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b.e.

Optional-animal husbandry

Board- Aravind Saxena

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Why IPS

What's issue with PNB

How fraud has happened

M1

Relation between Capetown and Bangalore

Water scarcity in Bangalore

Meat and water relationship

Israel model

M2

How to prevent school dropouts

How to improve women participation rate

What needs to done for ensuring safety of women

M3

Opinion about cauvery judgement

Vishy Anand should retire??

Ur opinion

Ground water exploitation

Prevention

M4

Reasons for drug addictions

Prevention

Difference between drug abuse and addiction

Positives and negatives of movies on society

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Is social media is also addiction?

2. Username - Codebook on forumias

Board : Arvind Saxena (5th April FN)

Profile : Jharkhand state, IIT, graduate in Computer science , Software job 1.5 yrs, Geography optional, 2nd attempt

CH :

1. What is Quora? (My hobby)

2. Why did you leave your job?

2. Why seats in airplane are not inclined at the time of take off ? Why windows are open at take off ?

3. What is Free basics? Why govt denied? Don't you think poors wd benefit from this? What message govt sending to private sector? Your opinion?

4. Big flag hoisted at Attari border? Is that good step? What will we get from that? BSF vs pak Army bagha border

M1:

1. What is Biosphere reserves and importance? How they are different from National parks? Number of Biosphere? UN and India designated?

2. Have you heard about CRZ(Coastal regulation zone), importance?

3. Difference bw terrorism vs eco terrorism,

4. 3 major env problem, at national and international level,

5. climate change. Impact on Indiaa?

6. what is Jharkhand famous for?

Major minerals.

M2:

1. Netarhat, famous IAS alumni? (My school).

2. What is Brexit, impact on India? Good or bad? Indias investment in UK? Few factual like why David cameron resigned, when is the exit date? How exit ll start? Article 50

3. Shashi tharoor demanding reparation and apology from Britain? Why people not supporting him? Your stand?

4. Few countries apologised to India for their past deeds, name them? Canada apologised for what? Kmoagata maru, what and why happened? What was legal issue involved?

M3:

1. State facing Malnutrition problem, why happening and how will you solve? How to implement policies in better way?

2. As a DM of your district facing naxal problem . How to tackle?,What will be your core strategy ?

3. Human trafficking esp Girls in State , why happening , measures?

4. fav author? Alchemist, Message learnt?

5. Gaya tourism..famous places?

M4:

1. Credit rating agencies problems? Private companies vs sovereign country What to do? South africa given junk status, India worried

2. FTA effect on India? Shd we conclude more FTAs? Problems?

Liberalisation in service?

3. Singapore h1b visa issue? What to do?

4. Mica districts in Jharkhand?

5. music lovers in your state (random question)

6. Nigeria student attacks, are we racist? What to do?

CH : Thank you, interview is over.

3. Atique from Hyderabad

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Chairmen:

1.btec ece and why other job?

2.what is recent news

Iran strategic importance

3.Neonatal mortality why its is high?what needs to be

Govt schemes

4.why solar power tariffs are not coming down

How it effects thermal power

Member 1:

1.Benefits of gmo

Do u suggest it for food security.what is ur view

2.why geography optional

3.monsoon in north and south

4.cyclone and prevention

Member 2 lady:

1.why u did btech then?

What made u change ur minf

2.old people shd stay at old age or at home?

3.demonetisation impact on informal sector

4.what made u think it effcted informal sector

5.any data source?

Member 3:

1.how u learnt dance?

2.did u perform on stage?

3.ap capital progress

4.what are demannfs by andhra govt?

5.are people happy with land pool?

Member 4:

1.human trafficking in hyderabd

Why its high

What to do

2.cotton suitability and geographical conditions?

Thank you

4. ARVIND SAXENA Sir's Panel

CM:

Some basic about job (part time working)

Why IAS

5 basic qualities of an administrator

Qualities that you've -which will make you a good admin

Any weakness

Situation ques: how will you deal with an indisciplined subordinate?

M1:

PNB Fraud- auditor's role & responsibilities

Maldives: why India is interfering?

What does your NGO (extra curricula)

Why do you like old Hindi songs (hobby)

Why increase in Mutual investment

USA Gun issue

M2:

Why Nausheen came to India?

UP L&O problem: recent initiatives taken by Govt

Name scheme for women empowerment

Technology behind DMRC

M3:

Blockchain technology (what & use in finance)

LTCG tax- why?

What is Reverse mortgage

Reason for pollution in River Hindon

M4 (Lady member):

View on emergency

Is India a strong democracy?

How tusser silk is made?

Heard about ahimsa silk?

CM: What is deep state

Do we have deep state in India?

Thankyou.

5. Unknown

Electronic graduation . 2 years in Chandigarh. Yoga hobby

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Chairperson

1. What is corresponding address and permanently address in DAF
2. Why taken psychology as optional
3. What is Psychology testing
4. How psychology testing help in personal selection in organisations for honesty
5. Will this work
6. So is psychology testing gives 100 percentage accuracy
7. Rohingya issues . Jammu and Kashmir police said no FIR against Rohingyas .so what is India stand
8. Is it good ?

M1

1. Haryana issues: violence against Dalit
2. Why it is increasing
3. Trekking hobby
4. What you learnt by trekking
5. Sports in India is not giving medals ? Why
6. Haryana is doing good is sports why
7. How can this model be initiated in India

M2 .

1. Problem of Delhi pollution

2. Reasons ?

3 top priority among these causes

M3.

1. Did mtech in Chandigarh. So why Chandigarh residents follow road rules ?

2. Psychology reasons for this behaviour

3. What will be the solution for other districts

4. Yoga

5. Benefits of Surya namaskar

6. How it helped you

M4

1. Why electronic import is 400 billions in 2020 .?

2. What can be done for it

Thank you.

6. Unknown

Chairperson Arvind Saxena sir

Why so long hairs?

Why did you cut?

they were looking good.

I want to go to South sudan by land.. guide me with shortest route!!

What you have been doing since these many years?

Instead of Make in india. I think we should adopt protectionism. Our industries are getting hurt.

2 couter questions.

Madam(elegant madam in purple saree):

What is Hornbill festival?

What do you like the most about Northeast?

there was exodus in NE..(pata nahi kitna lamba kuch bola..top class angrezi me)..

I asked madam I did not get you

I am asking there are so many positives of Social media but also so many negatives.. Why what could be done.

our farmers are dying. What can we do?

M3:

How can we increase Farmer's Income?

What do you do in this analysis(hobby)?

what is this hobby?

Long Explanation.

What is India's GDP.

which position

M4:

What do you cook?

Is futures helpful for farmers?

What is E-Nam?

(2 CQ)

Should Agriculture be taxed?

(1 CQ)

M5:

Why glaciers are receding ? What will be the effects?

Interlinking of Rivers.. How can we go with it?

(within it he asked about Ken Betwa link)

Aren't we imposing development of Tribals? What should be done?

2 more questions ..missing.

Thank you.

(You will not realise what the word cordial actually means. Till the time you give interview.

