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The questions asked during a skilled category selection interview are different for each case. Every skilled category case is unique in its own and the questions are tailored accordingly. I have compiled a small list of questions that I think might be useful for preparing for an interview. Since it is really tough to say that these questions are fully compatible with your case, I would advise you to just study your case in details and go over your papers lots of times and think about what might be asked.

Section A: About You [the applicant]. This section might be used to know more about you and/or for testing/checking your English language skills

1. What is your name?

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2. Where do you live? [i.e. company house, your own house, rented place etc]

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3. What is your address?

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4. Tell us about your ethnic background.

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5. Are you married/engaged?

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6. What is your spouse/fiancé's name?

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7. Do you have kids/children?

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a. If Yes, Name all of them.

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8. Where do your/your spouses parents live? Do they live with you or someone else?

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9. Who will take care of them once you leave your country for Canada?

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10. Do you plan to bring your parents to Canada once you are there?

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11. How would you rate your English/French language skills?

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a. Tell us where you think you are Excellent, good, bad, or worst in

i. Reading

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ii. Writing

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iii. Speaking

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12. What is your financial situation?

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a. How much money do you have in the banks?

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b. Any assets?

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c. Total approximate of all the assets, as of today's date.

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d. Provide proof:

- i. Banks statements for last 1-3 years [Depends upon a country to country]
- ii. Evaluation reports of current market value of your equity/assets.

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e. What is/are the source[s] of your funds/income?

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Section B: - About your work history

Current Job

1. What do you do?

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2. Where do you currently work? Name and Address of your employer?

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3. What are your responsibilities at your current job?

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4. What are the projects you worked on and/or are currently working on?

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5. Were these projects successful?

a. If yes, describe why.

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b. If no, describe why.

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6. Describe these projects in details. [Make sure you know details of all the projects that you put on paper or are going to say to the immigration officer]

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7. What are the names of your supervisors/Manager?

a. Contact information:

- i. Name
- ii. Designation i.e. Branch Manager, Analyst, Team Leader
- iii. Address [residence or employer]
- iv. Phone number or numbers where they can be reached?

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Name	Designation	Address	Phone Number

8. Is it a full time or part time job?

9. Why do you want to quit this job to go to Canada?

10. How would your current job help you land a job in Canada?

11. How would your current job help you integrate seamlessly into Canadian society?

Past Jobs

2. What were your past jobs?

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3. Who were your past employers? Names and Address? Status of past jobs [part or full time]

Job	Status (Part/full time)	Employer	Address & Phone Number

4. What did you do there? Responsibilities?

Job	Responsibilities

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Job	Responsibilities

5. Describe the projects that you worked on.

Job	Projects worked on

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Job	Projects worked on

6. Were these projects successful?

a. If yes, are they currently being used somewhere?

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b. If not, why?

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7. Can you provide references, i.e. names of supervisors/managers?

a. Contact information:

- i. Name
- ii. Designation i.e. Branch Manager, Analyst, Team Leader
- iii. Address where they can be reached [residence or office]
- iv. Phone number or numbers where they can be reached?

Job	Reference's Name	Designation	Address	Phone Number [s]

8. Why did you quit this/those jobs?

Job	Reasons for leaving/Quitting. Please be Brief

Section C: General Questions:

1. Why do you want to leave your country?

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2. Why do you want to immigrate to Canada?

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3. What will you do in Canada?

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4. Do you know licensing/professional associations associated to your profession in Canada?

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a. Did you contact them?

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b. What did they say?

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c. Would they grant you membership?

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d. Do you have to go to school to upgrade your skills?

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5. What would you do if you do not find a job in your chosen field?

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6. What would you do if you do not get visa for Canada?

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7. What are your plans if you fail this interview?

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8. Why do you want to go to Canada?

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9. Why did you want to choose Canada over other countries [i. e. Australia, USA, European Union, etc]?

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10. How do you plan to fund yourself [and your family if applicable] if you do not get job for some time when you arrive in Canada? [in other words how much funds/money do you have that you want to take to Canada]

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11. How do you plan/prepare for the initial settlement in Canada?

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12. Do you know where you are going (to settle) in Canada?

a. Province

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b. City

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13. What is the name of the premier of the province where you plan to settle?

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14. What is the name of the Prime Minister of Canada?

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15. How many provinces and territories does Canada have?

Province =

Territories =

a. Name some Provinces.

i. *British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec are the main provinces of interest for newcomers to Canada*

16. What is the capital of Canada?

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17. What do you think Canada is like?

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a. What did you hear about Canada, and its people? **UN Survey says Canada is the best country to live in**

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18. Is there any specific reason for choosing Canada as your destination?

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19. Do you have your family or friends in Canada?

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a. Do you plan to settle near them?

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b. If you are issued a visa that says that you have to live/work in XXXXX city or XXXXX province, how do you plan to settle near your family/friends? [Tricky Questions:- Just say that you will visit your family and friends during vacation but will stay in XXXXX city or XXXXX province]

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20. Would you come back to your country if you were unable to settle in Canada?

a. If yes, then why do you want to go to Canada?

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b. If no, would you go on Welfare or Social Assistance? **Always Say NO to this**

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i. If No, what will you do? [You can say that you will study in Canada and find a job based on your studies in Canada, or just think about something].

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21. What the various means of finding an employment in Canada?

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a. How would you establish yourself in Canada?

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b. Would you only use Internet to find a job? [Answer is no, internet, sending resumes to all the potential employers, calling all the potential employers and faxing them the resumes, etc]

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c. What happens if you are unable to find a job in your chosen profession?

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d. Do you know of any other tools to find a job except Internet?

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22. What are your preparations for leaving your country?

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a. Would you sell all of your equity/assets?

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b. Any emotional and/or psychological preparation associated with leaving your country.

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c. How do you think your spouse and kids [family] will cope with emotional and psychological stress associated with leaving their friends and relatives?

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23. How are you preparing yourself and your family for Canada?

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i. In ten years?
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NOTE:- An Immigration Officer is trying to find out if you are a qualified and suitable person to go to Canada. It is always a good idea to prepare for an interview. And Please TELL THE TRUTH AND DO NOT LIE.

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Best of luck on your Interview.

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P.S. :- Please let me know how your Interview went. All suggestions appreciated. Please email me at jpsgill@ieee.org
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I'll wait for your reply.