**1. Aptitude Test:** It was very interesting.

It had 3 sections:
· Matrix Manipulation: Three 5\*5 matrices were given and there were 5 Qs on each matrix such as interchanging rows and columns, replacing one symbol by other, etc. (15 Qs in 13 min) there was no –ve marking for this section, so, I attempted all Qs.
· Series completion: 20 Qs to be solved in 4 min. It had -1/4 marking. So, I attempted only 18.
· Quantitative: 12 Qs in 17 min. It had -1/4 marking. I attempted only 7 Qs.

This section was a bit tough.

**2. Group discussion:**

Topic for our group was ‘Should Politicians be Honest?’

We were a group of 16 students.

It was an extempore. Each one had to stand up and present his/her views.

**3. Interview**(At around 10 pm)

Interviewer: Vijay

(Last Interview of the day!!)

Vijay: Finally…

Leena: Yeh…Good Evening, Sir.

Vijay: So, what do you feel about being the last one to be interviewed?

Leena: I got to know the questions that you asked to all my friends…

Vijay: Oh, really?? What did they tell you??

Leena: They told me that you asked
1. Tell me something about yourself?

2. Why IBM?

Vijay: That’s it??

Leena: Yeh.

Vijay: (smiling) These are just to start the interview..!! (I just smiled.)

Vijay: Tell me some things which you don’t like about your college…

Leena: Sir, our college conducts re-tests if we have not cleared the regular unit test, and they send the reports back home.

Vijay: They really do that??

Leena: Ya, they do.

Vijay: Have you ever given the re-test?

Leena: Yes sir, 2-3 times. Because we were busy in Firodiya Karandak practice…

Vijay: (Interrupting me…) Have you done Firodiya??

Leena: Yes sir.

Vijay: As what?

Leena: As a Singer. I sung a Telugu song in S.E. and a Portuguese Song in T.E.

Vijay: Do you know something?? I am a musician… I have all instruments at my home. I have a reserved floor for music in my bunglow. IBM has it’s own band and we perform all over the world. I am the president of IBM club.

 (He was going through my resume.)

Vijay: So, should I grill you on c++ or java??

Leena: Yes Sir, you can.

Vijay: (smiled) Should I??

Leena: You can, sir.

Vijay: Anyways, you are watching me since morning, what do you think about me??

Leena: (Thought for a while) Sir, you are pretty honest and can go naughty at times.. and I think you don’t really prefer job hopping. Do you play guitar??

Vijay: I play all instruments…

Vijay: Do you know, IBM takes special care of it’s women employees?? IBM has won the Best Employer award for 10-15 years…

(I just nodded.)

Vijay: Ok…tell me something about yourself…

Leena: I am from Bombay ..

(He immediately stopped me)

Vijay: Bombay or Mumbai??

Leena: Mumbai…Are you from Mumbai?

Vijay: No, But its like my second home. Why did you think that I am from Mumbai??

Leena: A person who is so particular about saying Mumbai and not Bombay must be closely related with the city…

(He just smiled)

Vijay: Continue…

Leena: I love computers. I never get bored of them. It can be gaming or surfing..

Vijay: (Interrupting me…) So, which was the last site you surfed?

Leena: It was IBM.

Vijay: What did you like about it?

Leena: Sir, I loved the latest logo in which ‘I’ is shown by vertically drawn eye and ‘B’ is represented by a honeybee.

Vijay: It is not really a logo…

Leena: Ya, not exactly… but that particular picture…

Vijay: Ok. What is IBM’s slogan?

Leena: What makes you special!!!

(He nodded in appreciation.)

Leena: Sir, actually I didn’t know this but my mother messaged me after I told her that I have cleared the G.D and have to go for the interview.

(He smiled.)

Vijay: So, do you want to ask anything?

Leena: Sir, when did you join IBM?

Vijay: I am with IBM since last 4 years. Before that I was working with a Japanese company.

Leena: Sir, and what about the training?

Vijay: Training will be for 3-6 months depending upon the project requirements.

Anything else you want to ask?

Leena: No sir.

Vijay: Sure?

Leena: Yes sir.

Vijay: (Smiling) Ok…So, now you will tell your mother immediately about the interview??

Leena: (Smiling) Yes sir.

Vijay: Do you think I will select you?

Leena: Yes sir.

Vijay: Are you sure?

Leena: 100% sir.

Vijay: confident?

Leena: Absolutely Sir…

Vijay: (Smiling) Anyways, it was nice interacting with you..

Leena: Thank you, sir.

Vijay: Wait for the results now…

Leena: Yes sir. Bye.

Vijay: Bye.