Common Interview Questions

**Personal**
1. Tell me about yourself.
2. Describe your ideal job.
3. Of which three accomplishments are you most proud?
4. Who are your role models? Why?
5. How does your college education or work experience relate to this job?
6. What motivates you most in a job?
7. Have you had difficulty getting along with a former professor/supervisor/co-worker? How did you handle it?
8. Where do you want to be in 5 years? 10 years?
9. Since attending college, what is the toughest decision you have had to make?
10. Why do you think you are the best candidate for this position?

**Education**
1. Why did you choose your major?
2. Why did you choose to attend your college or university?
3. Do you think you received a good education? In what ways?
4. In which campus activities did you participate?
5. Why did you choose these campus activities? What did you gain? What did you give?
6. What is your GPA? How do you feel about it?
7. Do you think your grades reflect your abilities? Why or why not?

**Career Goals**
1. What appeals to you about the job for which you are applying?
2. Do you prefer to work under supervision or on your own?
3. What other types of positions are you considering?
4. Are you able to work on several assignments at once?
5. How do you feel about working overtime?
6. How do you feel about travel?
7. How do you feel about the possibility of relocating?

**Experience**
1. What job-related skills have you developed?
2. What did you learn from these work experiences?
3. What did you enjoy most about your last employment? Least?
4. Have you ever quit a job? Why?
5. Give an example of a situation in which you provided a solution to an employer.
6. Have you ever done any volunteer work? Tell me about your experience?
7. Describe a project or situation that best demonstrates your analytical abilities.
8. What types of situations put you under pressure, and how do you deal with pressure?

**Joe’s Tips:**
- Prepare 3 or 4 questions to ask the interviewer.
- Ask when you can expect to hear back from the employer.
- If you don’t have the interviewer’s contact information, ask for a business card so you can follow up if they have not contacted you within the specified time.