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When preparing for job interviews, it is important to review commonly asked interview questions so you can begin preparing your responses. Although employers may ask a variety of questions depending on the company and nature of the job, some questions tend to occur regardless of the job description. The following are some questions that have been **Traditionally** asked in interviews:

- Tell me about yourself.
- What do you know about our company?
- Why did you decide to seek a position with our company?
- Why did you choose the career for which you are preparing?
- What lead you to choose your field of study?
- What relevant experience have you had?
- What relevant experience have you developed through your education or previous work experience?
- What do you see yourself doing five years from now?
- What do you consider to be your greatest strength? (or might ask weakness or both)
- How would you describe yourself?
- Have you ever quit a job? Why?
- What qualifications do you have that make you think that will make you more successful than the other applicants?
- What two or three accomplishments have given you the most satisfaction? Why?
- If you could do so, how would you plan your academic study differently? Why?
- Do you have plans for continued study or an advanced degree?
- Do you think your grades are a good indication of your academic achievement?
- In what kind of a work environment are you most comfortable?
- How do you respond to pressure on the job? In class?
- How would you describe the ideal job for you following graduation?
- What two or three things are most important to you in your job?
- What criteria are you using to evaluate the company for which you hope to work?
- Do you have a geographical preference? Would you be willing to relocate?
- Are you willing to travel? If so, how much?
- What are the two most noteworthy lessons you have learned from your mistakes?
- How well do you work with people? Do you prefer working alone or in teams?
- Describe the best job you ever had. OR Describe the best supervisor you ever had.
- How do you determine or evaluate success?
- In what ways do you think you can make a contribution to our company?
- What are the attributes of a good leader?
- Which is more important: creativity or efficiency? Why?
- If you were hiring someone for this position what qualities would you look for?
- Describe the relationship that should exist between a supervisor and those reporting to him/her.
- Why should I hire you?

Remember, the key to a successful interview is practice, practice, practice! Consider scheduling a mock interview at the Career Services Office to help prepare.

Sources: Hireme101 website & Quintessential Careers Website