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

If anything is possible, I want to grab a managerial position in a corporate setting one day. I always dream of having my own office, having my name on a name plate sitting on my very own desk, and most of all, having to inspire a lot of people during my leadership. I always consider myself to be very idealistic. Because of it, I have this idea in my head to make use of this skill to lead people to one common goal, and that is for efficiency. I think that I would become a great manager since I do have this behavior to see things and their purpose. Sometimes, I spend my time thinking and questioning things to myself and creating plans and solutions as if these things directly concern me. As a manager, I really like to see changes for good. I crave reinventing systems that I see being redundant and unnecessary. Therefore, for me to get there, I must work hard now and build myself for the future me.

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?

I had a lot of stressful moments in college. These were mainly because of outputs and academic papers that are needed to pass before the due date. As for my academic responsibilities, I really avoid cramming since I believe that I can create a better output if I have time for revisions on increments. However, I acknowledge that cramming cannot be avoided despite proper time management in certain scenarios. When I do see myself in that situation, I am giving myself little breaks in each interval while I am getting a breather, I take my mind off work for a minute and do things that are needed for my body like drinking water, eating snacks, or just lying down for a rest. After that, I slowly picked up the pace and resumed working. By doing so, I avoid burnouts and mental breakdowns like most of my classmates' experience during stressful times.

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

I was working for a financial corporation that offers mortgage lending and different types of loans during my OJT period. Back then, I was anxious about committing a mistake since the nature of the business runs financially, and I didn't want to be in trouble for that. However, the accountant gave me a familiar task, but I had no real experience with it, and that was bank reconciliation. I was doubtful while doing it since I only encountered this task through our college lectures. The accountant was very patient with me in correcting my errors, and eventually I learned to do it without her supervision. By doing this task daily, I started to enjoy it, and I even completed reconciling accounts much faster than the first time. I finished a whole year's worth of reconciling accounts in two months. This proves that nothing is easy the first time. Struggles and hardships are part of the learning process that we must go through. And even the most challenging task could be the most enjoyable to you if you put your heart into it.

4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?

In my OJT period, I was very shy and quiet on my first day. My colleagues and managers see me as an introvert and very timid in their first impression of me. It continued for weeks as I'm taking time to warm up to them and get used to the environment. Halfway through the OJT period, I started to get comfortable with some colleagues of mine. As I heard from them, they often complimented me for being serious with my work, in the way they described that it was difficult for them to get me off the computer. Some would say that I am curious because I asked a lot of questions about their work. Additionally, they assumed that I was so secretive since I rarely talk to them about my personal life. I would like to interpret this by being confidential in my work handling company information. Furthermore, the manager described my work ethic as being professional.

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

I am a reserved person. I don't usually engage with people most of the time, especially if they are new to me. I wanted to improve myself and gain additional skills that would benefit me after graduation. In my efforts towards professional growth, I attended workshops and seminars that would help me develop skills that enhance my communication and collaborative skills, and one of those is my training at TESDA. I am proud of my training with TESDA, as I gained my NCII for contact service. This training molded me to be ready for a conversation since we did unannounced mock calls most of the time. This also boosted my self-esteem, as my trainer recognized me as one of her lists for recommendations to call centers despite being socially anxious. I think that by continuing to apply my learnings here, I can further my career and achieve more personal and professional goals in the future.