

# IIT Bombay Interview Questions And Answers Guide.



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## IIT Bombay Job Interview Preparation Guide.

### Question # 1

Describe some problems you encountered in your most recent position In IIT Bombay and how you resolved them?

#### Answer:-

Discuss your work experiences. The key is to show you're calm under pressure and can handle sensitive situations with a clear train of thought.

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### Question # 2

Where do you see your career in five years In IIT Bombay?

#### Answer:-

I would like to retire from this company. I would like to make a difference in the company whether in the company or any other position or area of the company In IIT Bombay.

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### Question # 3

Give me an example of a time when you set a goal and were able to meet or achieve it?

#### Answer:-

Show that you set great goals and the process and steps you took to achieve it. Details really matter here.

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### Question # 4

You have a project due in one hour but a more important emergency that affects business needs to be fixed immediately, what do you do?

#### Answer:-

Focus on the issue that impacts the business most first.

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### Question # 5

How do you keep others informed on work issues?

#### Answer:-

Possible methods:

Talking to them, emailing them, sharing best practices in meetings

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### Question # 6

What do you see yourself doing within the first 30 days of this job?

#### Answer:-

Typically the first 30 days are designed for you to learn as much as possible In IIT Bombay. Work hard to get to know your teammates, how they work together, and how you can make the biggest impact.

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### Question # 7

What's the difference between good and exceptionally great?

#### Answer:-

Being good is getting the job done as promised In IIT Bombay. Being great is delivering the work in an exceptional way that completely exceeds expectations.

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### **Question # 8**

What do you like to do?

#### **Answer:-**

Discuss your passions In IIT Bombay. Ideally if it's work related that's fantastic! If not, talk about your academic / extracurricular passions and WHY you enjoy them. For example: I love playing sports because of the team work aspect - it's fun winning together! (This example shows you're a team player)

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### **Question # 9**

How have you made an impact on your team in the past?

#### **Answer:-**

I would explain and show to him or her best way possible and if they have a better way then I will encourage him or her to let me know then we can see if it works or not In IIT Bombay.

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### **Question # 10**

What is the most irritating thing you've experienced about your co-workers?

#### **Answer:-**

This question is designed to find out if you get along well on team, with other and whether or not you'll be a fit with the interviewer's organization. It's a trap. Think real hard but fail to come up anything that irritated you about your co-workers. A short positive response is best.

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### **Question # 11**

What relevant work experience do you have in this career field In IIT Bombay?

#### **Answer:-**

Talk about specific work related experience for the position you're interviewing for. Make sure the experience is relevant. Don't talk about previous experience that is not related to the position in question. If you don't have specific career related experience speak about prior experience that has helped you develop the specific knowledge and skills required for the position you are applying for.

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### **Question # 12**

Do you have any blind spots?

#### **Answer:-**

This question is often meant to trick candidates since acknowledgment of blind spots would indicate they were aware of them. Also, do not disclose bad habits or other personal concerns. Let the interviewer find out about your personal flaws through the course of the interview without directly stating these flaws.

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### **Question # 13**

Your coworker highlights your mistakes in front of everyone, how do you handle the situation?

#### **Answer:-**

Admit to the mistake without being emotional, but then discuss how you are being proactive in getting it fixed. Lastly, pull the co-worker aside later on to tell them that you'd appreciate it if they gave you the feedback 1:1 first before throwing you under the bus.

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### **Question # 14**

Why are you leaving last job?

#### **Answer:-**

Although this would seem like a simple question, it can easily become tricky. You shouldn't mention salary being a factor at this point In IIT Bombay. If you're currently employed, your response can focus on developing and expanding your career and even yourself. If you're current employer is downsizing, remain positive and brief. If your employer fired you, prepare a solid reason. Under no circumstance should you discuss any drama or negativity, always remain positive.

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### **Question # 15**

How do you adapt to new working environments In IIT Bombay?

#### **Answer:-**

It's important that you demonstrate that you can adapt to changing environments quickly. You want to stress that you can manage change. The one thing in life that is constant after all, is change.

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### **Question # 16**

What is your philosophy towards work?

#### **Answer:-**

This is typically a straightforward question that merits a straightforward answer. Do you have strong work ethic? Will you do whatever it takes to make sure the job gets done? Just say so in your response. Keep it short, direct and positive.



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### Question # 17

What experience do you have In IIT Bombay?

#### Answer:-

The employer would want to know that not only you can do the job but you can make the difference and bring significant contribution - Simple as that. No doubt that this is your time to perform and present yourself - You have to introduce/sell yourself to the interviewer. Prepare your answer based on your qualification, professional experience and what you've already achieved in your previous jobs. This is your time to express why you think that your professional abilities fit into the job and its requirements.

