

Practice Interview Scripts

I - Interviewer

A - Applicant

Unit 2.3 - Practice Interview

I: OK, I'm going to start by asking you some questions about the information on your N-400 application. Are you ready?

A: Yes.

I: What is your full legal name?

A: Maryam Rezazade

I: Have you ever used any other names?

A: No, I haven't.

I: What is your date of birth?

A: July 2nd, 1985

I: I'm sorry, did you say July 7th?

A: No, no, 2nd. Seven - two - 1985.

I: OK, thank you. Where were you born?

A: Tehran, Iran

I: How long have you been a lawful permanent resident?

A: For seven years.

I: Are you requesting any accommodations or exemptions today?

A: I'm sorry - I don't understand?

I: Can you take the English and Civics test today? Or do you need something special, for example, if you can't see well or hear well, or you need extra time?

A: Oh no, everything is fine. I can answer the questions.

Unit 2.4 - Practice Interview

I: Let's review your contact information now. What is your daytime phone number?

A: 562-555-9087

I: Is that a cell phone?

A: Yes, it is.

I: Do you have any other phone number?

A: No, just my cell phone.

I: OK, and what's your email address?

A: MaryamRezazade768@email.com

I: And your current home address?

A: 4590 Baker Blvd. Apartment 31, Lakewood, California. 90715

I: How long have you lived at that address?

A: For four years.

I: Where did you live before that?

A: I lived in Long Beach...[hesitating] On 8th Street... I'm sorry, I forgot the address. I didn't live there very long...It's on my application.

I: 623 8th Street?

A: Yes! Of course... sorry, I couldn't remember.

I: It's fine. No worries!

Unit 2.5 - Practice Interview

I: OK, let's go over your work history. Are you currently working?

A: Yes. I work at a dental office.

I: I see you just started working there 6 months ago.

A: That's right. Before that I was in school. And I worked at a market part-time.

I: Do you support yourself?

A: Yes. Well, my husband works, too and together we support the family.

I: Do you have any other income?

A: No, just the income from our jobs.

I: How many trips outside the U.S. have you taken in the last five years?

A: Two. We went to France twice to visit my husband's family.

I: How long was your last trip out of the country?

A: Last year.

I: I mean, how long did you stay out of the country on that trip?

A: Oh, sorry! I was in France for two weeks.

I: That's OK.

Unit 2.6 - Practice Interview

I: What is your marital status?

A: I'm married.

I: And how many times have you been married?

A: Twice. I divorced my first husband 15 years ago.

I: What is your spouse's country of citizenship?

A: You mean my husband now?

I: Yes, your current spouse.

A: He's a U.S. citizen. He just got his citizenship last year.

I: Well congratulations to him! How many children do you have?

A: We have two children, 11 and 9 years old.

I: Do you have any children from a previous marriage?

A: With my first husband? No, no children.

I: Do your children live with you?

A: Yes, they do.

Unit 2.7 - Practice Interview

Part 1

I: I'm going to ask some more questions from your N-400 application now. First, have you ever called yourself a non-U.S. resident on any tax return since you became a lawful permanent resident?

A: No, I haven't.

I: Have you ever not filed a tax return since you became a permanent resident?

A: No, we file our taxes every year.

I: Do you owe any overdue federal state or local taxes?

A: [uncertain] We have to pay in April...

I: Overdue means late. Do you owe any late taxes?

A: Oh! No - we always pay on time.

I: Have you ever been declared legally incompetent or confined to a mental institution?

A: No, I haven't.

Part 2

I: Have you ever had a hereditary title or an order of nobility in a foreign country?

A: No.

I: Have you ever registered to vote or voted in the United States?

A: No.

I: Have you ever claimed to be a U.S. citizen?

A: [uncertain] I want to be a U.S. citizen...

I: Claim means say. Have you ever said you were a U.S. citizen before? In speaking or in writing?

A: Oh no, I never said that.

Unit 2.8 - Practice Interview

I: Now I'm going to ask about your group memberships. Have you ever been associated with any groups in the United States or in any other location in the world?

A: No. Well, just the Parent Teacher Organization at my kids' school.

I: (small laugh) Well, that's fine. Have you ever advocated for the overthrow of any government by force or violence?

A: No, I haven't.

I: Have you ever persecuted any person because of their race, religion, national origin, social group, or political opinion?

A: No, I haven't.

I: Did you ever help any group that used a weapon against any person or threatened to do so?

A: No.

I: Were you ever a member, or did you ever help or participate in a military unit?

A: No.

Unit 2.9 - Practice Interview

Part 1

I: Now I'm going to ask you some questions about illegal activities. Have you ever been arrested, cited, or detained by any U.S. official for any reason?

A: No, I haven't.

I: Have you ever received a suspended sentence, been placed on probation, or paroled?

A: No.

I: Have you made a misrepresentation in order to get public benefits?

A: No.

I: Have you ever been married to more than one person at the same time?

A: [uncertain] I've been married twice...

I: At the same time?

A: Oh! No, no, not at the same time.

Part 2

I: Have you ever participated in prostitution?

A: [slightly offended] No!

I: Don't be offended - it's just a question on the application.

A: OK.

I: Are removal, exclusion, rescission, or deportation proceedings currently pending against you?

A: No.

I: Have you ever been ordered removed, excluded, or deported from the United States?

A: No, I haven't.

Unit 2.10 - Practice Interview

Part 1

I: OK, Ms. Rezazade, today you will be taking the Oath of Allegiance, so I'm going to ask you some questions about that. Do you support the Constitution and form of government of the United States?

A: Yes, I do.

I: If the law requires it, are you willing to perform work of national importance?

A: Yes, I am.

I: Do you know what I mean by "work of national importance"?

A: It's work to help the country, like if there's an emergency or a natural disaster.

I: That's right. And if the law requires it, are you willing to bear arms for the United States?

A: Yes.

I: And what does it mean to "bear arms for the United States"?

A: It means to fight or go to war for the United States.

I: Yes. And if the law requires it, are you willing to perform noncombatant services in the U.S. armed forces?

A: Yes.

I: Can you tell me what "noncombatant services" are?

A: It means to do some work for the military.

I: Correct.

Part 2

I: Are you willing to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States?

A: Yes, I am.

I: What is the Oath of Allegiance?

A: It's a promise to be loyal to the United States.

I: And finally, do you understand the Oath of Allegiance?

A: Yes, I do.

I: Yes, I think you do!