**Coop Pre-Placement – Interview Assignment**

In preparation for your coop interview, you are to answer the following commonly asked interview questions. Be sure to write out your answers in full, as this will help you not to stubble during the interview if these topics are brought up.

1. Describe how you spend most of your free time.
2. Tell me about your extra-curricular activities and interests.
3. What have you learned from participation in extra-curricular activities?
4. What do you consider to be your single most important accomplishment in your life thus far? Explain.
5. What has been your greatest failure thus far? Explain how you dealt with this setback.
6. Tell me about 2 of your strengths that would make you successful in the working world.
7. Tell me about 1 weakness you have. Explain what you are doing to improve on this weakness.
8. Tell me about your career goals.
9. How do you work under pressure? Give an example of a pressure situation in which you excelled.
10. What courses did you like best? Least? Why?
11. Describe an occasion when you disagreed with a supervisor’s / teacher’s / coach’s decision or policy. Describe how you handled the situation.

The interview is your one chance to impress your potential employer, so one word and vague answers are unacceptable. You need to put enough detail into your answer to interest him / her without too much detail that would bore them.

**Peer Edit Interview**

1. You are to conduct a mock interview with another student in the class using the above 11 questions. One student will be the interviewer while the other is the interviewee, then switch roles.
2. As the interviewee answers each question, the interviewer should make notes on the quality of the response.
3. Each interview should last about 10 minutes and you should be prepared enough with your answers that you do not need to read them.
4. Once you are finished, talk about what went well and what could be improved.

Remember that practice make perfect, so if you treat this mock interview as a real one, it allows you to practice what it will be like in the interview without all the pressure.

Be sure to include a copy of your answers to these questions in your folder.