

IBM... International Business Machines also known as Big Blue conducted campus at MIT on 26th June, 2007. Students were from PVG, SKNCOE, SCOE and MIT.

Criterion was aggregate 60% (For 5 semesters). Nearly 95 students got short listed from the aptitude test. Further 72 cleared the Group Discussion and finally 59 got through. I was one of them.

1. Aptitude Test: It was very interesting.

It had 3 sections:

- Matrix Manipulation: Three 5*5 matrices were given and there were 5 Qs on each matrix such as interchanging rows and columns, replacing one symbol by other, etc. (15 Qs in 13 min) there was no -ve marking for this section, so, I attempted all Qs.
- Series completion: 20 Qs to be solved in 4 min. It had -1/4 marking. So, I attempted only 18.
- Quantitative: 12 Qs in 17 min. It had -1/4 marking. I attempted only 7 Qs.

This section was a bit tough.

2. Group discussion:

Topic for our group was 'Should Politicians be Honest?'

We were a group of 16 students.

It was an extempore. Each one had to stand up and present his/her views.

3. Interview (At around 10 pm)

Interviewer: he

(Last Interview of the day!!)

he: Finally...

she: Yeh...Good Evening, Sir.

he: So, what do you feel about being the last one to be interviewed?

she: I got to know the questions that you asked to all my friends...

he: Oh, really?? What did they tell you??

she: They told me that you asked
1. Tell me something about yourself?

2. Why IBM?

he: That's it??

she: Yeh.

he: (smiling) These are just to start the interview..!! (I just smiled.)

he: Tell me some things which you don't like about your college...

she: Sir, our college conducts re-tests if we have not cleared the regular unit test, and they send the reports back home.

he: They really do that??

she: Ya, they do.

he: Have you ever given the re-test?

she: Yes sir, 2-3 times. Because we were busy in Firodiya Karandak practice...

he: (Interrupting me...) Have you done Firodiya??

she: Yes sir.

he: As what?

she: As a Singer. I sung a Telugu song in S.E. and a Portuguese Song in T.E.

he: Do you know something?? I am a musician... I have all instruments at my home. I have a reserved floor for music in my bunglow. IBM has it's own band and we perform all over the world. I am the president of IBM club.

(He was going through my resume.)

he: So, should I grill you on c++ or java??

she: Yes Sir, you can.

he: (smiled) Should I??

she: You can, sir.

he: Anyways, you are watching me since morning, what do you think about me??

she: (Thought for a while) Sir, you are pretty honest and can go naughty at times.. and I think you don't really prefer job hopping. Do you play guitar??

he: I play all instruments...

he: Do you know, IBM takes special care of it's women employees?? IBM has won the Best Employer award for 10-15 years...

(I just nodded.)

he: Ok...tell me something about yourself...

she: I am from Bombay ..

(He immediately stopped me)

he: Bombay or Mumbai??

she: Mumbai...Are you from Mumbai?

he: No, But its like my second home. Why did you think that I am from Mumbai??

she: A person who is so particular about saying Mumbai and not Bombay must be closely related with the city...

(He just smiled)

he: Continue...

she: I love computers. I never get bored of them. It can be gaming or surfing..

he: (Interrupting me...) So, which was the last site you surfed?

she: It was IBM.

he: What did you like about it?

she: Sir, I loved the latest logo in which 'I' is shown by vertically drawn eye and 'B' is represented by a honeybee.

he: It is not really a logo...

she: Ya, not exactly... but that particular picture...

he: Ok. What is IBM's slogan?

she: What makes you special!!!

(He nodded in appreciation.)

she: Sir, actually I didn't know this but my mother messaged me after I told her that I have cleared the G.D and have to go for the interview.

(He smiled.)

he: So, do you want to ask anything?

she: Sir, when did you join IBM?

he: I am with IBM since last 4 years. Before that I was working with a Japanese company.

she: Sir, and what about the training?

he: Training will be for 3-6 months depending upon the project requirements.

Anything else you want to ask?

she: No sir.

he: Sure?

she: Yes sir.

he: (Smiling) Ok...So, now you will tell your mother immediately about the interview??

she: (Smiling) Yes sir.

he: Do you think I will select you?

she: Yes sir.

he: Are you sure?

she: 100% sir.

he: confident?

she: Absolutely Sir...

he: (Smiling) Anyways, it was nice interacting with you..

she: Thank you, sir.

he: Wait for the results now...

she: Yes sir. Bye.

he: Bye.

Finally, around 10: 50 pm results were declared and Expression Of Responsibility was given to us!!!!

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