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INTERVIEW PREPARATION

We have handpicked a few interview questions which you might be asked during the interviews. The questions have been compiled by the ISB students CO2018 so you have the assurance of understand the latest line of questioning.

Good Luck!

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Top B-School Candidates Across the Globe!

We at The Bootcamp know exactly what it takes to make it to the IVY league and top MBA programs. We have been through the grind, we have seen it all. Your dreams and aspirations, your woes and apprehensions, we have felt it before. We can help you cross the threshold that's MBA Admissions.

With people from the best B-Schools all across the globe, and comprising of a diverse set of people starting from admits to alums, we are there to provide the helping hand to make your professional journey a fairytale.

Tell me something about yourself

Ideally, you should talk start with your college life and then move on to your discussion on projects. This question sets the path of your interview. Mention only the points which you are confident of because the follow up question will be in lines with what you have answered over here. Be jovial about your answers. Show the interviewers that you're not tensed at all. Maybe crack a joke while answering, but make sure it is a good one.

Why MBA?

Be as personalized as possible. It can be vertical growth, it can be horizontal shift. Be clear and succinct about your career objectives. Show that there's a gap in what your need to achieve and that gap can only be filled by an MBA. A sample response "I think in today's world – to excel, a specialization in a particular field is of utmost importance. And I want to specialize in the IT domain. Starting from the client interaction to formation of blueprints for future enhancements and optimize our testing process, everything has intrigued me to such an extent that I want to be on the other side of table, standing beside the board giving out my viewpoints. For me, development is a habit but management is a passion. If I analyze, what not if I don't get an MBA, I will be stuck in the technical job going through the normal approach of climbing the corporate ladder but what will be disturbing is the monotonous job role. The jump from the Software Engineer to a Managerial position will not be a hole that can't be filled up because the roles and responsibilities, which are involved in the positions such as Senior Software Engineer, Technical Lead or Lead Engineer, are already handled by me during my tenure in the last 19 months. I believe the challenging and diverse tasks that I have been allocated and the proliferation of business exposure during my professional tenure has diluted the impact of large quantity of work experience before an MBA."

Why ISB

- 1) Faculty
- 2) Diversity
- 3) Preference towards industry if you want to go for Consulting or Product Management
- 4) Reputation
- 5) Experiential Learning
- 6) Planning an Entrepreneurial Venture
- 7) Leadership Development Program
- 8) Coursework
- 9) Exchange Programs
- 10) Centre of Excellence.

Choose any 4 and speak at length.

Why ISB over IIMs?

- 1) Diversity
 - 2) 1-year Program
 - 3) Faculty from international schools
 - 4) Entrepreneurship-friendly
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What value will you add to your classroom?

What are your strengths?

What are your weaknesses?

How would you handle a difficult team member

Career goals

Draw your short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals. Each of them should be connected to what you have done in the past and/or should have a logical flow. While you answer for the three stages, make sure you answer - What, Why, and How? Again, don't go out of your comfort zone. Don't tell about industry which you have no knowledge of. You'll be grilled if you do that. And hence, whatever industry you plan to mention, do a research about that domain and also your target companies.

What is success for you?

Situational question. No right answer. But there are always impressive answers. A sample answer: "Success to me means completing a task and when looking back, thinking I couldn't have done it better. To succeed is to complete a task or assignment on time in an excellent manner. But that's only half of it. The results should be good and the people involved should gain a valuable lesson or experience. For example, if it was a group project, and only two people out of four really did the work, I wouldn't call that success. If everyone participated and worked together providing a valuable deliverable then it's a success. So I think both the result and the process should be great to call something a success. A successful life is one that is lived through understanding and pursuing one's own path, not chasing after the dreams of others. Success is not determined by what a man accomplishes but by the challenges he has overcome. And, that's why I always believe to constantly raise your threshold to handling pressure/responsibility to a point where you can handle anything. That is success for me."

Traits of a good consultant/product manager/operations manager (whatever role you want to get into post-MBA)

Difference between a leader and a manager

Why MBA and not MS/MTech? (For YLP and EEO)

Learnings from a failure

Industry Knowledge

Research as much as you can about the industry you want to get into.

- 1) Target Companies
 - 2) Revenues
 - 3) Competitors
 - 4) Industry Products/Services
 - 5) Current Projects
 - 6) Trends in the market
 - 7) Market Size
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Resume-related Questions

Most important section

- 1) Projects
 - a) Scale, Revenue generation, team size, Market size
 - 2) Work Experience
 - 3) Promotion
 - 4) Industry knowledge
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Interview Tips:

- 1) Dress like a manager
 - 2) Be succinct and clear with your answers
 - 3) Do not get into topics which you have no clue about
 - 4) Rehearse all your answers for the questions mentioned above
 - 5) Be extremely humble. Be polite.
 - 6) Prepare hard. This is your time for glory!
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INTERVIEW PREPARATION SERVICES

Our Comprehensive suite of Interview Preparation services includes three plans which have been customized to help people with varying levels of Interview Preparedness. The interviews will be taken by ISB C02018/C02019 people who are well-aware about the latest admission developments, and from your background as well.

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