Top 10 employment experience you'd want to review:

- \* Companies you worked for with dates
- \* The positions you've held
- \* Key projects and responsibilities
- \* Achievements
- \* Coursework & continues education
- \* Expertise
- \* Tools you used (software, hardware)
- \* Knowledge of languages
- \* Engagement with customers and key industry leaders
- \* Team work you were involved (and your contribution)

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### Question # 18

If the company you worked for was doing something unethical or illegal, what would you do?

#### Answer:-

Report it to the leaders within the company. True leaders understand business ethics are important to the company's longevity

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### Question # 19

Tell me about a time when you had to give someone difficult feedback In IIT Bombay?

#### Answer:-

By asking this question, your interviewer hopes to learn whether you can communicate effectively, address issues in the workplace and motivate others during difficult times. Giving negative feedback requires honesty, thoughtfulness and tact. Answering this question well can help show an interviewer that you would be a good fit for a managerial position or a position that involves working closely with others.

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### Question # 20

How much are you willing to sacrifice to be successful at work In IIT Bombay?

#### Answer:-

With anything comes sacrifice. The questions is how much of it are you willing to sacrifice with regards to work life balance, stress, etc?

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### Question # 21

Why are manhole covers round?

#### Answer:-

This is a classic brainteaser, which was reportedly first asked by a Microsoft interviewer. Here's how to ""solve"" this brainteaser (remember to speak and reason out loud while solving this brainteaser): Why are manhole covers round? Could there be a structural reason? Why aren't manhole covers square? It would make it harder to fit with a cover. You'd have to rotate it exactly the right way.

The pipes below are also round, so fitting them might be easier, as might be making them. So many manhole covers are round because they don't need to be rotated. There are no corners to deal with. Also, a round manhole cover won't fall into a hole because it was rotated the wrong way, so it's safer. Looking at this, it seems corners are a problem. You can't cut yourself on a round manhole cover. And because it's round, it can be more easily transported. One person can roll it.

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### Question # 22

Do you have good manners? What types of people need to be treated with good manners?

#### Answer:-

You should have good manners. Everyone should be treated with courtesy and respect.

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### Question # 23

How would you feel about working for someone who knows less than you In IIT Bombay?

#### Answer:-

The reality is, the majority of the time someone is in a management/leadership position is because of their experience and past success. So they probably possess at least a unique set of knowledge from you. So you'll want to learn from them as much as possible. If it's not the case, then discuss how you would look for mentors in different departments to help your personal career development.

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### **Question # 24**

What makes a product successful?

#### **Answer:-**

Basing on the monetization, these questions give you the chance to prove your personal try. Do not show extremely your optimism and pursue the unreality. Give your answers the reality.

It is useful to predict a five to ten- year- scenario of expectations in order to gain your targets that you set up and it is the period of time to see how your plans and targets are performed.

Therefore, the quality of the product and marketability of the mentioned industry need to be highlighted. This will help you to achieve the interviewer's attention and insurance to you personality and you can get the honest and long- term goals.

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### **Question # 25**

How do you prioritize your work initiatives In IIT Bombay?

#### **Answer:-**

Discuss how you prioritize your work initiatives based on the company initiatives. For example, if you're in customer service discuss how you're focused on providing the best customer experience.

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### **Question # 26**

Do you value recognition or pay more? Why?

#### **Answer:-**

Either preference is fine, but just remember you have to be able to explain why. If you say recognition, then back that up by describing how achievement really carries weight with you and how you like to feel valued in the work that you do because it validates that you're helping your teammates / customers and so forth. If you choose money, you can also explain that is important to you as validation and you can highlight how money is important to you because of your goals (financial security, providing for your family, and so forth). The key is to be authentic with your answer. However, if you say you value pay more because you're greedy - know that doesn't align usually to most company's values/vision.

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### **Question # 27**

What do you feel you deserve to be paid?

#### **Answer:-**

Do your research before answering this question - first, consider what the market average is for this job. You can find that by searching on Google (title followed by salary) and globalguideline.com and other websites. Then, consider this - based on your work experience and previous results, are you above average, if yes, by what % increase from your pay today from your perspective? Also - make sure if you aim high you can back it up with facts and your previous results so that you can make a strong case.

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### **Question # 28**

What are three positive character traits you don't have?

#### **Answer:-**

List three attributes that you aspire to attain / build in the next few years - and then explain how you would develop those.

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### **Question # 29**

What are ideas or initiatives you've led and what was the outcome?

#### **Answer:-**

Describe your most unique ideas and initiatives that had the best results for the company. Make sure you highlight your creativity, your results, your diligence and your ability to execute.

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### **Question # 30**

How do you imagine a typical day of an employee in our company In IIT Bombay?

