



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

If anything was possible, I believe I would want to become a historian. A historian is someone who studies historical events and basically everything about the past. I remember when I was younger, I would always be fascinated with past events. I had countless questions at the back of my head. I would oftentimes wonder about the eras and times prior to when I was born. I was engrossed with the idea of how people in a completely different period to mine lived and what their perspectives were. I imagined how enthralling it would have been to exist at the same time as these painters and writers. All those books that I read were the closest thing I could get answers to all the queries I had. For years, I hid this fire in me to pursue and commit myself to studying history. To live as a historian could have been something really exciting. There were just a lot of things about history that kept me interested, although I eventually lost it in me and realized that maybe it was just because I was too young.

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?

Back when I was in my first year in college, I would get really stressed out when speaking in front of the class during reports. I would shake a lot and sweat excessively. No matter what preparations I did, I would still get extremely nervous. It was honestly something that I had been dealing with since I was in high school. After each presentation, I would beat myself up. It unconsciously became a habit. In the following years, I was aware that I still found it difficult to speak in front of an audience or even converse with other people. What I managed to overcome was the fact that I should never beat myself up every time I was having a hard time communicating. I realized I did not need to blame myself when I knew I did everything I could. It took me a while to actually see I did not have to make things a hundred times harder than they already were. In my second year moving forward, I stopped criticizing myself too much and focused on the things I should do the next time.

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

For my on-the-job training, I was a student intern at a credit and finance corporation. I was assigned to the Internal Audit department. My tasks involved checking and verifying documents issued in different months and years from different branches. I was also responsible for identifying errors or mistakes found in the files and encoding them using the computer. The task I did find to be the most challenging was comparing a number of reports, receipts, and bank transaction history as they could get overwhelming at times due to massive compilations of the files. It would usually take me about a day or two to finish one folder. On the other hand, I enjoyed sorting documents and recording them in the logbook. Moreover, verifying check



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

I believe my former immediate head would describe me as a thorough, committed, and patient individual. During my time in the company as an intern, I focused mainly on getting my assigned tasks done. Whatever output I submitted, I made sure that they were checked thoroughly and made with accuracy. There were times when the workload could get overwhelming. I had to find ways where I could pour all my attention into the tasks at hand. My dedication to my responsibilities made it possible for me to accomplish tasks one step at a time. The Internal Audit department was just as busy as the other departments in the company, but it could get more challenging and demanding. As an audit staff, I needed to have a great length of patience especially when dealing with bulky paperwork and errors.

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

The compliment I am most proud of was the one I received from my immediate head back when I was a student intern. He said to me, and to my two other co-trainees from the same university, that we were competent and delivered what was expected of us. Looking back, I realize I just did what I could do. Whenever there were folders waiting for me on the table, I would condition my mind and tell myself that it was a training ground where I could develop my skills. I focused my entire attention on things I should work on so that I could become a well-trained professional as early as that point. To be told I was competent made me feel proud of the results of my performance. I had trouble during the first few days, but I managed to do a good job and show what I was capable of.