

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

My dream job is to be a writer. Although with our current economy, being a writer cannot guarantee that you can pay all your bills and fend off all your needs, I fell in love with writing when I was still in high school. I spend most of my time reading books in the library, not the educational ones though, but books with fun and exciting stories. I have always loved the idea of having the power to create characters and choose what their fate will be. As a reader, there are times when I feel frustrated with the protagonist's decisions. So, what I did to ease all my frustrations was I wrote stories in my past time that are somehow inspired or related to what I was reading, and I would pour out all my what ifs and what I would like to happen with that certain character. Being a writer was something that I would have dreamed of when I was still young, but life happened, so I must be practical with my decisions.

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?

Choosing accountancy as my course in college opened the gateway to stress in my life. Everyone in the program, as soon as you enter as a freshman became familiar with stress and pressure. Our professor would give us handouts and send us documents online as study materials, but we have our books also then he would tell us to study four to five chapters then we will have a long quiz on the following day. And there are times where all our major subjects, especially board exam subjects, would give us a long quiz on the same day and with the number of materials and books that I must study, I must come up with something that can help me balance all of them. So, I did research about different studying tips and became familiar with the Pomodoro Technique. I would break down all the subjects that I have to study including the chapters and additional handouts and divide them for the whole duration of my study time. I would study intensively for 45 minutes with my phone out of my reach because it's my number one distractor and have a 15-minute break so I wouldn't be overwhelmed with everything I have to study. Using the Pomodoro Technique, I have 45 minutes allotted for studying and the remaining 15 minutes for my sanity break.



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

Since I don't have any formal work experience, I would like to relate this to when I was still an on-the-job trainee. Most of the task given to me was data entry on Microsoft Excel and I enjoyed it the most because I am quite familiar with it and our supervisor was also able to teach me about different shortcuts in Excel. It was enjoyable to enter, update, and organize data from different clients of the firm and print them so that the Managing Partner could sign them. The most challenging task given to me was paying over-the-counter taxes because they would give us a large amount of money to pay to the nearest bank and it was quite scary because there are many possibilities with the money being lost or worse stolen. The Managing Partner of the firm would just give us instructions as to what to do once we arrive at the bank and what form to fill up. And there are times where I get confused with the instructions so I will message my Superior on our work group chat so that I can clarify things.

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

Our supervisor, when I was still an on-the-job trainee, wrote on our evaluation form that she found me as someone who was reliable with the tasks given to me and that I would always complete them before the deadline. I was not afraid to ask questions when I was confused with my task and if I was not familiar with using some equipment from the office. I am someone who supports our group leaders, both are my classmates. When someone from the office, especially the Managing Partner, would give them an important task like paying over-the-counter taxes, I was there to cover for the task they would leave behind so that they wouldn't have to deal with their unfinished task as soon as they came back to the firm. I was also described as someone who is quiet and won't talk unless asked. I'm not really the quiet type but it was more of a language barrier because there are times when I like to react to what they are talking about, but I find it hard to translate what I must tell them, so I just keep mum most of the time.



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

I am proud that I was able to finish and survive my course which is Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, more than half of our batch since we were still freshmen already shifted and transferred to another school because of pressure, failed grades, and for their mental health. I was happy and grateful that I was able to survive all those years where I constantly overthink and question myself if the course is really for me. Those times when I only have 1 to 2 hours of sleep because of the number of study materials, sacrifice quality time with my family because I must study and yet, still fail my exam. Those sleepless nights were worth it when I finally graduated. Another accomplishment I would like to share is that I recently passed the Civil Service Exam last August 2023. It was very hard, and I couldn't finish shading the answer sheet due to time constraints but luckily, I passed.