1: What if it doesn't get two-thirds? what are the two houses of parliament and what if one house opposes the bill and the other house doesn't?

Candidate: answered the second qn and said that i was not sure with my answer on the first qn.

PANELIST1: what is GST and what will it replace?

Candidate: Answered and mention the 14% criteria (not sure abt this though).

PANELIST3: Do u know any famous Menon since u r from the Menon family?

Candidate(flabbergasted): Sir i know only one...answered.

PANELIST3: What is his name?

Candidate: Answered.

PANELIST3: Ever heard of Krishnan Menon?

Candidate:(didn't know a basic gk qn) Sir, I don't know sir.

PANELIST3: Mm ...We have a generation gap in gk.

Candidate Return of the creepy smile)

PANELIST1: Okay u can go.

Candidate: Thank u, sir.

Verdict: waitlisted

15) Interview and WAT Experience–15

Venue

Vivanta by Taj, Dwarka

Profile-

10/12/B.tech= 95/94.8/72.8

CAT- 98.73

WAT Assessment-

It is better for old people to live in retirement homes away from rush of city. Do advantages of living in retirement homes outweigh the disadvantages?

Word Limit- 300 words

Two pages were provided for WAT and written space was provided on three sides.

After 30 minutes, those who were done with the verification process were allotted any one of 4 panels. For rest, invigorators first verified the documents and then allotted panels. I was the last one to be interviewed in forenoon slot.

Personal Interview

There were three panelists, let's say PANELIST1, PANELIST2, PANELIST3. PANELIST1 and PANELIST2 were in their late

forties and PE were in early thirties, I guess.

Candidate- Good morning, sirs

PANELIST3- So X, give us a brief introduction of yourself.

Candidate- Answered

PANELIST1- So you are from Engineering Physics, how does mobile communication takes place?

Candidate- Our mobiles have microstrip antenna which act as both transmitter and receiver. It send the signals to nearest mobile tower, which further sends the signal to another tower and finally to target mobile.

PANELIST2–What are different types of antennas?

Candidate- The most commonly used antennas are microstrip antennas and helical antennas.

PANELIST1- When you observe a mobile tower closely, what all components it has?

Candidate- Sir, I do not know

PANELIST1–Okay, how do you send your voice across in mobile communication?

Candidate- We send the information via modulation. We can use frequency modulation, amplitude modulation, phase modulation, etc.

PANELIST1- Draw a frequency modulated wave.

Candidate- Drawn and Started explaining when I was interrupted by PANELIST1

PANELIST1- What other subjects did you study in your last semester?

Candidate- I studied Quantum Computing, *interrupted again by PANELIST1*

PANELIST1- Explain quantum computing

Candidate- The normal computers which we use have transistors at level, which form a gate to perform various operations. A transistor essentially controls the flow of electrons... *Was interrupted by PANELIST2*

PANELIST2– Explain like you will explain to a person with no prior knowledge of it. Candidate- Alright sir, one bit can be either 0 or 1 in a normal computer, and these bits perform various operations. In quantum computer, we have a different type of bit called qubit, which can take both values at once because of superposition. It is probabilistic in nature and by using “n” qubits, function on 2^n normal bits can be performed.

PANELIST3- What is Schrodinger's black box experiment?

Candidate- *Explained*

PANELIST1- What was your major project? Candidate- *started explaining the project, which used Bluetooth to communicate*

PANELIST1- If my device is 2 kilometers apart from your model, how will I communicate with it?

Candidate- I do not know *Couldn't recall anything about types of communication systems*

PANELIST3- Okay, take pen and paper and write- Siachen glacier, Indira Point, Kibithuin, Guhar Moti. Now, what is the correlation between these points?

Candidate- *I know that Siachen glacier was the farthest point in North, but had no idea about other three* Sorry sir, I do not know

PANELIST3- It's okay. Write a topic. You'll have 30 seconds to think on the topic and then you'll have to speak for 90 seconds.

Topic- Should organ donation be made compulsory in India or not?

Candidate- *I told that yes, it should be made mandatory and explained my stance*

PANELIST3- * Gave a name of social organisation and told me explain about it*

Candidate- Sorry sir, I haven't heard of it before.

PANELIST3- Okay, Karnataka Khadi Gramodyoga Samyukta Sangha is the only organisation which is allowed to make one thing, which is it?

Candidate- *In a jiffy* Sir it is National flag of India

PANELIST3- Good

PANELIST2- please sign this attendance sheet

PANELIST2- *suddenly* What do you know about microfinance industries?

Candidate- *I had no clue whatsoever, still took a guess, which was somewhat near*

PANELIST2- Who has won a Nobel prize in microfinance recently?

Candidate- I do not know about it sir as I mostly follow physics related Nobel prize

PANELIST2- Okay who won it for physics recently?

Candidate- Rainer Weiss and Kip S Thorne *Trying hard to recall the third name but couldn't*

PANELIST2- For what?

