Questions Frequently Asked by Graduate Schools

- 1. Why did you choose this graduate program?
- 2. What are some of the reasons that you have chosen this profession?
- 3. Tell me about your experience in the field.
- 4. Why did you choose the college you attended?
- 5. What are some of the reasons why we should accept you over the hundreds of other applicants?
 - (a) In terms of the profession
 - (b) In terms of the graduate program
- 6. Why do you want to go to graduate school now rather than working for a few years first?
- 7. If you are not accepted into graduate school, what would you do?
- 8. How do you think grades and test scores should be evaluated for graduate school admission?
- 9. What are your long range goals?
- 10. Describe three or four strengths and three of your weaknesses.
- 11. What will your lifestyle be like 10 years from now?
- 12. If you could do anything at all with your life and money was no object, what would it be?
- 13. What are some of the rewards and frustrations of this profession?
- 14. What accomplishment has given you the greatest satisfaction?
- 15. What do you think your life will be like while you are in graduate school?
 - (a) How do you deal with problems?
 - (b) How do you work under pressure?
- 16. What was your most rewarding college experience?
- 17. What is important to you?
- 18. What college courses did you like the most? Why?
- 19. What college courses did you like the least? Why?
- 20. Tell me about yourself.
- 21. How would your best friend describe you? Your worst enemy?
- 22. Do you think that your grades and test scores are a good indication of your academic achievement?
- 23. What extra-curricular activities have you participated in? Which did you enjoy the most?
- 24. What do you think it takes to be successful in this profession / graduate program?
- 25. How do you spend your spare time? What are your hobbies?
- 26. Did you change your major college? Why?
- 27. Are you interested in research?
- 28. Do you have any experience teaching?
- 29. What types of people seem to rub you the wrong way?

