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Tips for successful interview

The questions should subtly convey that the interviewee is relatively certain of intention to work at that organisation but has some concerns of own. A few examples of such questions are:

- What key results are expected out of someone in the position applied for?
- What are the main challenges the job entails?
- What options are there for career advancement?

Thank You Note

Finally, interview 'thank you' note is an important part of the whole interview process. Amazingly, most candidates do not send 'thank you' letter after an interview. The effect of this 'thank you' note is two-fold. First, the candidate seeks to re-emphasise one's skills and strengths and how these fit in with the employer's needs. Second, it is one more opportunity to get the presence in front of all interviewers.

It is suggested that the interview process should be taken to one's advantage by sending a carefully drafted 'thank you' note right after the meeting is over.

In Sum

Adequate preparation, positive and normal behaviour, proper dress, conveying interest to work in the organisation and follow up through 'thank you' note constitutes the *mantra* for a successful interview.

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"Such fanciful extrapolations are unrealistic, but so is the opposite extreme: to assume that, after 300 thousand years of increase, the number of humans will stabilize and stagnate, not just for a while, but *forever*. More room is surely needed, unless you can picture our progeny endlessly stuck on a single planet, fighting for space and hustling for the dwindling natural resources. That scenario seems so fanciful, so airy-fairy, we have no choice but to heed the siren call of other solar system habitats. However, even the best of these (Mars) will be difficult to terraform, and offers only a short-term solution to a long-term problem.

"You might think that living on Mars would beat living in a colossal can, but that's hardly obvious. As fabricated housing, a space colony can be easily tuned to our needs: Imagine a large environment boasting first-rate views, one-G's worth of gravity, a breathable atmosphere, salubrious temperature, and all your favorite plants and animals (i.e., no mosquitoes). In addition, you can build as many of these as you want. You won't run out of *lebensraum* in fifty years.

"Indeed, that's the important bottom line. Artificial habitats can have a very low Tonnage-to-Terran ratio. Rather than crowding a few billion people onto the moon, for example, where residents will have to contend with such domestic inconveniences as no air, no water, and no going outside without #5,000,000 sun-block, we can take the moon apart and redevelop it as a dream suburbia. Call it simple geometrybecause it isbut rebuilding the moon to construct flotillas of space habitats is possible because the latter aren't round balls of stuff. Doing so is imperative because, as Hawking says, our future depends on it. Self-destruction aside, we'll be like cats in a cage if we don't eventually spread out. And besides, what's all that hot magma doing for you anyway?"

So, now do you take me seriously? Ask your dad to book that flat in Space pronto, or else....!!!

Erratum

1) In the article titled Campus Theatre Education on page 20 of our first issue the following line has been omitted: "Though two-year master course was introduced in 1994, from 1998 University of Dhaka introduced a 4-year graduation course on theatre under the Department of Theatre and Music. The department basically focuses on applied theatre.

2) In the article Brac University Club Fair 2006 on page 25 the last sentence of first paragraph should read: Each beat from the loud speakers and the familiar voice on stage sent a wave of cheers through the crowd of boys and girls

Quiz Answer: Apple