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*Heads Up: Long post, I felt that if I dont include some of the smaller questions, it wouldn't make any sense as one ques led to another, even small things that I said became questions, eventually*

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CM:

**Mr.XYZ, (reads out my educ, work) why, what are you lookin for?**

**No issues with the profit making objective of private companies?**

**Lets talk about Siachen, you have an idea?**

**So avalanches, do they affect only our soldiers?**

**Should we retreat from the glacier then?**

**CM: Okay, lets shift to something totally different then,shall we? (Yes Sir)**

**What do you think about the issue of bar girls?**

**So should it be banned?**

**Okay , so if there is no coercion, then it cannot be banned by force, is that it?**

M1:

**You know there are three types of skills (I was nodding sheepishly), went ahead and told me what thse 3 skills were,then said .."So how how do you build a concept?"**

**Lets say you are given a task of which you know absolutely nothing? How will you get it done?**

**But there will be temporal and spatial differences (I had said that if something unknown needs to be done then I would seek help from my peers, seniors who might have been exposed to something similar) , say something is applicable in Mharashtra will not be applicable in MP? Won't it?**

**Do Mechanical Engineers have some exposure to management studies?**

**Why do a PGDM then?**

**What is missing in that course(Industrial management in Mech 4th Year) ?**

**But you know Elton Mayo did a study...\*pause\* do you know what that was?**  
(yes Sir)

**Tell me about it? So you see his observations may not be applicable today...**

**What is new in Human Resource Management these days, since you keep bringing up outdated curriculum as an issue...**

**But that is a structural change...what does it imply?**

M2:

**You said that the IAS offers wide domain in terms of work, but you know as you move up the ladder, your area of work may become narrower, lets say when you reach the secretary level...how will you cope then?**

**What is that one are you would like to work if given a choice in the IAS? (Water and sanitation)**

Okay so GOI has a programme, tell me somethin about it ..(SBM U, G)  
 Lets talk about its first pillar, infrastructure, so is it justified that GOI spends so much money to help build personal toilets? Is it not their own responsibility? But they are not using it are they?  
 So lets say you are incharge, how much will you spend on Infra, awareness and other aspects if you have say 100 bucks...  
 But we have reached 2017, 2019 is near, only 60% households have toilets, is it possible? (blabbered a lot, also recited a story in Hindi, with their permission of course)

M3:

**You know ISRO has reached MARS?** (Yes sir we have our own orbiter), **orbiter yes, but we have been successful** (Yes sir)  
**Do we make engines for aircrafts in India?** (I don't think so Sir, I believe most of our aircrafts and equipment is either imported or used)  
**Who makes these engines?** (Rolls Royce) **And?** (Boeing, Lockheed Martin) **Where are these located** (Um..Sir..) **Certainly not in India, isn't it?** (Yes Sir)  
**We can send 104 in orbit but we can't make commercial aircraft engines, why?** (I am not aware of the technical details Sir, but ISRO specializes in launch vehicles, and they are yet to perfect their spacecraft tech)  
**Should we start making engines here?** (We are already doing it, KAVERI, GHATAK engines for LCA Tejas, unfortunate that we couldn't ..but commendable effort)  
**I am talkin about commercial engines?** ( Sir we have already allowed 100% FDI in aviation, Air India already has a borrowed fleet, GOI has other priorities, aviation requires huge capital, I think it'll be..) **like re-inventing the wheel?** (Something like that yes Sir, it'll be duplication of resources)  
**But then why are we investing in making KAVERI type engines?** (Defence, security issues, need indigenization)

**What are your preferences for the services?** (IAS, IFS, IRS(IT)...) **Foreign services..so talk a bit about India Japan relations..** (WWII,ODA, Pokhran, Civil Nuclear Agreement, NSG waiver)  
**Deterrence, you have explained quite a bit, but there is a specific phrase for it, do you know it?** (I cannot recall) **MAD?** (Yes sir)  
**But why is India Japan cooperation annoying China?** (US Asia Pivot, Malabar)  
**SO China is not happy, is it?** (You can say that sir) **Is China or Japan more important to us?** (Depends upon which aspect are we comparing the two, China being our immediate neighbour cannot be neglected that is for sure)  
**What should we do then?** (Strategic autonomy, NAM, keep both of them happy be aware about critical sensitivities)

M4: Ma'am. I think I don't remember her first few questions...nevertheless

**You took Geo? Why?** (First thought about Management, but I realized Geo has so much in common with GS, and later that it is not just about rivers and mountains as we were taught in school)  
**So what is geo, apart from rivers and mountains?** (Its everything that can be represented on a map, its the study of patterns, not the phenomenon themselves but their patterns say..literacy, HDI, rainfall etc.)

**Maps, do you know any techniques of map making?** (I can recall only Mercator's Projection Ma'm)

**Okay Mercator, so what is the issue with that** ( 3D to 2D projection, bound to be distorted but I dont know about technicalities of the same)

**You know some time back they were trying to increase the the size of Europe and the Poles in the Mercator depiction of the world?** (No Ma'm I haven't come across that)

**No issues, tell me why would they want to do that** ( I can only guess Ma'm, to depict their areas as closely as possible? I remember askin her for clarification..so Ma'm are they increasing or decreasing their areas? made her laugh..a high point or so I think)

**What area ?** (Land water bodies) **Why would the distortions arise anyway?** ( Equator to the poles, the distance between two longitudes decreases, total guesswork here, she can't complain..I had already told her)

**Lets say you dint get you top 2 preferences, what would you do?** (I'll give the exam again, and again, untill I get it and if I finally don't, then 'll take up whatever is offered and do my best there)

**But even if you do get ..say the IAS, don't you feel there is too much hierarchy?** (I 'm sorry mam if I ever gave the impression that I am against a hierarchical structure) **Oh no...I 'm sayin, lets just say that you are stuck in a remote area and cannot do much without getting claearence from above and above ?**( I think the IAS empowers people to do the small thing better, if 100 of us do the small things better, then the whole system would improve eventually and I believe there is enough horizontal movement that'll keep me occupied even if vertical growth is not forethcoming for some time)

**Okay Dont you think, this engg, pgdm, work, then civil services...is a very..if I may use the word, inefficient way of getting here? I mean you could've done your engg and then straightaway a BA, MA in Geo or whtever that could help you with it?**

**But your profile seems very job oriented..engg mba, as if you were preparing for the private sector ?**

(The gist of my answers to the last two: Yes, it might seem an inefficient way, but it has given me more clarity and exposure, and made me confident thatI would not be swayed by what the private sector has to offer, having experienced it first hand, I know exactly whats in store and my decision is not based on one sided information)

40mins give or take a few 5 mins. I dunno if they saw my DAF (but thats just my inexperience I guess, this being my first attempt and all).