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## Interview Trivia

You may have already started interviewing or will be interviewing soon. Take a look at the five interviewing trivia questions below and select the best answer.

1. **What is the purpose of the job interview?**
  - A. To provide you an opportunity to tell the employer about your qualifications and to do the best job of selling yourself.
  - B. To answer the questions asked by the employer in an honest and convincing way.
  - C. To enable both you and the organization to obtain the information needed to decide if the position meets each of your mutual interests.
  
2. **What is the best way to respond to: “Tell me about yourself?”**
  - A. Describe your hobbies and interests so that you are more than just a name on a resume.
  - B. Describe how your qualifications would enable you to provide value if you were hired.
  - C. Describe your entire work history and how you have come to your current position.
  
3. **How should you respond to the question, “What are your goals?”**
  - A. Aim for the moon- this is your best chance to show that you are ambitious and anxious to get on with your career.
  - B. Be humble because over aggressive individuals threaten some people.
  - C. State what you think can realistically be accomplished in the short term (1-2 years).
  
4. **What is the best way to respond to the question, “Why do you want this job?”**
  - A. Talk about how the job is right for your career (next step in your career or because you are currently unemployed and need work).
  - B. State that you can learn a lot in the job and will become an effective employee.
  - C. Describe how you can make valuable contributions in the position.
  
5. **You have just been asked about an event in your life that you would rather not discuss. For example: an arrest, bad credit, or failed courses. How do you respond?**
  - A. Indicate that it is premature at this point to talk about those topics before any serious job offer has been made.
  - B. Briefly, but honestly, relate what happened and what you learned or how you’ve changed.
  - C. Now is a good time for humor- laughingly state that it was a long time ago and not a very smart move.