F**king cool people.. mocks ne to faad ke rakh di thi.

Around 10 minutes :P .. time dekha nahi..but it was around 23-25 mins.

I was sitting there wishing not to go.. (abhi to shuru hi hua tha)...

7. Unknown

Chairperson - Shri Arvind Saxena

Optional - PSIR

Hobbies - Psephology, flute

Chairperson -

1. Why are you learning psephology?
2. Are opinion polls biased?
3. So much money is spent on opinion and exit polls. There is no value in them except for entertainment purposes. What is your view?
4. But voter behaviour can be studied after the election results as well. Aren't opinion polls and exit polls a waste of money?
5. Political adviser to the Bangladeshi PM gave a statement that India should choose its friends carefully in Bangladesh. Did you read it? Why did he say that?
6. Don't you think as a multi-party democracy, India is right in speaking against the state of democracy in Bangladesh?
7. In the light of recent scams in the corporate world, do you think govt. should put a ceiling on the salaries of executives in corporate world?
8. You have given both views but which do you personally support; free market or accountability?
9. Civil servants are subjected to higher degree of accountability than common man or executives in the private world. Is it desirable? What is the rationale behind it?

Member 1 -

1. If you become an IFS officer, which language will you choose to learn and why?
2. Tell me about the Indo-Sri Lanka relations, tracing the trajectory from 1980s; what were the major developments, in which areas did we do well and in which areas could we have done better? Also, talk about the increasing role of China there.
3. Having studied in an institution set in a historical setting, do you think the state of historical monuments in India is up to the mark?
4. Do you think privatisation can be a way forward in this area?

Member 2 -

1. Hans J. Morgenthau spoke about the concept of balance of power. How relevant is this concept in present times?
2. How many Union Territories are there in India?

3. Name them.

Member 3 -

1. What qualities are required in a leader with regard to street plays?
2. What are the major reasons for JNU being in the news for last 2-3 years?
3. Do you think there is corruption in public life in India?
4. Have you read about criminalisation of politics? What are your views?

Member 4 -

1. What is the difference between Marxism, Socialism and Naxalism?
1. Talk about the Gwalior gharana of music.
2. Since you studied psychology, tell me the difference between conscious and subconscious mind.

Chairperson -

Thank you. Your interview is over. All the best.

8. Niranjana Kumar

Board: Arvind Saxena

Date: 21st Feb, Afternoon session, 4th to enter in the room

Home District(Nawada)

Q. Tell me the most significant thing of your district.

A. Pawapuri Temple

Q. Is it on flat ground or Hill top?

A. Sir I have not been able to go there till now.

Home State (Bihar)

Q. There is an annual incident which connects Nepal and Bihar. What is that?

A. Floods

Q. Why there is floods every year?

A. Release of water by Nepal, Deforestation in Nepal

Q. What do you suggest to minimize the impacts?

A. Answered

Q. Are you aware of one policy introduced in last year to improve the social-economic status of people of Bihar?

A. Prohibition

Q. Do you support this move?

A. Yes Sir

Q. Why?

A. Answered

Q. But there are some negatives attached to it also.

A. Told them the negatives

Q. But you support this move?

A. Yes Sir

Q. On one hand we see the great religious history of Bihar like the great personality of Buddha, Mahavir but on the other hand we have also seen the incidents like Bhagalpur incident, kidnappings, hatred etc. How do you justify this contradiction?

A. Sir level of religious togetherness in Bihar is still great but the incidents like kidnapping etc are the result of poor governance and law and order problems so we cannot correlate these two things.

Hobby: Stairs counting, Teaching slum children

Q. What is this Hobby of Stairs counting?

Q. Your one hobby is teaching slum children, how do you get time?

Q. There are huge slum population, so how do you select the slum in which you teach?

Achievements: Won a prize in Robotics

Q. What was your project in Robotics?

Q. What are the social benefits of Robotics and AI?

Graduation: Mining Engineering from IIT(ISM) Dhanbad

Q. Are you aware of Paris Climate deal?

Q. What is America's position?

Book reading no where mentioned in DAF

Q. What kind of books do you read?

A. Sir only curriculum books

Q. Any fiction, Non Fiction?

A. No sir. Not till now.

Work Experience: Coal India Limited

Q. You have worked for so many years in Coal India, was you not liking your job?

Q. You worked in Coal India, what was your roles?

Q. There is a problem of coal shortages in Thermal Power plant. Why is it?

Q. What has government done in this regard?

Q. Tell me some of the CSR activities of Coal India?

Q. What is the annual CSR budget of Coal India?

Q. What do you do with the water which is pumped from the mines?

Q. There have been incidents of people dying while cleaning manholes, one technique from mining which you can use here to save people's life?

Q. What are the environmental hazards associated with mining?

Q. In recent years' youth are getting radicalized, what is the reason which has contributed to increased radicalization?

Q. What is the solution?

Q. How will you create jobs for them?

Q. What will you do as a DM to stop the radicalization of youth?

Q. What is the difference between radicalization and extremism?

Q. Can we identify the radicalization of youth in initial stages?

Q. What are the signs which we can see in initial stages?

Q. In recent years, radicalization has increased in Jammu and Kashmir. Why?

Q. What is the solution?

Present Service: IRS-IT

Q. What is tax haven?

Q. What is round tripping?

Q. If income tax has been paid in India as per law, can the same money be used illegally in Tax havens?

Q. Are you aware of one SC judgement banning the convicted leaders from leading a party?

Q. Do you support this?

Q. Then why is not a legislation being passed in parliament for the same?

Q. What is media trial?

Q. What is the present system of regulation?

Q. What should we do?

Q. Should corporates be banned from owning media houses?

No question on my optional subject Chemistry.

No questions on Cadre preference

9. ketan:

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Which newspaper, why, migration from india as brain drain, gdp n measure of inequality, decline in cattle trade,

Polio what, why pulse mode, (daf)

Skills, jobs, adhar, bank privatization, why psb have high npa, why tax necessary,

zoology, bharatpur ecosystem, zoology syllabus and proposed cut down of syllabus, bt cotton,

Padmavat, jauhar, khilzi, neemrana, south korean n japanese, tourism, ghg, biodiversity and climate change.

10. sumeet gatt:

Date 27 Feb

Graduation :marine engg

Optional: geography

Work exp: merchant navy 2years

Chairman: Arvind saxena

Qualities of administrator

Weakness in admin

Interests in Afghanistan

How to deal with Taliban

Views on celebrity endorsements morality

M1

Infrastructure projects in haryana

Why delays in infra projects

H1b visa issues what and what impact

M2

Haryana adverse sex ratio

Gurmeet ram Rahim case where we failed?

11. Girish Yadav

Hobbies-Reading, watching Hollywood movies, travelling

Optional- History

28/2/2018

Afternoon session

Chairman- Arvind Saxena Sir

Ch-

Good afternoon,

take a seat.

Sir read some points in my daf loudly. like Engineering, Cgpa, hobbies etc.

Why do you think hardware sector/manufacturing not developed in India, though the software sector sky rocketed?

