**SET OF SAMPLE TEST PAPER FOR INTERVIEW**

**1.What can you bring to this research group?**

ANS- YOU CAN EXPLAIN LIKE THIS

EXAMPLE- I’m eager to take advantage of the facilities and expertise this university has to offer. But I also want to contribute with my own expertise and enthusiasm. My previous work has given me the skills to make the most of the material involved in this project and I’m motivated to participate in new training. I’ll be proud to be a part of this department and would actively seek to represent it through my own publications and other research outputs.

**2.What to ask in a PhD interview ?**

ANS- 1.What will the supervision arrangements be for the project?

2.What kind of training and skills sessions are offered as part of the PhD programme?

3.Will I have opportunities to teach / present / publish?

4.How many other PhD students has this supervisor seen to completion?

5.Are there likely to be any changes to the funding arrangements for the project?

6.Is the university or department likely to run any events or other associated projects during the period of my PhD?

**3.How did you decide on your Ph.D. field?**

ANS- how to Find a PhD That's Right for You

i. Start your PhD search early. ...

ii. Identify what you're really interested in. ...

iii. Study university rankings in your preferred field. ...

iv. Talk to professors and current PhD students. ...

v. Think about the social aspects of PhD life, but don't make it a priority. ...

vi. Get personal advice about graduate study.

**4. What is your research proposal ?**

ANS- A research proposal is a concise and coherent summary of your proposed research. It sets out the central issues or questions that you intend to address. It outlines the general area of study within which your research falls, referring to the current state of knowledge and any recent debates on the topic.

**5. Why should we select you for PhD?**

ANS- To answer this question and leave a lasting impact, try to include an academic or personal experience that has strengthened your passion for research. As well as this, outline what your career aspirations are and explain how the proposed PhD will help you achieve them.

 **6. How Did You Come up With This Project?**

ANS- Do answer: I feel my PhD project can open up new lines of inquiry for this field and want to use it as the foundation for a fruitful research career. But, I'm also interested in the wider development opportunities included in this doctoral programme. I want to be an academic, but I'm happy to keep other options open

**7. Can You Describe a Time You Encountered a Problem or Challenge and How You Approached It?**

ANS- Here is our three-step method to describe a challenge or conflict you overcame.

a. Describe the challenge + what was at stake. Describe the challenge that you encountered. ...

b. Explain what steps you took to solve the challenge + why. ...

c. Conclude by detailing the positive outcome.

**8. What Are Your Career Aspirations?**

ANS- Though creating new knowledge is part of the PhD training, the main objective of doing PhD degree is to become a competent researcher who can conduct independent research in his or her chosen area.

**9. How Will You Fund This Project?**

ANS- Make sure you know the exact tuition fee amount is. If you plan to move closer to the university to undertake your doctorate degree, also ensure you know what the average living expenses are for the area. If they ask you about these and you don’t know the answers, they’ll doubt whether you’ve considered the financial aspect of the degree.

 **10. Do You Have Any Questions for Us?**

ANS- Try to have around four to five PhD interview questions prepared in case they answer any during your main discussion. There’s nothing worse than trying to think on your feet when you weren’t expecting to, especially when your future is being discussed!