

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

On occasion employers do not utilize an interview protocol such as behavioral interviewing and instead opt for more general questions to ascertain your abilities and fit with the organization the questions that could be asked are endless but this is a sampling:

- Why have you chosen this field and/or our organization?
- What kind of story should we be covering that we are currently not covering?
- Which reporter who works for us do you like and why?
- What is the biggest story in the industry at the moment?
 - be prepared for questions on current affairs in the days news
 - be prepared to share your thoughts on the future of newspapers and the rise of digital journalism
- Of all the social media platforms which is the best way to convey news and why?
- What more should we do within the social media platforms we use?
- What experiences, professional and personal, have best prepared you for this position?
- What journalism skills that you possess will be relevant to this communications position?
- Describe three of your strengths and three of your weaknesses
- Describe how you handle deadline stress and competing deadlines
- Do you feel skilled to tell stories and more than one medium? Give me an example of how you tell stories in more than one medium.
- What are your strengths and weaknesses around the technology of storytelling – shooting and editing?
- Would you be more comfortable being on camera for print webcast or TV live shots?
- If the interviewer ask you to the question quote tell me about yourself’ ask the interviewer for more specificity to focus your answer does he want to know about your career journey or why you are transitioning into this field, or more about your personal life?
- How do you go about finding sources and writing stories?
- Describe a situation where you’ve had to communicate long distance with editors or file a story from the road.
- Describe a time where you have faced an ethical challenge and how you approached it.