

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

My dream job would be a published author.

For as long as I can remember, I have been writing. Anyone who knows me knows that, given all the time in the world, I would simply choose to just write and write... and write. I can spend hours and days simply making up different kinds of plots for different kinds of genres. I can build worlds and characters then give them all individual identities, each a unique one of their own. There is so much that I can and want to write that I believe the only thing that's stopping me is the limits of being human.

I like to think that I am great at creative writing. It is a skill that I am very much confident in and very comfortable with doing. Given the chance, I want to show my works to the world. I want to do it full-time and get paid for it. If only it were possible, I would want this passion of mine to be something that could bring me a financially stable life.

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 have.

There was a time in the University when our professor tasked us to create a reflection paper for each chapter in our book, as well as a political analysis paper about any international political issue of our choosing. The book alone consists of over 30 chapters. We were given a month to finish them all. In short, we only had thirty days to read, review, and write everything. These tasks would determine our final grade for our major subject.

I remember spending nights bawling my eyes out in our dormitory, feeling completely overwhelmed and exhausted. But I did what I believe I do best, and that was to continue moving forward. This was how I handled the situation. One hand would be wiping away the tears on my cheeks, while the other continued to write down notes.

And at the end of the day, it all worked out.

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

In my previously employment, the task that I found most challenging was when I had to interact with other people working on the same loan but on a different assignment.

There would be many times when discrepancies would be found on multiple documents, and it was up to us to determine which document to base the correct information from. That means that we had to contact multiple people through email and discuss where it went wrong and who went wrong with the information, so that everything could be corrected as soon as possible. Often, nobody wants to take responsibility, opting to tag their team leads rather than finding solutions themselves. And this is what I find most challenging. If the person on the other end refuses to work with me on the solution that I offered, or if the person refuses to reply or communicate, it delays both of our work.

But ironically, these scenarios are also part of the ones that I enjoy since I get the chance to put my mind to work by gathering more documents to prove my side. I thoroughly enjoy the approval from my team lead that I made the right call on discrepancies.

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

My previous coworkers used to call me a workaholic.

Since our workload varies on how many loans we pull and how fast we can finish them, I often got a considerable amount of work finished by the end of week as shown on our weekly summaries/reviews. Thus, I believe they would describe me as such. I remember a time when I was working on a loan, typing on my computer, when my coworker grasped my hands to stop them from moving. I paused, completely confused, then turned to look at him and ask what was wrong. He looked at me dead in the eye and said, "Stop." I couldn't help but laugh that time.

In addition to this, I believe they would also call me quiet and distant, given that I would spend my free time sitting quietly in front of my computer, reloading the screen until I manage to pull a loan. I didn't talk much in my previous work. But it was more of a choice since I had to conserve my energy as it was a night shift.

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

The accomplishment that I am most proud of is my Latin honour.

To be honest, it was not something that I aimed to accomplish specifically. I knew that our course had the reputation of having a huge number of dropouts by graduation season. So, upon enrolling, I told myself that it was okay to remain average, that it was okay to not stand out or be one of the best students in class, as long as I pass my exams and make it to graduation. I was never one for academic achievements either way, so I didn't care then. And when I received the email informing me that I was qualified for Latin honours, I didn't care then either. But this became my proudest accomplishment because of my parents.

Graduation season wasn't easy for me because of personal reasons. I knew it was heavier for my parents. So, when we finally sat together to have dinner and I finally told them the news that I had a Latin honour, I didn't expect much. Little did I know that it would be the first time I see my father smile at me with so much joy. He told me then that he was proud of me, and I had never felt happier. Little did I know it would be the first time in a year that I would see my parents smiling together.