

1.If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

If I was given the chance to pursue my dream job, I would love to become a veterinarian. I love animals so much, especially dogs. I own quite a few, and they are my daily source of happiness. Leaving them in the morning to go to work is such a struggle, but it makes me look forward to going home and seeing their smiling faces greet me. Anyway, my heart bleeds for those helpless animals who are abused, mistreated, and left to fend for themselves on the streets. If only I had the means and knowledge on how to properly diagnose and minister to these poor animals, I'd gladly do it for free. I would do my best to protect their rights and make sure the public is well-educated on the proper treatment of animals. I will work hard to address the health and welfare needs of every species while doing my role in the animals' environmental protection, research, food safety, and public health.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

Yes, I've been through my fair share of stressful circumstances and being thrown into the wolves' den with all the toxic workplace drama before. It was quite demotivating at times especially if the ones involved in all the chaos were my colleagues and supervisors. Aside from having to deal with irate clients and a heavy workload from processing different kinds of banking transactions, it didn't help that some employees would also get into petty fights and necessitated themselves in stupid gossip. But then again, it was pretty normal for any company to have such madness and faction. To cope with all the anxiety and distress, I distance myself from the problematic ones and don't match their negative energies. I would meet up with my friends after work to relax and share some light conversations with them. I make sure to go out every weekend to have some time for myself and recharge by doing some exercise or window shopping. But now that I've grown older, I prefer to just stay at home, read a good book while sipping warm coffee, play with my dogs, listen to Spotify, or watch Netflix. I've learned to enjoy my own company and be kinder to myself.

3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did

you enjoy most and why?

In my previous job as a bank teller, I suppose the hardest part would be to show up at work not knowing which section I would be assigned that day. We have a high counter for processing regular bank transactions like deposits, withdrawals, bill payments, and other tasks like ATM loading and cash sorting. Then there's the lower counter for general services, and lastly, the marketing section for accounts opening. I was trained to be a well-rounded teller, so whenever a colleague didn't show up, I was one of those who would have to fill in her spot and do her assigned tasks that day. It was nerve-racking and grueling, but I considered it as a means to further my knowledge and experience in handling different clients and transactions. What I enjoyed most was filing, organizing, arranging, and making a system for our files and documents, be it on paper or on the computer. Everyone who wasn't as detail-oriented as I am would often turn to me for help, especially if they had to find their cash discrepancies or had to write an incident report. I was their go-to person for anything related to these things, which I gladly welcomed with open arms. The only downside was I would be often asked to do overtime work and write the monthly minutes of the meeting.

4. How would your previous managers/coworkers describe you?

If you were to ask my previous managers and colleagues, they would definitely tell you how organized and good I was with my job. They knew I had a system for everything, and I was focused on my work that I would seldom commit any major errors that would require a one-on-one conversation with the Branch Head or my assigned supervisor. Though I wouldn't really describe myself as most punctual and healthy with zero absences, I strive to report to work if needed, be it for only half a day. I knew how draining and dismaying it felt to report to work and find out several of your colleagues were not present, so I avoided being absent as much as possible. Also, they would describe my personality as someone who's pensive and introverted but can socialize if needed. I wasn't really much of a leader, but if the situation called for it, then I'd step up and voice out my opinion in the room.

5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

For personal accomplishments, I guess it would be purchasing a residential lot in my name using the salary I earned back then. Although I also had my share of travels outside the country before, I could proudly say that all my hard work paid off because I was able to secure an investment by taking out a loan and paying it off in less than ten years. Aside from that, I feel proud seeing my siblings reach their goals slowly, knowing I was somehow a part of their success stories by helping them secure loans and lending a hand in managing their finances. For my professional accomplishment, I guess I could consider receiving an award twice in a row and getting the chance to meet my previous companies' big bosses in the flesh a huge feat. Just after two years of joining the bank, I got promoted immediately and received a new designation. Also, I was once awarded as my company's seventh top teller in the entire nation, besting hundreds of others to receive the mentioned accolade. It was a proud moment for me, and though it was all in the past, I still have my awards with me to remind me of how proficient I once was.