If we can send mission to mars why not developed hardware sector?

There is ongoing statue building near mumbai , why maha govt bulding such tall statue?

Why to build it, though i respect shivaji maharaj?

What are the news/events you read in today's newspaper?

Do you think media giving much attention to srivedi's death?

Lady Member M1:

Why tourism sector is not performing well?

What is the major issue?

You talked about security of tourists, how it can be promoted?

If only awareness suffice?

(she added tourism policing)

What do you think our priorities in railways?

Opinion about bullet train.

Is there any Historical cultural linkings of India with Central Asia?

Original Place of Kushanas?

Any other dynasty?

M2

What is your favourite book? (hobby)

Is it something fictional or happened actually?

What is your favourite character from history?

Why so?

Tell something relevant to common man.

Asked something about economic/societal difference between Japan and India.

M3

Your optional is history. So tell me the major battles in the history of Marathas.

What about Guerrilla warfare?

Which is area famous for such warfare?

Which are cooperative industries in your area?

Why flourished in Western Maharashtra?

(earlier I told about sugar industries)

So what about dairy industry.

M4

What's the difference between electrical and electronics?

Is there something about voltage level?

You love Hollywood movies and tigers too, how come?

If there should be compulsory education for political leaders?

What is cloud computing?

Why term 'cloud' used in it?

If u can access others computer using it?

If u compulsorily require network?

If u can access others computer from here only or it can be done only in companies like Tcs through large networks?

Thank you.

12. Sudhir Patil

6/3/2018 FN

Hobby- Teaching

Arvind Saxena Sir

5 members

Time- 35-40min

Chairman

1. Name is Father (Dnyanoba) is D silent?

2. College n Placement

3. Sectors in which my colleagues went into?

4. Shouldnt we focus on food, housing n water instead of Digital India/Mega Schemes first?

5. Benefits of Digital India can't we do with radio?

6. Why are we investing in such lofty projects when we are not able to provide employment to youth... Why is youth of India isn't asking for it?

7. Why are we having people doing manual work at sevege treatment n getting affected by poisonous materials

8. What are the methods to solve this problem

M1

1. What are Repo n Reverse Repo rates?

2. How are they helpful?

3. What is the range of inflation we are targeting?
4. What will happen when it comes below the lower target range?
5. Effects on Foreign trade
6. What if it goes very high, still is it good for foreign trade?
7. Isn't employment getting affected because of Artificial Intelligence?
8. Who will get affected most?
9. How to make sure that employment is created in this scenario

M2 Lady

1. Education- ASER report, what is it?
2. What is the recent controversy?
3. Is it related to Methodology?
4. What they should have done?
5. What is the ideal mechanism of such report preparation?
6. What is the difference in University and UPSC teaching methodology?
7. What is this Guinness record?
8. What were the organisational challenges?
9. Was it difficult to manage such a large number people?
10. What made you do this?

M3

1. What is your opinion on Smart City initiative, eg Pune
2. How do we create cities tourism friendly/Tourist destination? And Smart city?
3. What should be the larger objective?
4. As a DC what steps you will take about water scarcity in Latur?
5. What is government doing/What are the initiatives
6. Vietnamese President visited India?
7. Isn't India making China angry by having military relationship with Vietnam? When we are dependent on China for trade?

M4 Lady

1. Latur- is it disaster prone are?

2. Is it earthquake sensitive region?
3. Are there any government initiative to prevent damages?
4. Building Code- is it applied?
5. Why many cities are getting flooded now a days, take example of Mumbai, reasons
6. Mechanisms to deal with it n who takes responsibility
7. What are the disaster management bodies in India

I hope I have been able to recollect all the questions. If anything left will post later.

I thought it was more of a rapid fire. Panel was very cordial. Saxena Sir's personality is quite intimidating. He ask you questions as if he is irritated about that questions. He doesn't give expressions too. Otherwise other members were very cordial enough.

Mistakes

- 1 Didn't wish when I entered, actually Chairman did then I did wish them all.
- 2 Couldn't save Have a good day, they seemed busy immediately
- 3 I think I have interchanged meaning of Repo n Reverse Repo rate.
- 4 Couldn't answer what is the controversy related to ASER report.

13. Saranya. TN. ECE. Agri background

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- 1.What is 3D printing and explain it's working
- 2.shopian firing case is the judgement right?
- 3.If you are a DM of your district how will you improve tourism potential?
4. Cauvery dispute issue?
- 5.Is our foreign policy regarding Maldives and srilanka right?
- 6.How will you use ECE in administration?
- 7.Why Western ghats is eco sensitive? How to protect?
- 8.Two committees of Western ghats?
- 9.Does tamilnadu has state song? Is it sung always
- 10.Is India sending confusing signal to the world?
- 11.Have you seen movie 3 idiots?What is the message of it?

12. What is your favorite film of Sridevi? Movie name?

13. Difference between 2 committees of Western Ghats?

14. Does India need permanent friends?

15. What is Ponzi scheme?

14. Ashis:

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06/03/2018

Afternoon session

2nd last to go.

B.Tech Mech + 4 Years work experience

Jogging, Meditation and Teaching

Odisha

Ch:

1. Justin Trudeau episode.. PM of a state. .. With wife and kids. ... was it correct on Indian part for the kind of treatment?

2. Section of Indian diaspora called 'Republican Hindu coalition' in USA supported Trump during election. Do you think it was right on their part to use the word Hindu there?... (direct hit from boundary)

3. How is the diaspora community helping India?

M1 (Lady)

1. Olive Ridley turtles.mass nesting timing around the year? Why numbers decreasing? What steps has the government taken?

2. you have been in so many places around the country, what difference have you found among the people and their culture?

3. Do you think regionalism is good?

4. what should be done to promote unity in diversity?

M3

1. What is stealth aircraft? (Physics+ Aero modeling club during college)

2. Govt banned the 500 and 1000 Do the high denomination note o

3. which other countries had tried demonetisation and what were the effects?
4. Any other instance when the circulation of money decreases in the market?

M4

1. You were part of BAJA SAE (college activity). What did you learn?
2. Such competitions must be encouraging entrepreneurship, Should government be promoting it?
3. what do you like about jogging?.....have you run any marathon.....what speed do you jog?

M4

1. Changing of name of places. Is it right? Why is it done? Do you support it?
2. How to develop Odisha?

This is all I can recall.

The board was very cordial and allowed me to present my views. Saxena sir was as poker face as it could be. Couldn't make anything from his face. Only time will tell.

15. H S:

Background law: hobbies yoga, reading fiction

Chairman: Arvind saxena

Date: afternoon 09/03/2018

Gurmehar kaur s book: whether I agree with her opinions on Pakistan.

Supreme courts judgment on advance will and euthanasia

M1

Regulatory capture by medical council. Whether the national medical commission is a good step. What are the criticisms against it?

Yoga and diplomacy: does yoga diplomacy have any economic benefits for India?

M2

Why isn't law implemented properly

How to tackle corruption?

M3

Ins tarini;

why are women not allowed in combat positions in the army?

Israel diplomacy whether India is on the right path?

