

**Interviewer:** How many members do you have in your family?

**Man 1:** Apart from the husband / wife, there are four children, so, including the two of us, there are six members.

**Interviewer:** How many boys and how many girls?

**Man 1:** Two boys and two girls.

**Interviewer:** What does your son do?

**Man 1:** Son – wait, first is the eldest daughter. She completed her Master's in Economics from Dhaka University<sup>1</sup> and is now a lecturer at Green University.<sup>2</sup> The second is my son. He is at MGH Group<sup>3</sup>; he completed his degree and is now employed at MGH Group as a Finance Manager. The third is the daughter who is completing her MBA from Dhaka University, and the fourth is the son who is studying Electrical Engineering at Ahsanullah University.<sup>4</sup>

**Interviewer:** What are their names?

**Man 1:** The eldest daughter's name is Khurshida Kabir. The eldest daughter's name is Khurshida Kabir. Then the second son's name is Yaseen Kabir. The third child, the daughter, her name is Khaleda Kabir. And the fourth, the son, his name is Yameen Kabir. The eldest daughter got married this May on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Her husband is an electrical engineer working in Dhaka, in a foreign, Japanese company.

**Interviewer:** Do they have any children?

**Man 1:** No, they did not have any children yet.

**Interviewer:** How long have you been working here?

**Man 1:** I have been working here from 1971 up to today as the company secretary.

**Interviewer:** Where did you work previously?

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<sup>1</sup> Public University of Bangladesh.

<sup>2</sup> Private University of Bangladesh.

<sup>3</sup> MGH Group has core business interests and investments in International Transportation, Contract Logistics, Aviation Services, Commercial Banking, and Information Technology, respectively.

<sup>4</sup> Private University of Bangladesh.

**Man 1:** I did not work anywhere else. This is my first job, in Marina Tea Company Ltd. It is running till today and it has been 37 years.

**Interviewer:** Where did you complete your studies? Graduation?

**Man 1:** I graduated from Comilla Victoria College.

**Interviewer:** What was your major?

**Man 1:** Commerce. I received B. (Bachelor's) Comm.Diploma.

**Interviewer:** You know you have been working here for very long; how is your job satisfaction?

**Man 1:** Inshallah, I have been working well over the years. Since 1971 till today, Inshallah, I have been working well with my bosses and the bosses also like me. Till today I have the satisfaction that I have been working honestly.  
*As-salam-alaikum.*<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> *As-salam-alaikum* is an Arabic spoken greeting used by Muslims all over the world as well as non-Muslim Arabic speakers, Christians and Jews. The term *Salam* in Arabic means "Peace". *As-salam-alaikum* means "Peace be upon you."