**Examples of interview questions**

If you are well prepared before entering an interview, there is nothing to worry about. Remember to be polite, enthusiastic, and most importantly- be yourself!

Here are some of the most popular interview questions found by internet surveys. Read them carefully and answer them as best you can:

**Firstly, About you:**

Don’t be tempted to tell your life story! Concentrate on your education, work, and skills, and be to the point with your answers.

**1. Tell me a little about yourself.**

**2. What is the most useful thing you’ve learnt in school/college?**

**3. What do you believe are your greatest strengths and weaknesses?**

Don’t focus on the negative. Even when talking about weaknesses, do not just state what they are, but how you are trying to positively overcome them.

**4. What is your biggest achievement to date?**

The next few are about giving examples of times when you have had to deal with certain situations and how you resolved problems. Use examples from work, college, work experience or your home life.

**5. Describe an incident when you have had to take responsibility.**

**6. Describe a time when you had to prioritise.**

**7. Describe a problem you have solved successfully.**

**8. Describe an instance when you have worked under pressure.**

**9. How do you think your teachers would describe you?**

Don’t be vague. For example, Jen called me ‘very hardworking’ in my last review.

This question is about what you like to do in your spare time. Think of good examples as ‘sitting off with my mates’ could make you sound de-motivated or even lazy.

**10. Outside work/study what are some of the things you like to do?**

Don’t choose just anything to talk about. Think of examples that display some of your good qualities. For example, attendance of a regular club shows a commitment, and group activities show your ability to work in a team.

**About the job/course you are applying for:**

**11. How did you find out about this job/course?**

**12. What attracted you to this job/course?**

**13. What knowledge and skills can you bring to this job/course?**

Don’t go into an interview without having a good idea about what the job or course is about. Identify where your experience and expertise match what the interviewers are likely to be looking for.

**14. Why do you think you are the right person for this job/course?**

Don’t focus on why you may be better than other candidates. Instead, point out all the assets you have which makes you perfect for this job or course.

**15. What do you know about this organisation?**

Don’t go into your interview without having done some research about the organisation you are going to be studying or working at.

**16. What will motivate you to do well at this job/on this course?**

**17. Do you prefer to work on your own or with others and why?**

**18. Where do you hope this job/course will lead your career?**

**19. Do you have any concerns about this job/course?**

Don’t answer with just one word. If your answer to this or any other question is no, then elaborate by stating that your concerns have been answered through the course of the interview.

**20. Do you have any questions to ask?**

Don’t answer with just one word. Don’t be scared to seek clarification if you don’t understand a question.