M4

Citizen charter

Electoral funding transparency

Why did you choose to become lawyer.

Comments: the Chairman was very polite. Other board members were also kind. Read the news of that day as I was asked about the Supreme Court judgment of the same day.

16. ashutosh:

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pub ad, electrical engineer, working in urban development ministry

1st one in afternoon

Ch: Why engineers unemployable? (2-3 cross questions)

India-china relations, why deteriorating, doklam issue, asked about recent statement of defence minister on doklam, cpec and india's reservations.

M1: Should we remove msp completely? I mentioned about deficiency payments and further questions on that.

AMRUT (3-4 questions, job related)

M2: What is standing of Haryana in India?

How to deal with indisciplined subordinate and corrupt senior in present job.

What is the problem of urban congestion, migration(3-4 counter ques)

M3: Housing for all urban component targets? too ambitious? no. of houses built till date?
What is the major problem of HFA? Solutions

What is CISF? Role? why waste money on cisf instead give responsibility to local police?

M4: Why choke in tube? Role of condenser in fan? Ulb's and their source of revenue and problems? Something related to deficiency payments could not understand...

CH: Thank you. Your interview is over.

All faces were serious especially the chairman was poker faced. No light moments.

17. Name- Avinash Singh

History optional

Hobbies- Diary Writing and Motivational Videos.

BE(2014)

22nd Feb ,Arvind saxena board,first one to go,10.05 am to 10.35 am

CH- Reading out basic details(name,graduation,etc) and said he is from Gujarat(I am from UP , but temporarily residing in Gujarat) and I said yes.

Ok, your college is good. Tell me something about placement in your college.

ME- Sir, placement is held at GTU campus where companies visit. Around 20 student got placed in L&T etc.

CH- Did you sit for placement?

ME- No sir.

CH- Why ?

ME- Sir, my father is in government service, so I wanted a govt job.

CH- Are you in job or selected somewhere ?

ME- Sir, I got selected through CAPF 2016.

CH- Which department you were allocated ?

ME- BSF

CH- Havent you joined ?

ME- Sir, I am yet to join and will be joining when CH asked 'will you join'.

CH- We are seeing some case of fratricide, low morale among jawans regarding leave etc. As a commanding officer, how will you deal with it ?

ME—Sir, I will clear out priorities like first priority will be towards our service, guarding LoC etc and if I can allow leave within law, will grant, but if not then will try to motivate him about our priority as well as try to have some alternatives.

CH- We see there is chances of national security etc to be compromised while using mobiles for contacting family,uploading video etc . So, I think we should not allow the use of Mobile. What is your opinion ?

ME- Sir, we are a democratic nation and soldier are working round the clock so they need mobile,etc to contact their families. But we can have some SOPs, restriction on using social media etc.

CH- So you are favouring for mobile ?

ME-Sir, yes and I will also give one particular example like my father is posted at Kutch border where there is telephone booth from where he calls me twice/thrice a week. So, we can have such similar arrangement.

CH remarked- Ok. So you are talking about community telephone. I said yes.

CH- What do you write in diary and why ?

ME- Sir, I write my daily activities, and it helps me to express myself, helps in maintaining the discipline of writing daily as well as to know my emotions and to visit my memorable events when I have spare time.

CH- Do you like to read and why ? So, what you have read in last 6 month apart from your syllabus ?

ME—Sir, I love to read about ancient history. I haven't read any book, but I used to read about kings.

CH- Which newspaper you read(I said- IE, TH).Have you read the TH today ? Tell me today's article in OPED page?

ME- yes sir, it was related with ISRAEL policy with Syria and middle east.(CH- No, I am

talking of OPED page). Sir it was related with remittances.(CH- tell me the crux) . Evolving nature of remittances as well as dependency on it with special emphasis on kerela.

M1-India is not taking correct approach in Maldives crisis. Whats your take on it ?

Me-Sir, this time situation is different and we have rising China and we cant have zero sum game with China. Its better to have wait and watch and built global consensus to pressurize Maldives.

M1- What was earlier stand and you are not favouring invasion of Maldives ?

Me- Sir, earlier in op. CACTUS 1988 there was appeal from government so we helped but this time there is demand from Nasheed and not from Govt. so we cant act aggressively as it may affect our own interest like in NEPAL when we put economic sanction. However if Maldives public demands India help, then being a responsible nation, India can help her.

M1- What do you think is it right on the part of INDIA to have shown cold shoulder to CANADA leadership ?

Me- Sir, there were some issue related to Khalistan in past years , but we shouldn't have shown cold shoulder since we are known for our hospitality as well as we have 3% PIO in Canada.

M1- Do you know of Naga accord and why we need integration camp in NAGALAND(I have done 1 camp in Nagaland).

Me- Sir, historically Nagaland has been out of mainstream and in 1951, 99% supported for independence then we have 1963 formation of separate state of Nagaland and in 1975 Shillong

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accord. Finally in August,2015 we have peace accord(NSCN-IM) which is not yet made public and there are some contentious issues related to Nagalim demand and there are more than 20 tribes each claiming representing Naga issue. Since, Nagaland forms integral part of NE,the gateway to ASEAN and to bring Nagaland into mainstream we have integration camp in Nagaland.

M2- Tell me why legislation is not able to succeed in Rural education ?

Me- Talked of RTE and its failure citing ASER report.

M2- Dropout rate?

Me- Sir, I didn't know the exact data, but its higher in classes 6th to 10th (He was expecting female dropout).

M2- Ujjwala scheme and its benefit and how are targets identified?

Me- Ujjwala is about LPG distribution , women empowerment and health like reducing indoor pollution. Target is based on BPL criteria(I asked Sir, I don't have exact knowledge but can I try so he said yes,then I answered).

M2- Declining value system in forces and other dept and what you will do ?

Me- General answer like Yoga, motivation,regular interaction, ethics classes etc

M3- what are the lessons of History. Answer in 1 sentence ?

Me- United we stand, divided we fall. Like we saw in Turkish,Mughal and finally entry of British and partition in India.

M3- What did you observe today while coming here?

Me- Sir, I was living in flat so I took a cab to Upsc, in between I was huge traffic and crowd in early morning which is not seen in Gnadhinagar where I live as well as there were garbage piles burning causing huge pollution despite delhi being heavily polluted.

M4- So, how will reduce traffic problem?

Me- Sir, in delhi we can try U shaped loop like in Gandhinagar we have and it will help in reducing congestion as well as proper following of traffic signal as well as emphasis on alternate mode of transport and use of public transport.

M4- There is no space in delhi, so how will you do it ?

Me- Sir, we need holistic approach like developing nearby areas so that crowd can move there and developing line like today I saw Magenta lines(in construction) to cater more public

M4- Why Engg/Docs moving towards CS. Why we don't have Sundar pichai type persona ?

Me- Asked 30 sec to think and then Talked of poor condition like gave example of Gujarat Engg colleges poor employment and thus moving towards CS. However nowadays we are having StartUps where youth are moving there etc. (He said I am talking of research etc and then said ok leave it)

LM- First female to have solo flight but crime against women is increasing etc so it doesn't mean much ?

