

Corsair Society: Recommended Behavioral Questions for Review

Your ability to answer the following 25 questions is 100% necessary; however, this ability is not fully sufficient to meet the expectations of the Corsair Society. Rather, you ought to practice as many behavioral questions as possible. We are providing these questions to ensure you study comprehensively for the behavioral interview.

An Exercise

The best way to rehearse all interview questions is out loud and video-recorded from your laptop. In recording yourself, you can replay your responses and revise your answers. Consider every way in which you communicate, including your body language, posture, and tone of voice. With each iteration, you should aim to improve your clarity and concision. After a few tries, you will be surprised by how much you have improved from your first shot!

Sample Questions

1. Tell me about yourself?
2. Why Banking?
3. Why Corsair?
4. Name three of your strengths and three of your weaknesses.
5. What do you bring to the table that other candidates do not?
6. Tell me about the most stressful week of your life. How did you cope? What did you learn?
7. Tell me about a time you took a risk.
8. Tell me about a time you have had to multitask.
9. Tell me about a deal you are following. Who is working on the deal?
10. Tell me about a time you worked on a team.
11. Tell me a joke.
12. What is your favorite book? Why?
13. What do you do for fun?
14. What are your career goals in the short and long term?
15. What are your principles?
16. Can you discuss a time you were challenged ethically? What did you do?
17. Discuss a time you made a mistake. What did you learn?
18. Teach me something.
19. What is the biggest lie on your resume?
20. What did you learn your freshman year in college?
21. What happened to the markets in 2020?
22. What happened to the markets in 2008?

Other Things to Know

1. Can you name the “Bulge Bracket” banks? Can you name a boutique? What differentiates bulge brackets from boutiques?
2. Can you name the past five Chairmen of the Federal Reserve? Who heads up the European Central Bank? What are the Fed and ECB’s overnight rates?
3. Can you name three CEOs on “Wall Street?” What is so significant about Citi’s new CEO?
4. What does an investment banking analyst do? In what ways do analysts interact with associates, vice presidents, directors, and managing directors?