Infosys Accountant Interview Questions and Answers

1. How would you describe financial statements?

Financial statements show a company's health in brief. Cash flow, income and balance sheet are included. These are for funding, regulatory compliance and making business decisions.

2. What are the three parts of a balance sheet?

Assets, liabilities and equity. Liabilities are what the company owes, assets are what it has and equity is the owner's remaining piece of the business.

3. How do you handle accounting deadlines?

Prioritize, time and communicate with colleagues. Automate tasks and monitor progress with accounting software to meet deadlines.

4. What's the difference between accounts payable and accounts receivable?

Accounts payable is what the company owes to suppliers and accounts receivable is what customers owe to the company. Both are cash flow and financial health.

5. Tell me about a time you found and fixed a big accounting mistake.

I found a discrepancy in the accounts receivable ledger because an invoice was entered twice. Audited it thoroughly and corrected the entry and put a double check system in place to prevent it happening again.

6. Which accounting software do you know?

I have experience with Microsoft Dynamics, SAP, Oracle Financials, QuickBooks. Every software has pros and all are comfortable to use for accounting tasks.

7. How do you ensure your work is accurate?

Thoroughly detail oriented, audit frequently and double check data entry. Accounting software with error checking tools helps too.

8. What are deferred revenues and why?

Deferred revenues are money received before products or services are provided. To recognize revenue properly, they are liabilities until the good or service is given.

9. What is accrual accounting?

Accrual accounting is when revenues and expenses are recorded when earned and incurred, not when cash transactions happen. That's a more realistic view of the company's financials.

10. How do you stay updated with accounting standards and regulations?

Staying updated involves continuous professional education, attending industry seminars, reading accounting journals, and being an active member of professional accounting bodies like the AICPA or ACCA.

11. What is your experience with financial forecasting?

I have extensive experience in financial forecasting, involving the use of historical data, market trends, and financial models to predict future financial performance. This helps in strategic planning and decision-making.

12. Can you explain the significance of the income statement?

The income statement provides a summary of a company's revenues and expenses over a specific period, showing the net profit or loss. It is essential for assessing operational performance and profitability.

13. How do you manage and reconcile bank statements?

Managing and reconciling bank statements involves comparing the company's records with the bank's records, identifying discrepancies, and making necessary adjustments to ensure both records match.

14. What steps do you take to prepare for an audit?

Preparing for an audit involves organizing financial records, ensuring compliance with accounting standards, reconciling accounts, and preparing necessary documentation to facilitate the audit process.

15. How do you handle confidential financial information?

Handling confidential information involves strict adherence to company policies, using secure systems for data storage, and ensuring limited access to authorized personnel only.

16. How do you budget and cost control?

I set budgets, track to budget, find savings and adjust as needed to stay within.

17. Tax compliance experience?

I've prepared tax returns, been compliant with tax laws and managed tax audits. Tax regulations change and tax advisors are your friends to tax compliance.

18. Financial records don't match, what do you do?

Discrepancies mean investigating the cause, fixing, controls to prevent, and accurate and consistent recording.

19. What is accounting internal control?

Internal control is procedures and policies to protect assets, financials and operations. To prevent fraud and financial process errors.

Internal controls are accounting and auditing processes used in a company's finance department that ensure the integrity of financial reporting and regulatory compliance. It help companies to comply with laws and regulations and prevent fraud.

20. How do you task manage in an accounting busy world?

Task managing means deadlines, importance and business impact. Project management tools and delegation are key. One thing I have nurtured my guys into the habit of doing is login Tim spent on a ticket/job within a system.

This allows you to reflect how much time gets spent on tickets and also weed out where problem issues arise as those would be the tickets with the longest time.