Me- Mam, It matters a lot as it gives moral strength to other halves that they are not confined to house only and they will compete with their counterparts etc etc.

LM- Have you seen any female struggle(I was about to say my Mother, but she said obviously not your mother)who has bring some reforms.

Me- Talked of pandita ramabai.

LM-Earlier in your answers you talked of kings and then democracy so isn't it contradictory . History is all about kings ?

Me- Mam, History is very vast not just limited to kings and political history but also includes Social,Economic, Environmental history. And I am inspired by kings who have done something good for nation.(CH nodded his head and said he is talking of Nation building kings)

LM- Tell me any 3 marvellous structure in India?

Me- Qutub Minar, Taj mahal(She was not satisfied and said I am talking of post independence) then I said DAMS, and since I was born in early 1990s so I saw the rise of METRO, and now there is talk of bullet trains etc. She said Ok.

CH- Ok, Avinash. Your interview is over. All the best

Observation- Very cordial board, and there was no uncomfortable question .

18. Tanmay:

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Tanmay V Sharma

Profile- IIT Bombay, Electrical Engineering,

Research Internship in France, Another Internship in Goldman Sachs

Two Year work Ex in Goldman Sachs

19th March, Forenoon session

4th to go around 12pm

Lasted for about 25 mins. Don't know for sure.

Abbreviation:

C- Chairman

M1, M2, M3, M4- members

Disclaimer: This is my recollection and I might have missed a few questions. Also some words in this transcript may have been modified that what was uttered in the real interview. I undertook three mocks Chanakya, NextIAS, KSG. Mocks were not very close to the real interview but the interview was closest Chanakya Mock.

C- Read about my profile. Asked is macroeconomics just a guessing.... Then he explained the context that 1997 crisis, queen of England convened meeting of top economist and talked about their inability to predict the crisis.

Me- I talked about ex RBI governor and he hinted about 2007 crisis

C- That's just a one off case

Me- I talked that institutions should pick up the signs from such one off cases, also said something related to how macroeconomics is not guess by talking about Fiscal Deficit, etc predictions of economists.

C- Do you follow current events.... He said something about recent happening in Bangladesh?

Me- I have read a news that boats carrying arms from China are being captured in Chittagong and they were destined to create trouble in North East and also in 2018 Bangladesh Election

C- he talked something about how we say Bangladesh is friendly to us but so much Chinese influence... What's my opinion?

Me- every country looks for its national interest... so Chinese cheap finance are being utilized by them... but they also consider our interest while making strategic decisions.

C- Should we promote democracy in Bangladesh... said that 2009 elections were fixed. Zia now in jai. So should we help one lady and her party (he didn't name her-Shiekh Hasina) to maintain power or promote democracy?

Me- Generalist answer that we need to look out for what is best for us and if current regime is more friendly that we should support her. Maintaining democracy is an internal matter of Bangladesh. We would like Hasina to win democratically. In the same way we are trying to protect democracy in Maldives.

C- Maldives...he talked about current issue. Should we make such statements - like protecting democracy there- when we cant do anything? Its so small even then they are not listening. Your opinion?

Me- I talked that we don't want to look aggressive in region- will impact other neighbours. But if situation demands we may intervene just like we did in past. C- but that was on the call of their president... Me- Right sir. C- so should we make such statements... Me- I told that Foreign service would have thought through this. C- ok you are giving them benefit of doubt, but what's your opinion. Me- I have read that we could have intervened within the first 48 hours before China intervened and after that we missed that opportunity. It reduces our credibility when India makes such statement.

C- Since you have worked in GS, tell me why tax havens are allowed to exist? They are a mechanism to save billions of dollars by Corporates. Why no action is taken against them?

Me- Talked about the steps taken by India- DTAA with Cyprus, Singapore and Mauritius. The tax havens are sovereign country and free to decide their tax policies. C- but US intervened in Iraq, etc.. and these tax havens are so small, why no action then? Me- Sorry

sir, I am not sure.

M1- Discussed PNB reform. Does it affect foreign investors sentiments.

Me- talked about macroeconomic stability is questioned and thus yes it affects investors sentiments.

M1- What measures would you recommend as a representative of Fin min because it affects our economy?

Me- I told systemic reforms required, RBI power increase, ensuring accountability of culprits. The scam is about 11k crore so not very huge from macroeconomic point of view. Therefore, we should take aforementioned steps actions.

M1- What short Term measure can you recommend?

Me- // had no

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good answer- I believe he was hoping something on the lines of Fugitive Economic Offender Bill// ...couldn't tell anything concrete ...M1- ok so your are suggesting systemic changes. Me- yes. M1- ok

M2- Read my Daf, I have a personal question to ask, Me- sure... M2- Why do you wish to join government given you had a good job

Me- told my reasons which also included contributing directly to people life

M2- he talked about how can we quantify anyone's contribution.. Do economists not contribute?

Me- gave my defense - they do contribute, private sector and public sector both contribute. I want to work in the government at district level in the field.

M2- Jan 26 guest ASEAN. Difference between Look East and Act East.

Me- three Cs- Connectivity, Commerce, not able to recall the third C. // It came immediately in my mind once I confessed that I am not able to recall- Culture//. Oil companies exploring in Vietnam, \$200 billion trade target. M1- but this used to happen before also. Me- defense partnership with Vietnam, stand on South China sea issue. Focus is more on execution part.

M1- What is South China Sea Dispute?

Me- talked about it. I was hoping this question

M2- Does the presence of word 'China' give more credibility to Chinese claim over South China Sea.

Me- No sir, Indian Ocean has India and it doesn't belong to us entirely. (M2 wanted to hear this answer)

M3- You have hobby of cricket, puzzle solving and cooking. What do you cook

Me- Kari Pakoda + Chawal

M3- Something international.

Me- Sir,... paneer related items, nothing fancy though. (It was sort of light talk)

M3- Some finance related question that I cant recall

M3- Since you are from finance background -what is this phrase... bad money invites (attracts) bad money?

Me- I explained what I understood and asked if that's what she meant. She said not exactly but fine.

M3- Why are we capitalizing PSB?

Me- talked about inability to lend. Impact on growth.

M3- Isn't this a case of bad money inviting bad money?

Me- talked about recap plan and that govt is focusing on relatively well performing PSBs during recap.

M3- talked about Mrs Gandhi (Indira) ... nationalization. Do we also capitalize private if they fail?

Me- if systemic risk then yes like did in US. But generally no. PSB because govt is owner of this and responsibility lies on govt. to either sell it off or support it to run.

M4- Renewable. Costly. Why req?

Me- Climate change, cost coming down, ISA, global leadership

M4- France internship. Any place in India that can be developed like Nice (France)?

Me- Goa, Kerala- but already developed. Cleanliness needs to be ensured- SBM.

Connectivity improved - UDAN. May be some other coastal site also.

M4- what new in Indo French relationship in last 5 year?

Me- Nu- Jaitapur, ISA, Counter terrorism, Rafale

M4- anything else in aviation sector

Me- Sorry sir I don't know

M4- Solar or Nuclear?

