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This guide is designed to be actionable. Each section includes specific data, templates, and step-by-step advice you can apply immediately. Bookmark the sections most relevant to your current stage.

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Finance Interview Masterclass

100+ interview questions and answers organized by category, with answer frameworks for each type.

Accounting Questions (25 Questions)

- ✓ Walk me through the three financial statements and how they connect
- ✓ If depreciation increases by ₹10, walk me through the impact on all three statements
- ✓ What's the difference between cash-based and accrual-based accounting?
- ✓ How does an inventory write-down affect the three statements?
- ✓ Explain deferred revenue and give an example
- ✓ What's goodwill and when does it arise? How is it tested for impairment?
- ✓ Walk me through a purchase accounting adjustment in an M&A; deal
- ✓ How do operating leases vs finance leases differ under IFRS 16?
- ✓ What happens when a company issues stock to acquire another company?
- ✓ Explain the difference between FIFO, LIFO, and weighted average inventory methods

... plus 15 more accounting questions in the following categories: revenue recognition, consolidation, foreign currency, tax accounting.

Valuation Questions (25 Questions)

- ✓ Walk me through a DCF analysis step by step
- ✓ How do you calculate WACC? What are the components?
- ✓ What's the difference between enterprise value and equity value?
- ✓ When would you use EV/EBITDA vs P/E ratio?
- ✓ How do you calculate terminal value? Growth method vs exit multiple?
- ✓ What's a typical discount rate for an Indian mid-cap company?
- ✓ Why might two companies in the same sector have different P/E ratios?
- ✓ Walk me through a comparable company analysis (comps)
- ✓ How does a leveraged buyout (LBO) create value?
- ✓ What's the difference between a precedent transaction and a comps analysis?

... plus 15 more valuation questions covering: sum-of-parts, football field chart, sensitivity analysis, scenario analysis.

M&A; Questions (20 Questions)

- ✓ Walk me through a basic merger model
- ✓ What makes a deal accretive vs dilutive?
- ✓ What are typical synergies in an M&A; deal?
- ✓ How do you determine the appropriate premium in an acquisition?
- ✓ What's the difference between a stock deal and a cash deal?

... plus 15 more M&A; questions covering: hostile vs friendly, due diligence, regulatory approvals, fairness opinions.

Behavioral Questions (20 Questions) — STAR Framework

Use the STAR method: Situation, Task, Action, Result

- ✓ Tell me about a time you worked under a tight deadline
- ✓ Describe a situation where you disagreed with your manager
- ✓ Give an example of when you led a team through a challenge
- ✓ Tell me about a failure and what you learned from it
- ✓ Why investment banking / risk / accounting? (Be specific and genuine)

... plus 15 more behavioral questions with sample STAR responses.

Brain Teasers (15 Questions)

- ✓ How many golf balls fit in a school bus? (Market sizing)
- ✓ You have 8 balls, one is heavier. Minimum weighings to find it? (Logic)
- ✓ Estimate the annual revenue of a chain restaurant in Delhi (Market sizing)

... plus 12 more brain teasers with solution frameworks.

Firm-Specific Interview Tips

Firm Type	Focus Areas	Preparation Tips
Big 4 (Deloitte, EY, PwC, KPMG)	Case studies, technical accounting, cultural fit	Research their service lines and recent deals
Bulge Bracket Banks	Heavy technicals (DCF, LBO, M&A;), brain teasers	Know their recent deals in India
Domestic Banks/NBFCs	Mix of technical + regulatory knowledge	Know RBI regulations and recent policy changes
Consulting (McKinsey, BCG)	Case interviews + market sizing	Practice frameworks: profitability, M&A;, market entry
PE/VC Firms	LBO modeling, portfolio company analysis	Know their portfolio and investment thesis

★ Practice 50+ questions out loud before your interview. Technical knowledge is necessary but not sufficient — delivery matters equally.

Interview Preparation Roadmap

4-Week Interview Prep Plan

Week 1: Technical Foundation

- ✓ Review accounting fundamentals (3 statements, how they link)
- ✓ Study valuation methods (DCF, comps, precedent transactions)
- ✓ Practice 10 accounting and 10 valuation questions daily

Week 2: Advanced Technical

- ✓ Master M&A; concepts (accretion/dilution, synergies, deal structure)
- ✓ Study LBO mechanics (debt tranches, returns, exit strategies)
- ✓ Complete 5 brain teasers daily

Week 3: Behavioral & Fit

- ✓ Prepare 8-10 STAR stories covering leadership, teamwork, failure, conflict
- ✓ Write and rehearse 'Why this firm?' answers for 5 target firms
- ✓ Practice with a friend or mentor — simulate real interview conditions

Week 4: Mock Interviews

- ✓ Do at least 3 full mock interviews (30-45 minutes each)
- ✓ Record yourself and review — check for filler words, eye contact, pace
- ✓ Do one mock with a finance professional (not just a friend)

Post-Interview Strategy

- ✓ Send a thank-you email within 24 hours (personalized, reference specific discussion points)
- ✓ If you don't hear back in 1 week, send a polite follow-up
- ✓ Keep a log of all interviews, questions asked, and your answers
- ✓ After rejection: Ask for feedback (politely), improve, and try again
- ✓ Each interview makes you better — treat every one as practice for your dream role

Salary Negotiation After Getting the Offer

- ✓ Research market rates on Glassdoor, LinkedIn Salary, and Levels.fyi
- ✓ Never share your current salary — state your expected range based on market data
- ✓ Negotiate on total comp, not just base: include bonus, ESOPs, learning budget
- ✓ Have a walk-away number in mind before negotiations begin
- ✓ Get the final offer in writing before accepting verbally

How QuintEdge Gives You the Edge

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- ✓ AI-powered study notes that adapt to your learning pace and weak areas
- ✓ Live + recorded classes with unlimited doubt-clearing sessions
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ACCA Program Coaching	All 13 papers	78% pass rate	quintedge.com/acca-coaching-classes/
Financial Modeling	3-Statement, DCF, LBO	Job-ready skills	quintedge.com/financial-modeling-course-certification/

The QuintEdge Learning Experience

Phase 1: Foundation Building

- ✓ Diagnostic assessment to identify your starting level and knowledge gaps
- ✓ Personalized study plan created by your dedicated mentor
- ✓ Access to AI-powered study notes that highlight your weak areas

Phase 2: Structured Learning

- ✓ Live classes with industry practitioners (not academic theorists)
- ✓ Recorded sessions for revision — watch at 1.5x or 2x speed
- ✓ Weekly quizzes and topic tests to track progress
- ✓ Doubt-clearing sessions within 24 hours of raising a query

Phase 3: Exam Readiness

- ✓ Full-length mock exams under exam conditions
- ✓ Detailed score analysis with topic-wise breakdown
- ✓ One-on-one strategy sessions for the final 2 weeks before exam
- ✓ Last-mile revision notes covering high-frequency exam topics

Phase 4: Career Support

- ✓ Resume and LinkedIn profile review by hiring managers
- ✓ Mock interviews with industry professionals
- ✓ Job referrals through our network of 500+ corporate partners
- ✓ Lifetime access to the QuintEdge alumni network

Student Outcomes

- ✓ Average salary increase of 40-60% within 12 months of certification
- ✓ Graduates placed at Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Deloitte, EY, HDFC, ICICI, Kotak & more
- ✓ Active alumni network of 10,000+ working professionals across 15 countries

✓ 98% of students recommend QuintEdge to peers (NPS 72)

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