LEP Questions to Think About:

1. How did you get certified to draw blood?
   • Not certified, qualified

2. Describe the venipuncture procedure.
   • Be able to explain all the way through, not leaving out any steps.

3. Tell me about the gray top tube - what's in it? What do those additives do? Did you check to see that the additive was in it? How do you know that was the additive and not baking soda?
   • Need to know contents of tube and what they do. Be prepared for unfair questions - is it you job to chemically test the additive?

4. How did you keep your equipment/gloves sterile?
   • Not sterile. Clean. (how can you keep them clean?)

5. Did you clean the top of the tube? Why not?
   • Why do you not do some things they will ask you about? It's not part of the procedure.

6. What did you clean the arm with? Was that povidone-iodine or tincture of iodine? What if you don't have povidone-iodine?
   • Tincture of iodine has alcohol in it. Your blood kit has povidone-iodine. What are some other options for cleaning?

7. What location did you draw the blood at? (Where, physically? Outside, inside, etc.)
   • Be prepared to explain why you drew them where you did. How is it seated, safe, and secure? Key parameters - seated, safe, secure.

8. Did you clean the station/area arm was at?
   • What are approved cleansers - freshly prepared 10% bleach, EPA approved cleanser. Use a clean covering for surfaces unable to be cleaned.

9. Why didn't you use the equipment in the blood kit?
   • What circumstances might need other equipment? Butterfly, etc. Describe equipment you did use, be prepared to explain where it came from.

10. Hospital had already drawn blood. Why didn't you use that?
    • What circumstances might make hospital blood unusable/unavailable? Wrong tube, etc.

11. How do you clean hands when a sink is not available?
    • Hand sanitizer all that is required unless heavy contamination. How do you show didn't transfer "alcohol" to subject - let hands completely dry, put on gloves before touching them, etc.

12. You stuck in the basilic vein. Why?
    • When would it be acceptable? When is it not acceptable?

13. As an officer phlebotomist, do you have standards of practice?
    • CLSI guidelines. Adhere to national venipuncture standard.

14. According to your draw report, you had the needle in, tube on, blood was flowing in, yet you deliberately pulled out and stuck them again. Why?
    • Why would you need to pull out and stick again? Hematoma, nerve involvement, etc.