

IBM PAPER ON 18th NOVEMBER AT BANGALORE

Hi friends,

IBM Selection Process:

- 1) Written test
i) Verbal Ability
ii) Mathematical
iii) Analytical
iv) Technical

2) HR and Technical Interview.

Written test had 55 questions.

i) Verbal Ability consisted of simple questions on prepositions and Synonyms like:

1) Are you aware ---- the consequences of cutting down trees.

- a. of
b. about
c. on
d. into

2) She is HYPERACTIVE.

- a. Lazy
b. Energetic
c. Naughty
d. Pretty

2) Mathematical section was also simple like:

1) if * is replaced by +, / is replaced by *, + is replaced by -, - is replaced by /, then the resulting answer for $5+6/2*4-7$ is

4 options.

2) Problem on ages.

3) Analytical just requires you to look carefully. Questions were like:

Mark the answers according to the options shown below:

- a) if all 3 answers are the same.
b) if only 1st and 2nd are equal.
c) if 1st and 3rd are equal.
d) if 2nd and 3rd are equal.
e) if all 3 are different.

1) a. 3243321 b. 32433242 c. 324343543

2) a. Venkatesh Rishpal b. Venkatesh Rishpal c. Venkatesha Rishpal.

4) Technical questions were on C and Unix.

1) The allocation of pointer to 5 integer elements can be done dynamically by:

- i) `int i=char(*)malloc(sizeof(int));`
ii) `void i=char(*)malloc(sizeof(int));`
iii)
iv)

a) only i b) only ii c) ii and iii d) none of the above.

2) Another question on Pointers.

3) The operator to redirect from input-output to stderr is:

a) `p>>>` b) `p>>` c) `< d>`

4) Few more ques on unix....i don't remember.

Test was over by 11.30 and we had to wait till 2.30 for our results. They announced the names of shortlisted candidates....205 of us had cleared out of 600.

Next we waited till 4 for our HR and Technical round which was clubbed into a single round.

In this round their major concentration is on your communication and how strong you are at talking and putting across your thoughts.

As soon as I was called:

Me: Excuse me sir, may I come in?

Sir: Yes come in.

Me: (I waited for him to offer me the seat)

Sir: Please be seated.

Me: Thank you Sir.

Sir: Hello Mamta, How are you?

Me: I'm fine sir, Thank you.

Sir: Had your lunch?

Me: No sir...not yet. (it was 5.00 pm at that time.)

Sir: why?

Me: Sir I thought I'll see my results and then have lunch, but as soon as our results were out, we were called into the seminar room for further rounds.... (I was too straight forward and truthful (except for few questions) thru out the interview). So I didn't have lunch yet.

Sir: Are you happy that you are shortlisted?

Me: Oh! Definitely Sir.

Sir: Tell me about yourself.

Me: I started off with my education, my projects, my family, my strengths, my hobbies and I stopped there.

Sir: so what are your weaknesses?

Me: Sir this is one tough question to answer...and I paused.

Sir: so don't you want to answer?

Me: I will...and I started to....but he said...k no problem...weakness is one negative point in everyone...which they work to overcome it...so this k, let's not talk about it.

Sir: He asked what are your interests? what do you do in free time?

Me: Music, I play guitar and keyboard in free time. I do painting as well....other than that in my free time I also keep myself updated with the technology....I've learnt .net and swings thru net in my free time.

Sir: Talk on the topic Cinemas.

Me: Spoke for sometime...

Sir: Do you think they are advantage or disadvantage to the youth?

Me: It totally depends on the individual, it's an advantage when a person watches it to relax himself...and for entertainment sake...after a stressful exam...but when one gets addicted to movies it might become a disadvantage like he may lose interest in studies, bunking classes etc.

Sir: Do you think they have a message to the youth??

Me: Oh yes Sir, some recent movies like Lage raho...has a great message about Gandhiji and his ideologies and philosophies. We in this generation people had almost forgotten Gandhi. We had just seen him in our current notes, but had given very less thought about his principles...but after watching the movie, we have started adopting those...blah blah...I spoke spoke spoke...

Sir: ok now let's talk technical, tell me about your project.

Me: I explained it to him.

Sir: What will happen when you restart the sys, if you had not shut down the system properly.

Me: I said the scan disk will check for errors and checks if all the files are proper or damaged.

Sir: Difference between Win 98 and Win 2000.

Me: I told him a few..

Sir: Asked few more such questions..

Me: I answered all that I knew...rest I said I don't know.

Sir: Told few things about the position I was hired that this...

Me: I asked him a few questions too...

Sir: Do you have any question?

Me: I said no..

Sir: He raised his eyebrows and said.. your interview is done..you can wait for your results...it will be announced by 7.

Me: Thank you Sir.

Results were out by 8.00 PM, I was happy that I was selected...our offer intimation letters were given on the same day..

All the Best.

By,

Mamta

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