Candidate- They made LIGO which has detected gravitational waves and... *interrupted by PANELIST3*

PANELIST3- Kip S Thorne is famous for one more thing recently, what is it?

Candidate- I know more about Rainer Weiss.

PANELIST3- He wrote the screenplay for Interstellar movie.

PANELIST2- Any Indian who has won Nobel prize in physics?

Candidate- Sir CV Raman won it for discovering Raman effect *started explaining Raman effect*

PANELIST2- Any other Indian for same field?

Candidate- I can't recall any names as of now.

PANELIST3 asks PANELIST1 and PANELIST2 if they had anything to ask?

PANELIST3- So X, we are done here. Have a good day.

Candidate- Same to you, sirs

16) Interview and WAT Experience–16

Venue:

Hotel Vivanta by Taj, Lucknow

Profile

X (CBSE 2013) 95.00 | XII (CBSE 2015) 95.80 | B.Tech. (Electronics and Communication Engg.) MNNIT ALLAHABAD (As per CAT application) | GEM Fresher

INTERVIEW

Three male panelists. Let's call them PANELIST1, PANELIST2 and PANELIST3

PANELIST1(35–40 yrs) Associate Professor, PANELIST2(45–50 yrs) and PANELIST3(around 60 yrs)

PANELIST3: So, tell us something about yourself?

Candidate: Gave the well-rehearsed answer which I had prepared beforehand.

PANELIST3: Tell us about the Venezuela crisis.

Candidate: Started telling about the country's economy, the oil crisis and major partners involved.

PANELIST3: What is a communist government

Candidate: Gave the answer but they were not satisfied.

PANELIST2: What is OPEC

Candidate; Answered

PANELIST2: Which nations are part of OPEC and why

Candidate; Listed a few.

PANELIST3: Is Russia a part of OPEC

Candidate: No

PANELIST2: Why it is also a major oil producing nation?

Candidate: Sorry, sir don't know.

PANELIST2: What is the latest controversy about Rafale.

Candidate: Told

PANELIST1: So Akshay you had your bachelors in electronics. Can you design an EVM?

Candidate: Drew the architecture of 8085 and modified it to explain.

PANELIST1 asked a few questions related to the architecture.

PANELIST1: What is the Fermi level.

Candidate: Answered.

PANELIST2: What is quantum tunnelling.

Candidate: told

PANELIST2 asked few questions further but couldn't answer them

PANELIST2: Explain the working of an air conditioner.

Candidate: explained

PANELIST2: Just the last question from me. Draw $\sin 1/x$

Candidate: Tried but couldn't draw correctly.

PANELIST1: We will give you a topic, you have to think for 30 secs and then speak for 90 secs. Topic was future of smart cities.

Spoke for nearly two minutes. PANELIST1 interrupted me to stop

PANELIST3 asked about my placement and CTC. Then it was over and was told to send another candidate

17) Interview and WAT Experience-17

Venue: Hotel Vivanta by Taj, Lucknow

Profile:

Acads 10/12/Grad: 96/97.2/81 (Currently in Final year, Mech, IIT R)

3 Panelists, PANELIST1 (Male), PANELIST2 (Male), PANELIST3 (Female)

Personal Interview

PANELIST1: Tell us about yourself.

Spoke 2-3 lines

PANELIST1: So you want to shift to different stream, What about Mech?

Explained

PANELIST1: So can we ask you mech engineering questions?

Candidate: Yes you can but my mech is not that good.

PANELIST1: What is a turbine?

Told

PANELIST1: Different types of turbines.

Told

PANELIST1: Define Young's Modulus

Told

PANELIST1: What is the young modulus for perfectly rigid body?

Told

PANELIST1: What is differential?

Told

PANELIST1: I am done.

PANELIST2: Ok I am a layman, Explain the difference between velocity and speed.

Explained

PANELIST2: What do you see in a dashboard of a car? Explain about odometer, mileage and rpm Told

PANELIST2: Free fall case mein weighing machine kya reading dega?

Told

PANELIST1 intervened

PANELIST1: I have a follow up question, Explain the working of a simple manual rickshaw.

Wasn't able to answer, explained FBD but in midway stopped that I won't be able to answer that.

PANELIST3: Okay so you said something about Eco, Tell me about RBI Monetary Committee? Told about monetary policy but didn't know exactly who are the members of that committee

PANELIST3: How do you measure inflation?

Told about WPI and CPI

PANELIST3: India mein which one is used?

Told modified version of CPI

PANELIST3: Inflation data kab release hota?

There I made one blunder, I said fortnight, monthly

PANELIST3: Fortnight, are you sure?

Told not that sure but monthly hota, like Month-on-Month comparison hota

PANELIST3: Okay Extempore topic driverless cars can't be implemented in India.

I immediately said Tesla

PANELIST2 starts smiling

Okay so I spoke for the topic. And infrastructure nahi hai India mein abhi toh nahi possible.

PANELIST2: What was your JEE Adv rank btw?

