Common Interview Questions

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

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

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

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

COER’S TIPS
» Prepare three or four 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 a specified time.