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Mock Interview

Below is the transcript of an interview. Analyze the reporter's questions and technique. What did they do wrong? What did they do right? Rewrite the questions on the back of this paper.

- Q. Could I have your exact name, please, and your age and address?
A. My name is Candace Hudson. I'm 50, and live at 510 Snyder Street.
- Q. I understand you're planning to run for the state legislature, is that right?
A. Yes, that's why I asked you to come to my office today.
- Q. You're a lawyer?
A. Yes, I'm a junior partner in the law firm of Ferguson and Patten
- Q. A Republican, I'd guess?
A. No, I'm a Democrat.
- Q. Well, I didn't have time to study your record before I came over. Tell me more.
A. I was born in Pennsylvania, and I attended Franklin and Marshall College there before going to Harvard.
- Q. Your undergraduate degree is from Franklin and Marshall and your law degree is from Harvard right?
A. Yes.
- Q. Are you married?
A. Yes.
- Q. Uh, what's your husband's name, and what does he do?
A. His name is George, and he's a captain in the police department.
- Q. Any kids?
A. Yes, one.
- Q. How long have you lived in this town?
A. Twenty two years.
- Q. Now, why do you want to be a state senator?
A. Well, I've been active in civic affairs, and I think I know my stuff about government.
- Q. Your opponent, Senator Neal, has been in the legislature for 12 years. He will be tough to beat.
A. Sure. It'll be tough, but I think I can beat him. I've put together a good organization. I've raised some money, and I think this town will rally for me. Sen. Neal has a very undistinguished record. I don't think he has ever sponsored a bill, and I know he has a lot of absenteeism. He's very beatable, and I'm the person who can beat him.
- Q. Well, I'm not so sure of that. But, we'll see won't we? Is there anything else you'd like to add? Anything I've left out?
A. Not really.