

IBM PAPER ON 24th APRIL AT KOLKATA

Hi .....

I appeared for the IBM recruitment test on 24th april, 2007 in our campus. Luckily, I got through.

Remember u need to have ur college ID cards or else they might not allow u to sit for the exam.

Now there were 3 rounds of qualifying exams...

First round is the aptitude test.(55 marks total, cutoff 30 for boys)

So boys u have to be really good at what u do & girls u all can be almost be rest assured if u clear the aptitude test u will get through.

For aptitude test remember the first and most important thing is TIME MANAGEMENT.

Many good students don,t make it through the aptitude because they lack this skill. Practice

R.S.Aggarwal, it ,s more than enough for the aptitude.

It has 4 sections in its paper: (1 hr test)

(i) verbal (10 mins)

This will consist of filling up prepositions in the blanks.

e.g. 1. he had been singing for a very long time, but until now he has never been seen \_\_\_\_ the opera house

options: (a)at (b)in (c)on (d)none

2. the sea food did not agree \_\_\_\_ him.

options: (a)with (b)on (c)for (d)in

There will be atleast 2 of these questions.

Then there would be few other ,fill in the blanks,.

Then there is a comprehension. Our passage was from "Origin of Species".

It was fairly easy, but don,t read the passage first, read the questions first and then find the answers from the passage.

They are mostly in sequential order from passage paragraphs.

This part is easy, u will get through if u have basic knowlege and skills of english.

(ii) Quantitative (25 questions, 30 mins)

This part is fairly easy.

First question was on venn diagrams (credit card holder problem).

Its a bit lengthy but if u can manage it u get 4-5 questions right straight away.

then there are questions on direction, 4-5 questions on data sufficiency, 4-5 ques on replacing 0 and 1 by \* & #, age problems etc

They r quite easy just remember the clock is ticking.

(iii) Attention to details (10 mins)

This section be careful...this section is very easy but be attentive to details, I would suggest do this right after the verbal.

There will be 2-3 questions on similarity like

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find any dissimilarity.

then there will problem on relation- father, son like that

then replacing + by \*, - by + and so on...

last question will be on case study.

they had given us a criteria list for admmission and few biodatas for considering whether their

applications will be accepted.

(iv) Technical (10 mins)

this portion will contain checking output, choosing correct answer etc.

It will be based on DBMS, C, unix commands and may few other topics...

Essay writing:

They will provide 15 mins after aptitude test for writing this passage. About 300 words. Now don,t think thats enough time, u hardly get any, trust me. Start writing the moment u get the signal, but don,t beat around the bush, be clear in expressing ur ideas and their justifications. Ur aptitude marks most probably don,t include essay marks. But they do pay importance to this.

128 were selected from 200-220 after aptitude test.

Next is the GD round, now we were never prepared for GD as we thought there won,t be any GD, but surprisingly we had and 94 were selected out of 128.

There were 12 in a group, and all the girls would be selected here, so boys u all have to open the zip of ur mouths and talk. Don,t sit Dumb. U lose points for that. Don,t wait for too long for others to finish.

They check ur communication skills and ur ideas. Just remember u have to talk.

If u get through this u will face Tech+hr interview and mostly they will be conducted by the People who conducted ur GD.

Now, this is totally a matter of luck, in which panel u get...

If they ask u technical questions they are generally Not plain easy, so u have to be well prepared in technical, which I was not.

As I had already got a job offer from Cognizant, I wasn,t looking forward to any job in IBM. So I hadn,t taken any preparation at all.

But U guys don,t do this, my interview was mainly on HR so it was easy, though they tried to crack me with stress questions, but they couldn,t.

There were 2 men in my panel,

It was as follows:

me: good afternoon, sir.

sir: good afternoon take ur seat.

me: thank u, sir.

sir: i didn,t get time to read ur essay, tell me about it in brief.

me: explained (they were satisfied)

sir: tell us something about urself

me: told (stress on ur extracurricular activities if u have good ones, now I was in news reading and also some simple research work)

sir: u said u did researchwork, would like to do research in IBM?

me: right now I would like join, learn and grow with the industry and in future I might think about switching to that. BLAH BLAH

sir: have u got any other job offer?

me: yes sir, from cognizant.

sir: why do u want to join IBM, cognizant is the fastest growing company now?

me: explained(Just visit The Company,s Home Site, U can get all details there>>)

sir: Ok, what is ur favourite subject?

me: Principles of programming language

sir: tell me diff b/w structure in C and C++?

me: told

sir: tell me a func where u don,t have to define a body?

me: pure virtual func

sir: explain that.

me: (that was the only thing I couldn,t recall)

sir: anyway, tell me about header files

me: BLAH BLAH

sir: Ok, lets say I give u a job Not challenging, a job that class 12 boy can do, would u do it?

me: well a job is only as challenging as u make it, and i think there ,s no harm in starting with a class 12 job, I can surely work my way up.

sir: tell me a phase of ur life where u went through a big change.

me: from my school to college..BLAH BLAH

sir: are u mobile?

me: absolutely

sir: ok, lets say I send u to jungle rural place and tell u set up an IT workshop, what will the 3 most important challenges u will be facing?

me:

(i) requirement analysis: planning, gathering info on what is necessary to get the job done, framework etc

(ii) man power= local technically ignorant people + technically experienced people --> Managing them Together

(iii) handling unexpected events that r bound to occur in any large scale job

They were totally impressed with this answer.

sir: u have any question for me?

me: sir can u tell me about the training program in ur company?

sir: BLAH BLAH, any more questions?

me: yes sir, can u tell me more about 10 yr pact made b/w IBM and Idea cellular and Aditya birla?

sir: BLAH BLAH, anymore?

me: no sir.

sir: thank u

me: thank u

Results came after an exhaustive wait till 8:30 pm. 66 were selected from 94.(Final Selection 66 from 200-220) Luckily my name was there.

Only thing u got to remember is that be confident at all times during ur interview, even if u have said something wrong or couldn,t answer

something don,t lose ur confidence... atleast don,t show that in ur attitude. Keep ur head cool, body language calm and be confident and if u have good communication skills u will get through. The interviewers are always friendly and smiling so u be the same way.

BEST OF LUCK. SEE U ALL IN IBM.

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