

Interview Questions for Engineering Graduates

The following are sample questions which may be asked during the normal course of a personal interview.

Personal Characteristic Questions

1. How would you describe yourself?
2. What motivates you to put forth your greatest effort?
3. Describe your most significant accomplishment.
4. How did you finance your college education?
5. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
6. Tell me about some unusual problem you faced at school and how you handled it.
7. What makes you special?
8. Describe the perfect job for you.
9. Tell me about one really smart decision you made in the past year and one dumb one.

School Questions

1. How did you choose this college for your education?
2. How did your college experience prepare you for an engineering career?
3. What led you to choose your major?
4. Were you influenced by anyone to choose your major?
5. Do you think your grades are a good indication of your academic achievement or your potential?
6. What have you learned from participation in extracurricular activities?
7. On what committees have you served and what did you contribute?
8. Describe your favorite course.
9. Describe the toughest course you took.
10. Describe the easiest course you took.
11. Which course did you find most beneficial and which least beneficial?
12. Describe your favorite instructor and his/her teaching style.
13. Describe your least favorite instructor and his/her teaching style.
14. Describe similarities and differences between the two instructors.
15. If you could go back to school, would you take the same major?
16. How do you feel about the amount of time you spent in extracurricular activities?
17. Tell me about some of the elective courses you took and how you chose them?
18. I see you worked while in school. Tell me about a typical day for you.
19. Have you passed the FE?EIT examination?

Job Related Questions

1. What interests you about this particular position?
2. For what reasons should we hire you?
3. In what ways do you think you can make a contribution to our company?
4. Describe your most rewarding experience?
5. If you were hiring for this position, what qualities would you look for?
6. What led you to seek a position with us?
7. Do you have a geographic preference?
8. Are you willing to relocate?
9. Are you willing to travel?
10. What do you think the job entails?
11. Tell me what you know about us?
12. Describe the most significant document or report which you have had to complete.

Interpersonal Relations Questions

1. Do you prefer to work alone or as part of a team?
2. Tell me about your relationships with other students. What special problems do you face, and how did you handle them?
3. How do you get things done?
4. If I asked for your instructors to describe you, what would they say?
5. Tell me about the person you most admire?

Leisure Questions

1. Describe your spare time activities which relate to the job.
2. If you could turn your hobby into an occupation, what would you be doing?
3. What are your career goals? Do you have a contingency plan?
4. Describe a time when you reached a goal and discovered it wasn't what you wanted.
5. How do you know you'll be successful?

General Questions

1. What are your career goals? Do you have a contingency plan?
2. Describe a time when you reached a goal and discovered it wasn't what you wanted.
3. How do you know you'll be successful?
4. What are your salary expectations?