Me- short term solar due to cost benefit and long term nuclear to exploit Th reserve.

Problem in rapid expansion of nuclear - capital intensive and Nu waste. Solar also creates jobs.

19. vishal s 3/21/18

Chairman- Arvind Saxena sir

- [] What's — my company name — what it does ?
- [] What's organic user acquisition
- [] Artificial intelligence your view
- [] Which country you follow China term limit gone so affects
- [] Government steps for security at border in Arunachal

M1

- [] Hydroelectric potential why not utilised . Why in Bhutan it's done Indian govt but not done in Arunachal
- [] Verrier elwin- contribution .
- [] Tribal panchsheel is it followed

M3

- [] Right wing rise in west .
- [] What about India and China
- [] Is China right or left?

M4 lady member

- [] Where in Arunachal you live ?
- [] Where's oyan- my schooling place
- [] Mini hydel under construction then still why you are saying hydro potential not utilised ?
- [] Tourism potential is it not tapped? Why?

- [] One major reason why human and natural resources of Arunachal not yet completely tapped?

Member 5

- [] Difference between frontier and border
- [] ISIS full form

Arvind Saxena sir - thank you.

20. VS, 3/21/18

Mr.Arvind Saxena Board (first to go in the morning; 10:10 to 10:45)

No Questions from graduation subject and optional. No work experience.

All opinion based questions (except one).

Chairperson

- Which topics do you follow on Quora?
- What is happening in Russia?
- Do you think Russia has done it (killing of spy in UK)?
- Do you think how Mr.Trump is engaging with North Korea is correct?
- Does S.Korea want to engage with North but some external factors are prevention it?
- List 3 things that government should focus on.
- Okay, you have rightly pointed out the order but now tell me why are we focussing so much on digital?
- We have limited resources so why spend it on digital?

M1

- What is the meaning of your name?
- What is this research that you have done? (Follow up questions on it)

M2

- You are a sportsperson. The head of IOC has said that no sport except Cricket can survive in India without government funds. Do you agree?
- Why is cricket so famous?
- We were world champions in both Cricket and Hockey. So, why didn't we focus on Hockey? Why is it not famous?
- What is string of pearls theory?
- Do you think China is actually encircling India or just doing it for it's own development?

M3

- You have spent considerably time in Delhi. There are multiple authorities in India. What do you think about it? (Very open question)
- Is it preventing Development?
- What will you do if you don't clear this exam?
- Should big states like UP be broken up from administrative perspective?

M4

- Do you know who is Ram Chandra Guha? Which books has he written? Controversy?
- What is the conflict with bureaucracy in Delhi?
- What would you do if you were in his position? Good
- Across the length and breadth of the country, which is the best scheme for women empowerment?

Chairperson- Thank you
They were all smiling and so was I :)

31. Aspirant, 3/22/18

Interview transcript :

Board: Arvind Saxena

3rd to go in afternoon

Background: Haryana, commerce optional

Chairman:

1. What does your company do? 2. You are a CA and work in strategy department, how do your profile sync with your profession.
3. You have done your graduation , parallely doing CA, do you think the integrity of CAs is in question a lot today.
4. Do you think there could be something done for the irregularities around.
5. Some more questions on CA followed and counter questions.(don't remember much)
6. Your hobby is reading novels,
And questions related to that

M1: why stock market volatility currently

2. Difference between Indian and US accounting system
3. Why NFRA
4. Oversight mechanisms in accounting
5. Your stand on long term capital gains introduced in budget
6. Why long term capital gains has been implemented again ?
7. Why do you think there are less girls pursuing CA

M2: have you read the book (don't remember the name, as I hadn't read the book)

2. Rohingyas? Who are they?
3. Why Rohingyas are called 'stateless'
4. Why India is not accomodating them much?
5. Your stand on that
6. Which community in India has also been deprived of such privileges in past 50 years or so

M3: Have you heard of chotu lal? Who was he? His contribution.

2. BIMSTEC and his members
3. Why recently India has a tendency to exclude pakistan from regional grouping?
4. What is your stand on that.
5. You stayed in Ludhiana for 2 years, did you notice any pro/ anti pakistani attitude there?

6. What is economy of Ludhiana like ?
7. What is attitude of Kurukshetra(hometown) people towards Pakistan.
8. Which news channel do you follow ?

Chairman: Thank you, your interview is over.

M4 : Sir, I have not yet asked the questions:joy:

M4: Is India a savings based economy or consumption based economy

2. Have you heard of the news about how Central government is using the small savings scheme fund of public these days, it was in today's newspaper.
3. Which do you think is more important? Savings based economy or consumption based.
4. Do you feel we are investing our savings properly.
5. You mentioned that data manipulation and fudging is a matter of personal integrity and choice, but do you think it is business driven?
6. Explain your stand.
7. In one line, tell me how to make the accountants accountable.
8. He mentioned that he had also done law, so they believe 98% of the citizens won't follow a law. If you say the stringent laws should be implemented for accountability of accountants, what will be the benefit ?

Chairman: your interview is over, Thank you.

32. V Sai Vamsi Vardhan, 3/22/18

Aravind Saxena Sir

Btech IT 2010

TCS, PMRDF,

Sociology

NGO, Dairy Farming, RTI

March 20th

Ch - what have you been doing since 2014?

Which service are you in?

Why IAS?

Don't you think the role of IAS declining in the current scenario where minimum government is being a preferred choice?

Don't you think bureaucracy needs innovation?

What kind of innovation needed?

Not at the ground level, what innovation is needed in the structure and processes?

What do you prefer - stable and prosperous neighborhood or unstable poor neighborhood?

Then, why don't you think India should support CPEC as it is expected to bring prosperity for Pakistan?

Don't you think all the three parties come to a table and negotiate for some common good and go ahead with the cpec?

M1 -

How do you see the bifurcation of your state?

Why is that Singapore companies are asked to prepare the plan for your capital city?

Don't you think India does not have the talent to prepare the same plan?
Given that you are in the decision making role, what would you suggest the government between foreign planner or domestic planner?
What has been the issue around Indus water treaty that was in news recently?
Do you think that IWT should be reviewed?

M2 -

Why are the maoists fighting?
Do they have people's support?
What is that existential war?
Have you heard about Gunnar Myrdal? What did he speak about?

M3 -

What are these two organizations that you founded?
What do they do?
Where do you get funds from?

M4 -

What is good governance?
Is there anything bad about governance?
How do you ensure participation of the people?
How do you fight patriarchy and ensure actual women participation in politics?
What is the concept of doctrine in foreign policy - like Gujral doctrine and modi doctrine?
Then, don't you think other prime ministers and other governments don't have such a framework?
Then, why only some doctrines are spoken about?

Ch - OK. Your interview is over.

