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Past Experience

1. Tell us about a time when you worked as a member of a team.
2. Give us an example of a time when you experienced conflict, how did you resolve it?
3. When have you exercised resilience?
4. Have you ever experienced failure? What did you do about it?
5. Tell us how you achieved a significant accomplishment.
6. Tell us about a time you assumed a leadership role.
7. Tell us about a mistake you made and how you handled it?
8. Tell us about a situation where you demonstrated initiative.

Personality/Characteristics

1. Name 3 strengths that you have and why you consider these strengths.
2. How would your friends describe you?
3. Tell us about some of your weaknesses.
4. What skills do you possess that would make you qualified for the position?
5. What five words would best describe you?
6. What is your strongest personal asset?
7. What would you change about yourself and why?
8. How do you cope with stress?
9. Why should we consider you for our program instead of several other equally qualified candidates?

Ethical

1. Are you in favour or against abortion?
2. Are you in favour or against a 2-tier healthcare system?
3. Are you in favour or against allowing immigration to Canada?
4. Are you in favour or against proportional representation?
5. If you are leaving at the end of your shift, and a patient/client walks in - he/she is in utter pain and has no insurance, do you treat them?
6. What problem in the world troubles you most? What would you do to solve it?

Work-Specific questions

1. Why do you want to attend [Insert Institution]?
2. Why do you want to be a [Insert Position]?
3. How will you contribute to our program?
4. What is the most important development in the field over the past 25 years? Why?
5. What challenges do you think you will face in this graduate program?
6. What skills or abilities do you hope to strengthen through our program?
7. What do you think you will hate about this job?

Academic Experience/Performance

1. What are your research interests?
2. What are some major trends in your field of study?

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3. Why did you major in [Insert Major]?
4. Why did you attend {Insert College/University}?
5. How has your undergraduate background prepared you for our program?
6. What course did you enjoy the most?
7. Do you feel your academic record accurately reflects your abilities and potential?

Extracurricular Activities

1. What extracurricular activity has been most satisfying to you?
2. What activities do you enjoy most outside of the classroom?
3. Tell me about any volunteer experiences in which you have participated.
4. What is the most significant contribution you have made to your school and/or community?
5. How do your extracurricular activities adequately prepare you for this position?

Goals/Aspirations

1. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
2. What are your long-term goals?
3. Tell me about a goal you have set for yourself and how you have achieved it or intend to achieve it.
4. What will you do if you are not accepted into our program?
5. Would you describe yourself as goal-driven?

General/Other

1. Pick one person/thing in popular culture and is it reflective of our culture?
 - a. I.e. Are the Kardashians a representation of our culture?
2. Do you have any questions for us?
3. Tell us about yourself.
4. What do you think about [Insert Current Event]?
5. Define success.
6. What was the last movie you watched/book you read and what did you like about it?
7. Tell us about a professor or supervisor that you didn't like and why?
8. If you had to live your life over again, what is one thing you would change?

Abstract

1. Are you more of a hunter or a gatherer?
2. You're a new addition to the crayon box. What colour would you be and why?
3. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday?
4. If you were to get rid of one Province/Territory in Canada, which would it be and why?
5. How would you convince someone to do something they didn't want to do?
6. Describe the colour yellow to somebody who is blind.
7. If you could be remembered for one sentence, what would it be?
8. If you have a choice between two superpowers -- being invisible or flying, which would you choose?

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