



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

If anything was possible, my dream job would be a bookstore owner. Ever since I was just a young girl, I have loved reading books. The thought and feeling of jumping to different worlds and immersing myself in a variety of storylines just excites and delights me to the core. I am an introvert, and I often find myself having fun alone. Books are always there to accompany me; may it be on boring days to times when I am feeling depressed. Not only that, when reading books, I can also learn new words and explore other cultures. So, my dream job stems from this love for books. I want to be a bookstore owner who sells the genres I love, and books in whatever kind or form. The books I sell will not be costly in comparison to other bookstores because some of my target buyers are poor to middle-class people. My goal was not really to accumulate wealth, but to let people see the value and boon of books.

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?

There are a lot of stressful situations that I had in my past workplace. As a teacher, it was part of my duty to check on the different aspects of a student's life. I had to prepare the lessons well, manage the classroom effectively, and address behavior concerns efficiently. There are also several instances where I deal with the parents' concerns and extracurricular tasks on top of teaching a class. Having these all pour out on me all at once, wasn't something I could handle easily. To overcome this stressful situation, I would have to look at which among is the immediate concern and those which I can do much later. Afterward, I would think of a way that I could address it in a much shorter way without compromising the quality of statements and actions I am to exhibit. I also must ensure that methods are acted professionally.



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

The most challenging task in my previous position was teaching a class that didn't like the lesson or subject. There are always students who find a certain subject or lesson boring, and with no motivation or interest it would be difficult for them to pay attention and pass the activities. I would find it challenging to deliver a lesson that only a few students like. Motivation is one of the areas of teaching. At the beginning of the class, I had to see to it that the students were ready to listen. To do that, I had to think of a good motivation connected to the lesson. The activity should be age-appropriate and would generate good responses from the students. Although students would participate and enjoy the activity, and seem to be ready for the lesson proper, it would not still guarantee that they will actively listen and learn. So, the next challenge would be having a great presentation of the lesson. I had to use creative PowerPoint Presentations, including videos, photos, and interesting facts to help students stay focused. And this should be done without compromising the information that they should learn. Despite this being the most challenging task, I also find it most enjoyable. Having a class that doesn't know the value of knowledge that I will discuss motivates me to ensure that at the end of class, they will realize its value. Thinking and looking for ways to make the lesson fun and insightful is something that I love to do. I think of it as a balance that I must strike. It's a goal that ignites my passion for teaching.

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

I was in the industry of Education and there are several traits that people who work there are expected to have. Based on how I deal with them and what I have exhibited, I think that my coworkers would describe me as teachable and open-minded. There are many evolving practices in education, and every teacher should ensure they are teachable enough to ride on the trends. My coworkers would help me with things that I still didn't know, and every time they would explain how to do them, I would make sure that I would absorb all of them and do my best to apply what I've learned. This trait is connected to open-mindedness. As teaching is a job that requires new ideas and deals with people from different backgrounds, I think my coworkers saw that I always update the way I teach, opting for new but effective teaching methods and not disdaining students no matter what background they come from.



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

The professional accomplishment that I am proud of the most is passing the Licensure Exam for Teachers. After graduating, I only have three months left to study for the Board exam. Those months were nerve-racking. I must learn, re-learn, and unlearn concepts. The coverage for my major was quite broad, and I just didn't know where to focus. There were a lot of sleepless nights, and I got anxious now and then. The day of the exam seemed to be the judgment day for me. It was time to see if I studied enough. I did my best to answer all the questions, and there was a lot that I'm not sure of. That's why the process of waiting for the result was not something I count as trivial. I would sometimes be anxious of the result, but knowing God's sovereignty always calms me. The moment I saw my name in the list of passers, I was ecstatic beyond compare. I was so happy and immediately prayed to the Lord, thanking Him for my success. My hard work paid off, and it is something that I would never be ashamed of.