33. PANKAJ KUMAWAT3/23/18

Name - PANKAJ KUMAWAT

Academic Background – B.Tech in Production and Industrial Engg. IIT Delhi

Optional – Mathematics

State - Rajasthan

Board – Arvind Saxena Sir

Chairman:

- What did your company do where you worked for 2 years?
- Was it chapter of a MNC ?
- What was your role?
- What was name of corporate client you worked with? (said – as code of conduct not advised to take client name)
- Ok, what sector did it belong to ?
- What are MBA students taught in IIMs in 2 years, so they get such a high salary?

Member 2

- Have you heard about mother of all bombs?

- Where was it used?
- Which country is competing with this?
- Should India also develop these heavy conventional weapons?
- Should India cut down strength of Indian army ? (counter on my modernization, teeth to tail ratio etc.)
- What is IoT? Will it change life of people significantly? [explained through examples]

Member 3 (Lady)

- Have you heard about Padmavat controversy?? (some counter Q on that, don't remember exactly)

Member 4

- Have you heard of "Duckworth Lewis"??
- How it calculate target for team batting second?
- Some more Qs

Member 5

- What is that you did not do (as hobby), but would like to do in future??
- 500 pilgrims not granted Visa? Would you allow pilgrims from Pakistan?
- Suppose, they are only pilgrims, would you allow them (counter Q on my answer of sovereignty, integrity, unity first - stick to stand that first intelligence clearance required)

Some other Qs were there during discussion on Qs mentioned above, but don't remember explicitly. I was second to go in afternoon slot 21 March 2018. Interview lasted for 25-30 minutes. Best of Luck to all of you :)

34. Arvind saxena board ,
April 2nd afternoon
Mahender [B.tech](#) (ECE) ,History

Chairman

1. So, what you have been doing after graduation
2. what is this steganography
3. Should India support h1b visa as we (government) are not getting any benefit from it.
4. Is it a good sign that that Nepal is turning towards China
- 5 What do you think about relation between king of Nepal and Yogi Adityanath
- 6 Should we concentrate on the Gulf countries rather than h1b visa of USA

MEMBER 1

- 1 Did Gandhi make a mistake by supporting Khilafat movement
2. Didn't it lead to Muslim sentiments like strengthening of Muslim league
3. Did INC made a mistake by accepting Lucknow pact.
4. Why Gandhi didn't do any satyagrahas for bhagat sikh , sukh dev , rajguru

MEMBER 2 (LADY MEMBER)

1. Tell me three problems of India we currently face

2. Don't you think education is root cause
3. Tell me what would you do as Education secretary
4. Should civic education also be part of curriculum

MEMBER 3

- 1 Who is your favourite character in history
2. Why Asoka was called great
3. 2 peacocks in royal kitchen , have you read it
4. Who spread Buddhism in Nepal and srilanka
5. why Asoka is important for India

Member 4

1. Difference between RSIC and ASIC
 2. Solid substance in ECE
 3. Tell me your favorite subject in ECE
 4. Difference between capacitor and rectifier
 5. Name three mistakes of Lord Mountbatten
 6. Was India right in annexing Goa in 1967, there were Portuguese colonies
- Thank you your interview is over.

35. Rahul, 4/4/18

Arvind Saxena sir board.

First to go. Forenoon session.

Keywords from DAF: PSIR, Jaipur, Bharatpur, Mathura, Rajasthan, Allahabad, Btech IT, IFS 1st preference, reading about Indian foreign relations hobby.

Total time: Between 30-35 minutes.

Questions were in different sequence than mentioned below.

Chairman:

Read out DAF to everyone first.

1. Read newspaper today. Which one.
2. Maldives returning helicopter gift. Why should we bother. India - Maldives relations.
3. How will you be of use in IFS.
4. Which book you recently read on foreign relations. Did you complete it.
5. Do you like to read about sports. Anything else you like to read about.
6. What do you generally like to read in Foreign relations.
7. Fav. countries, area of interest. Tell few issues.
8. Foreign policy goals of India.
9. What r u doing since 2015(graduation). Worked anywhere. Any higher studies plans.
10. Suppose you are Ambassador/High commissioner in some African country. What will you do to improve Indian position regarding investments. Will African countries listen/trust you or they will trust private firms more (something like that, don't remember properly).

Members (3 male members, 1 lady member):

1. OBOR, should India join.
2. Can China isolate India, if we don't join OBOR.

3. Tibet issue, Dalai Lama and tibetan refugees.
4. Rohingya crisis.
5. Syrian refugees to European countries, basic crisis. What is it. How it started. Different actors involved.
6. National interest vs. humanitarian support.
7. Strategic autonomy, it is related to opportunism don't you think. (Used strategic autonomy in one of the answers).
8. Some economic theory regarding trade. (didn't understand at all what he was trying to ask)
9. full form of BASIC language.
10. Major programming languages.
11. Use "If - else loop" in administration.
12. What did you study in IT. Fav subject.
13. What did you do in your AI course.
14. Name 3 robotics/robot motion algorithms.
15. What if you don't get selected, what will you do. If not selected next time as well then.
16. Sangam in Allahabad. Ever visited. Why called Sangam. Rivers.
17. Ganga -Jamuna sanskriti.What is it.
18. Parliamentary vs. Presidential form of govt. Why Parliamentary govt. Should we continue with it.
19. Differences between FRs and DPSPs.
20. How do we implement DPSPs?
21. Right to education act. Why do we need it?
22. You read history for mains. Fav. area in Indian history.
23. Major leaders of freedom struggle.Differences in Ideologies.
24. Bhagat Singh vs. Gandhi.
25. SC rulings in recent years regarding fundamental rights.
26. NAM, what was it. Name founding members and leaders.
27. Do you believe in God (It was out of nowhere). What about your family.
28. Import duties, why countries impose import tariffs. How to increase exports.
29. Recent visit of defense minister, where.
30. Rising protectionism, Will China retaliate more in future w.r.t US tariffs.

Cordial board. Arvind Saxena sir was expressionless. Lady member and one male member smiled couple of times. Questions, mostly related to DAF. Answers, tried to be short and to the point, didn't know/wasn't able to recall a few, also answers could have been better at some places.

36. Manpreet, Sat

Name : Manpreet

Optional : Geography

Graduation : Engineering

Arvind Saxena board (last in forenoon batch)

Date : 05/04/2018

Chairman:

1. (After long story) Is there over focus on terrorism when there are millions dying of hunger, malnutrition in India?
2. Digitisation is leading to more frauds, so should we stop it?

M1

1. What are constitutional provisions on emergency?
2. Is it okay to use agriculture land for development purpose?
3. How will you make land use plan for your area?
4. Will you be strict in using this criteria?

M2

1. Why industry is lagging in Punjab?
2. What is AI? How will you relate it to nuclear systems?
3. What is identity theft?

M3

1. Is there focus on digital literacy as much on digitisation of economy?
2. (After long theory) will you share your ATM pin with your wife? What if she miss uses it?
3. In Panipat agriculture land is taken for oil refinery, is it good or should we stop such industries?
4. What are faults in geography? Are faults good?
5. Is there any faults in our constitution?

M4

1. Do you support operation Blue star?
2. Why Sikh community is against operation?
3. Why USA invaded Iraq?
4. What is demographic distribution of Iraq?
5. Who are Kurds?