#### **Answer:-**

Just do not say that you imagine to only walk and watch what people do. Rather try to show them your attention to details and proactive attitude to job. Mention that you would try to observe the problems, weaknesses as well as opportunities to improve the results and take measures according to it.

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### **Question # 31**

What are your personal skills which make you a candidate for the position In IIT Bombay?

#### **Answer:-**

The list of crucial character traits includes patience, tact, and poise, with personal and cultural sensitivity. One needs the ability to work long hours, with much walking and some physical tasks. But the most important trait of all is to love people and to have the desire to care for them.

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### **Question # 32**

How do you feel about taking on repetitive tasks In IIT Bombay?

#### **Answer:-**

This answer depends on whether or not the job has a lot of repetitive tasks with no variation. If it does, then you would need to be okay with the idea of doing the same task over and over again. If you feel you can offer more than repetitive work, then describe how you would be able to do so.

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### **Question # 33**

How meticulous are you with details?

#### **Answer:-**

Being detailed is important for many types of job roles. Typically you want to highlight how you've done that in previous roles. Example: "Being meticulous is important to me. In my last job, I had to count the money in the register as a cashier to make sure it matched to the receipts down to the last penny." This was to ensure there wasn't any "wrongdoing" at the company by any of the cashiers and I was always accurate in my reports.

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### **Question # 34**

What other companies are you interviewing at?

#### **Answer:-**

Be open and share if you are indeed interviewing elsewhere, but do it in a humble way. This way you don't seem arrogant and the interviewer knows your skills are valued by other companies. This also tends to make them want you more as they know they are competing for your services.

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### **Question # 35**

What's been your biggest success to date?

#### **Answer:-**

Talk about a story / experience about how you achieved success and be sure to share details on the results and outcome. Have it highlight a strong characteristic such as leadership, work ethic and so forth.

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### **Question # 36**

If you could offer suggestions on how to improve our company, what would you say?

#### **Answer:-**

Examine the trends of the company and also where there may be some weaknesses (news articles often document this on public companies or look at their competitors to see how they're positioning it against them.) Then, once you have that knowledge, think creatively on how you could improve upon that weakness for them.

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### **Question # 37**

What role do you see technology playing in this role?

#### **Answer:-**

Technology is important to almost every job today but it's not meant to be abused. I believe it's important to increase productivity and not for personal use.

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### **Question # 38**

How do you feel about giving back to the community?

#### **Answer:-**

Describe your charitable activities to showcase that community work is important to you. If you haven't done one yet, go to [www.globalguideline.com](http://www.globalguideline.com) - charitable work is a great way to learn about other people and it's an important part of society - GET INVOLVED!

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### **Question # 39**

What do you aspire to be?

#### **Answer:-**

Discuss your aspirations for the near, immediate and long term. You want to show them you are thinking of making an impact now as well as the future.

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### **Question # 40**

What do you know about our competition?

#### **Answer:-**

Make sure you do your research on their competitors. You can find this by going to yahoo finance and click on their competitors (if they are public). From there research the news on them and go to their websites to understand their positioning on solutions and vision. You can also research local regional companies that are their competition (if it's a smaller private company on a regional scale) by simply typing in similar product offerings in the Google search followed by the city. Make sure you know their competitor's vision, products, culture, and how they are differentiated against their competition (and if they're not, how they could be)



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### Question # 41

What are three positive things your last boss would say about you?

**Answer:-**

It's time to pull out your old performance appraisals and boss's quotes. This is a great way to brag about yourself through someone else's words: "My boss has told me that I am the best designer he has ever had. He knows he can rely on me, and he likes my sense of humor."

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### Question # 42

Explain me about a time when you reached a goal within a tight deadline?

**Answer:-**

I work well under pressure to meet deadlines without jeopardizing the quality of my work. I have always worked in a fast pace environment where we are constantly under pressure to achieve best results within a time frame.

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### Question # 43

What features of your previous jobs have you disliked?

**Answer:-**

It's easy to talk about what you liked about your job in an interview, but you need to be careful when responding to questions about the downsides of your last position. When you're asked at a job interview about what you didn't like about your previous job, try not to be too negative. You don't want the interviewer to think that you'll speak negatively about this job or the company should you eventually decide to move on after they have hired you.

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### Question # 44

How do you keep each member of the team involved and motivated?

**Answer:-**

Many managers mistakenly think that money is the prime motivator for their employees. However, according to surveys by several different companies, money is consistently ranked five or lower by most employees. So if money is not the best way to motivate your team, what is? Employees' three most important issues according to employees are:

- \* Respect
- \* A sense of accomplishment
- \* Recognition

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### Question # 45

What is your desired salary In IIT Bombay?

**Answer:-**

Bad Answer: Candidates who are unable to answer the question, or give an answer that is far above market. Shows that they have not done research on the market rate, or have unreasonable expectations.

