

7 Quick Tips to a Great Interview

Everybody has to go through an interview before landing the job of their dreams – or any job, as a matter of fact. It is therefore very important that you do well in the interview. Here are 7 quick tips that you will always find useful:

- 1. **Do Your Homework and Do it Well** An interview is very much like an exam. You cannot perform well in an interview without preparation. Pay attention to what the job responsibilities listed are. Match your skills to those responsibilities as seamlessly as possible. Get a friend help you with mock interviews so you can imagine a few important possible scenarios.
- 2. **Prepare for the Day Carefully** Do not leave anything pending until the last moment. Decide on what you will wear at least one day in advance, what accessories you will use, ensure that there is gas in the vehicle you are using to get to the venue, get enough change for parking and other requirements, get directions and have a phone number ready in case you get lost; do not risk arriving late for the interview.
- 3. **Be Impeccably Groomed** Your first impression ALWAYS counts. When you meet the interviewing panel be dressed and groomed to perfection. It does add to your overall score.
- 4. **Be Confident** Meet the eye of the interviewer when he asks a question and answer looking him in the eye. Showing that you are confident is a great plus; however, overconfidence is a great minus point. Ensure that you know to differentiate between the two and project the right one.
- 5. **Smile a Lot** It is hard for them (interviewers), too. Smile a little when entering the interview. Answer every question with a smile. Smiling lowers your own tension and that of others. Smile like a confident and friendly person; everyone loves a person with a happy disposition.
- 6. **Ask Relevant Questions** Your questions should reflect your interest in the company and its subsidiaries. Ask about the goals of the company and ensure that the interview understands that you want to be a part of it by contributing your best to it.
- 7. **Always Follow Up with a 'Thank You' Note** It is important that you always follow-up on the completion of the interview with a short 'Thank you,' preferably written by hand. This shows that you consider this job important and that you care enough to make a good impression.

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