(I had mentioned my JEE Mains rank that was 275 but I had not mentioned my Adv rank kyuki kam thi)

Told 1819

PANELIST2: Okay X, Thank you very much.

18) Interview and WAT Experience–18

Profile: Fresher, Electronics and Communications Engineer

WAT Assessment

Topic: Indian women are getting educated in increasing scale, but women in the work force haven't increased in that proportion? According to you what are the causes for this and what steps are needed to remove this imbalance?

Personal Interview-

Three Male panelist (Say PANELIST1, PANELIST2, PANELIST3)

PANELIST1- Introduce Yourself

CANDIDATE- answered (talked about startups and national level tournaments; nothing from them)

PANELIST2- Favorites subjects in UG

CANDIDATE- Control System, Mobile Networks

PANELIST2- why modulation is used

CANDIDATE- answered

PANELIST2- (not convinced) tell more

CANDIDATE- added few things

PANELIST2- Okay move on, what is EM force how is it created

CANDIDATE- answered

PANELIST2- (still not convinced)

PANELIST2- what is integration of e^x

CANDIDATE- answered

PANELIST2- Why is circle's area $\pi \cdot r^2$

CANDIDATE- (Clueless)

PANELIST2- integration of $x \cdot e^x$

CANDIDATE- answered

PANELIST2- are you sure, is it correct?

CANDIDATE- yeah

PANELIST2- What formula you used

CANDIDATE- U.V

PANELIST3- what is this formula called

CANDIDATE- answered

PANELIST3- Hobbies

PANELIST3- (Before speaking anything) Ok leave it

PANELIST3- What type of current affairs do you follow

CANDIDATE- Sports, general but not much into politics

PANELIST3= Which sports

PANELIST3- IPL?

CANDIDATE- sure

PANELIST3- First Indian Centurian

CANDIDATE- Manish Pandey from RCB

PANELIST3- why CSK was banned for last 2 year

CANDIDATE- Fixing

PANELIST3- Vice President of India

CANDIDATE- Venkaiah Naidu

PANELIST3- You are from Rajasthan, Who was VP from there?

PANELIST1- Okay Extempore time; Is IPL successful, speak in favor or against

CANDIDATE- Spoke in favor, talked about associate nation players in IPL, Exposure to young players, more leadership

opportunity and skill improvement for Indian players etc.

(PANELIST1 was impressed with extempore)

PANELIST1: Okay you can go now

After Introducing myself they told me to relax but strangely I was hyper for unknown reasons, answered almost all things but was quite nervous and wasn't fluent in speaking So finger crossed and hope for the best.

19) Interview and WAT Experience–19

Profile:

Class 10: 95

Class 12: 87

Ug: 9.0(till 7 sem)

Cat percentile: 99.86

WAT Assessment:

India's youth is going towards distance learning rather than normal college courses. Discuss challenges and benefits.

Did very well. Wrote enough points in both for and against.

Personal Interview:

2 profs, 1 alum

PANELIST1: Where are you from?

Told.

PANELIST1: What is Ranchi famous for?

Told about Dhoni. They said MS Dhoni too (all laugh). Mentioned some famous monument.

PANELIST1: Tell me about current scenario of Jharkhand government chief minister and all.

Told.

PANELIST1: Why MBA?

Answered

PANELIST1: What is a real gas equation?

Answered completely.

PANELIST1: What is atomic number?

Answered partially.

PANELIST1: Is it used for something?

Answered.

PANELIST1: What is X, Y, Z? (some terms related to computer science engg, i assumed)

Said no to all. Didn't even try to answer as I had never even heard those terms.

PANELIST1: Tell me about your final year project

Told

PANELIST1: Can u explain why u choose erp as your project Told something
PANELIST2: SAAS based model. Tell me about cloud computing Told something

PANELIST2: Any examples
Told

PANELIST2: Which all languages u know
Told

PANELIST2: So u are doing coding?
Told
PANELIST1: So wat is your role in your project
Told

PANELIST1: Can u write a code for me for a simple programme using java Wrote on the paper and showed to him

PANELIST1: Any other method like easier way u know?
No

PANELIST2: So u are not gud at programming than?
Told

PANELIST2: Ok. Too much stress. Let me ask you something else.wat u think about cryptocurrency?
Answered. PANELIST2 seemed impressed.

PANELIST1: What is eigen value?
Answered

PANELIST1: What are matrices used for?
Answered

PANELIST1: Can you find inverse of any matrix?
Answered

PANELIST2: Why not gain some experience and then go for MBA?
Told.

PANELIST2: How relevant experience matters?
Told how experience in IT is only relevant if you go for MBA in the same field. Etc.

PANELIST2: Largest state in India? Second largest?

Answered.

PANELIST1: What do you know about the arab spring?

No idea.

PANELIST1: What do you know about UN?

Said something

PANELIST1: How is it that powerful countries exercise their power?

Told about Vito powers.

PANELIST2: Last question. How many states are their in India?

Answered.

PANELIST2: Ok Thank You

Thank You



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