Good answer: A number or range that falls within the market rate and matches their level of mastery of skills required to do the job.

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### Question # 46

Explain an occasion when you had to adapt in the face of a difficult situation?

**Answer:-**

One of the most useful interview tactics is to remain positive about your work and achievements. This question lets the candidate draw on their own personal history to show how they have been positive and successful in the face of difficulties. Choose a specific occasion to describe, rather than dealing with generic platitudes.

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### Question # 47

How would you observe the level of motivation of your subordinates?

**Answer:-**

Choosing the right metrics and comparing productivity of everyone on daily basis is a good answer, doesn't matter in which company you apply for a supervisory role.

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### Question # 48

What does "thinking outside the box" mean to you?

**Answer:-**

It means not doing things exactly the same way as everyone else. You've got to challenge the status quo and bring something new to the business.

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### Question # 49

How good are you at problem solving?

#### Answer:-

Describe the problem first and then discuss how you were able to fix it.

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### Question # 50

Why do you want to work In IIT Bombay for this organisation?

#### Answer:-

Being unfamiliar with the organisation will spoil your chances with 75% of interviewers, according to one survey, so take this chance to show you have done your preparation and know the company inside and out. You will now have the chance to demonstrate that you've done your research, so reply mentioning all the positive things you have found out about the organisation and its sector etc. This means you'll have an enjoyable work environment and stability of employment etc - everything that brings out the best in you.

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### Question # 51

Are you aggressive?

#### Answer:-

If you are, describe it through a story / experience that you had. If you aren't, then explain why you're not. If the job role asks for you to be aggressive/not aggressive and you're the opposite of it, explain how you would develop that characteristic.

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### Question # 52

What were the responsibilities of your last position In IIT Bombay?

#### Answer:-

If you want to show your ambition, you can discuss how you haven't reached all of your goals yet and in that sense aren't satisfied. However, if you want to discuss satisfaction from your job discuss an experience in which you achieved something.

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### Question # 53

Tell me one thing about yourself you wouldn't want me to know?

#### Answer:-

Talk about a trait that you would consider a weakness. No need to talk about your deepest darkest secrets here.

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### Question # 54

Give an example of a time you successfully worked In IIT Bombay on a team?

#### Answer:-

On the whole I prefer to stick to doing what I'm told rather than setting myself up to fail by doing things off my own bat. But there was this one time when I suggested to my boss at the pizza parlor that she try offering an 'all you can eat' deal to students to boost trade on Mondays. She thought it was an interesting idea but nothing ever came of it.

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### Question # 55

Give me an example of an emergency situation that you faced. How did you handle it?

#### Answer:-

There was a time when one of my employers faced the quitting of a manager in another country. I was asked to go fill in for him while they found a replacement and stay to train that person. I would be at least 30 days. I quickly accepted because I knew that my department couldn't function without me.

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### Question # 56

How have you changed in the last five years?

#### Answer:-

All in a nutshell. But I think I've attained a level of personal comfort in many ways and although I will change even more in the next 5-6 years I'm content with the past 6 and what has come of them.

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### Question # 57

Do you like to start personal relationships with other employees?

#### Answer:-

Well, the right answer is yes and no. Good personal relations can improve the overall performance of a team. But on the other hand, you should not let your emotions to affect your decisions in work.





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### **Question # 58**

Tell me about the last time you had to work with someone inside or outside of your department to accomplish a goal?

#### **Answer:-**

Show that you were communicative with that person and that you were able to collaborate effectively in sharing ideas and work tasks. They want to see that you can be a team player.

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### **Question # 59**

When was the last time something upset you at work? What did you do?

#### **Answer:-**

Almost everyone has an emotional moment related to work at some point - you're not alone. The key is to learn why you reacted that way and to focus not on the problem but HOW to resolve it. Another key component is to be aware of your emotional response so that you can learn to control it in the future in a calm way.

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### **Question # 60**

How do you ensure all of your work gets accomplished in a productive manner?

#### **Answer:-**

The key is to prioritize what's important in your work and to stay organized to accomplish the tasks. A strong work ethic also helps.

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### **Question # 61**

If I were to give you this salary you requested but let you write your job description for the next year, what would it say?

#### **Answer:-**

It should say the same thing - after all - if you think this salary is fair then it should suit the responsibilities!

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### **Question # 62**

What is your greatest weakness In IIT Bombay? What are you doing to improve it?

#### **Answer:-**

I believe my biggest weakness In IIT Bombay is wanting to help anyone I can help. What I mean is I am willing to take on task that are not my job. I want to learn all I can. However, that has helped me get promoted or even asked to help in times of need in other department. I have been know as the "go to person" when help is needed.

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