Chairman: your interview is over. Thanks.

Over went okay. They all were expression less or with negative expressions. Try to grill a lot but I escaped. Nothing from DAF, only opinion based. I have no clue how much marks I will get.

37. Akash, Sun

Chairman: Arvind saxena sir

Chairman:

Led, what is the future technolog; why not join start-up; is there is rising intolerance due to African students atrocities; what are the reasons for clashes between India and Africans; LNG: project based questions.; How does 5 at star rating is given. Does it Change with the improvement in technology.

M1

How to introduce patriotism in youth; why is it needed?; How to provide sport's for the slums child; what are legal measures taken for senior citizens; integrity Vs honesty

M2

Why Aligarh movie highly acclaimed; why is it contro versial; why badminton has been doing well in earlier times; how to deal with China expansionist policy; what is the area of your engineering you liked?; What are the skills in mechanical which will help in ias? ; Should we use 3d printing?

M3

What is energy conservation; what are industries in Aligarh; after demonetisation, what are the measures taken to improve; what is dark matter?

M4

There is any negative of using solar in agriculture, what is it?; In Delhi, how will you improve energy efficiency.?; There was environment summit in Delhi, what was it all about;

38. BM, Mon

Background: ECE, 4 Yrs at TCS .

Hobby: Flight Spotting.

From Chennai.

Date: 09 Apr 2019 Arvind Saxena Board

Chairman:

1. What is flight spotting?
2. Why do aeroplanes land with their nose up?
3. Why people in Telangana and AP are withdrawing all the money from their account ? What's the issue?

M1:

1. For India to match China's manufacturing, what would be India's greatest advantage ?
2. Do you genuinely believe India can overtake Germany in manufacturing?

M2: (Lady Member)

1. What in your opinion should be the future course of Indian IT?
2. How can India match the foreign nations when it comes to IT skills?

M3:

1. Chennai floods. What was the issue ?
2. Follow up qs based M2 qs.
3. Why Ranganathan Street (T Nagar) is a commercial hub?

M4. (Air force guy)

1. Why civil services. Why not some army or air force?
2. Maldivian Crisis. Was India right in not sending army? Why inspite of all the help

from India, Maldives is going towards China

Almost all qs were bouncers and unexpected. Board was in a hurry as I was the last to go at 1.05PM. Came out at 1.30PM

M1.Q2 Typo: China not Germany.

39. Date: April 2, 2018 Forenoon

Board Chair: Arvind Saxena Sir

Bio/Background details related to questions asked in interview: Female; Andhra Pradesh; IIT, BTech, Bio-engg; IIM, PGDM, General Mgmt; Optional subject English Literature; Worked for a few months in the private sector

Chairperson:

1. Why did you leave your job after working for 6 months? Did you not like it?
2. What were your roles and responsibilities at this company? Please elaborate.
3. Which drugs were you responsible for managing as a product manager?
4. What brand names are these generic drugs sold under in the market, if they entered the market yet?
5. There was talk about biotech revolution in 2013 and beyond. I don't see anything like a revolution ever happened in 2013. All i see is a number of new innovations which have not taken off..like stem cell therapy, cord blood banks. What's your take on it?
6. Is it worth investing so much now on such new technologies when they are yet to be proven to be useful and widely applicable?
7. Do you follow journals of bioengineering or biotechnology to gain conviction in the future of bio-innovations?
8. What kind of news articles attract your attention in a newspaper?
9. What about neighborhood relations of India..does that not interest you too?
10. Tell me what you make of India's stand on Maldives crisis.
11. Do you think India's status was diminished in any way by being told off by a small island country like Maldives? Should India have exerted its stature instead of just standing by?
12. What is the threat perceived by India that influenced its stand?
13. So, how would India's stand on Maldives crisis be looked upon in the long-run?

Member 1 (The only lady on the panel):

1. What are the major reasons behind farmer distress in India?
2. What could be done to address it at the ground level?
3. Is farm loan waiver a viable solution in the long-run? Why do you think so?
4. What could be done to help famers psychologically?

Member 2:

1. You did B.Tech. from such a good college. And scored well too. Then you scored such a low percentage in PGDM. Is it average or low?
2. What was your exact CGPA in PGDM? So, why couldn't you manage a good score?
3. Let's talk about the utility of bioengineering..why do we pursue it if there are so many bioethics concerns?
4. If you were the DM of a district, and you had limited funds at your disposal..who

would you give it to, if you have to choose just one..a 14 year old boy with leg injury or a 60 year old woman with breast cancer? Why?

5. Who would you give the funds to.. if the 14 year old boy has paralysis of the leg, and has a long life ahead, and 60 year old woman with breast cancer would only survive till 70 if she survives cancer? Why?

6. What are the bioethical concerns involved in the decision-making in these cases?

7. Have you seen the film 'The Island' that is on television quite frequently?

8. If the clone technology used in the film were a reality in today's world, would you support it or not? Why?

9. If I were a rich man, who could afford the technology for saving my life, just as shown in The Island film, and if you had the authority to allow it or disallow it, forgetting about broad consensus in law and society, what would you as an individual do..allow me to use it or not? Why?

10. Why so many jumps from B.Tech at IIT to PGDM at IIM to working in the private sector to studying literature? Explain to us.

11. Why English literature..what inspired you?

12. Are you familiar with the works of Vishal Bharadwaj, an Indian film director?

13. Name his adaptations of Shakespeare's plays.

14. How is the theme of Julius Caesar related to what's happening in the world today?

15. Which period in history would you adapt this theme of Julius Caesar in a film based in Indian settings?

16. Why this period..explain the similarities with the play.

Member 3:

1. What is 'women empowerment' according to you?

2. Is a matrilineal society an empowered society? Why?

3. In Meghalaya, there is matrilineal system and there is evidently peace and prosperity in the state..should other states then adopt matrilineal system of property rights and other features of that system?

4. What is your opinion on women leaving their homes, their life behind to go to the husband's home after marriage, instead of men like it happens in Meghalaya?

5. What's the reason behind the clash between the police and IITBHU female students in recent news?

6. Are the laws in our country enough to empower women in India?

7. What needs to be done at the level of laws..should existing laws be improved or new laws be made?

8. What more should be done besides addressing legal systems?

9. At the ground level, what measures should be taken to change mindset to improve the status of women, especially at homes?

Member 4:

1. It is the season of child marriages in the country. Do you know the marriageable age in India?

2. What is the name of the related Act?

3. As a DM, what steps would you take you reduce child marriages in your district?

4. If you were the Head of the Marketing Department of a private company, what components would your marketing strategy comprise?

5. How would you decide pricing of a product in your strategy? Low or high..how?

6. What happens to pricing in a perfect competition scenario?
7. What factors of your marketing strategy you will change in such a scenario?
8. Give some ways in which you can increase sales without changing price?
9. What do you think is the most important feature of Patanjali company's marketing strategy that made it so successful?
10. Explain why the communication strategy of Patanjali company contributed to its success.

Chairperson: Your interview is over. You may leave now. Thank you.

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