PwC Interview Questions

- What do you consider to be your strengths?
- What are your development areas?
- Why do you want to leave your present job?
- How do you structure your time at university ensuring you balance your personal life?
- Tell me about a difficult experience at work and how you dealt with it.
- What made you decide to join this Professional Service?
- What do you know about our business?
- Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?
- What are your major achievements to date?
- What do you do in your spare time?
- Describe how you see the role of a graduate at PwC?
- What is the biggest mistake you have made? What did you learn from this mistake?
- Tell me about a time when you have worked in a team? What was your role?
- Have you applied for any other graduate jobs?
- How does PwC add value to its clients?
- How is PwC Assurance divided and in what division would you like to work? (see PwC Audit & Assurance)
- Tell me what you know about the qualification which you will be studying?
- Explain when you have been in a situation where you were working towards a deadline and the parameters have been changed? (i.e. you have been asked to deliver something slightly different)
- Give me 2 examples of when you have worked in a team to achieve a goal. (Teamwork)
- Give me 2 examples of where you have had to lead a team. (Teamwork)
- Give me 2 examples of where you have been in a situation of conflict, and explain how you choose to do the right thing.
- Can you discuss any recent developments which have strongly affected PwC and the accounting industry? (Commercial Awareness)
- What do you anticipate you will be doing in your first year at PwC?
- What can you tell me about the (ACA) qualification to which you have applied?
- What can you tell me about the line of work to which you have applied?
- What do you think you will be doing in your first year at PwC?
- Discuss a recent piece of financial news that has been in the press?

Typical questions arising from these competencies would be:

- Why do you want to work for PwC? Why PwC instead of another Big 4 firm?
- Where do you see yourself in 5 years time? At PwC, in 5 years you can reasonably expect to finish 'Manager' position and be moving into managing staff and clients on your own.
- What recent events have affected PwC and the accounting industry? (This would include the Sarbanes-Oxley Act).
- What factors do you think are important to make a successful business?
- If you were senior partner at PwC, what would keep you up at night?
- Give me an example of a business you think is performing well/badly and explain why you think this is so?
- If you had £1 million, how would you invest it?

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- Tell me about a time when you have had to motivate someone?
- Tell me when you learnt something new?
- Tell me about a time when you have to resolve a disagreement diplomatically.
- What/where do you expect to be in 5 years?
- If you met the CEO of M&S and were asked for advice from an auditory point of view, what would you say?
- If you were unsuccessful with PwC what would you do?
- Give two examples of when you've had to make and stick to a budget.
- Tell me about a time you had to deal with rejection.
- Tell me about a time when you convinced others with your point of view.