Sample Interview Questions for Education and Teaching

What is your greatest strength as a teacher?
What they are really asking:
How do you perceive your talents and abilities as a teacher?
Will you be an asset to our school and our students?

What is your greatest weakness?
What they are really asking:
How honest are you being with us and with yourself?
What skeletons do you have in your teaching closet that we should know about?

What can you tell us about yourself?
What they are really asking:
What makes you special?
What might you bring to our children?

What is your philosophy of classroom discipline?
What they are really asking:
Do you have a plan?
Are you going to be able to control kids?

What steps would you take with a student who is disruptive in your classroom?
What they are really asking:
Can you handle most discipline problems yourself, or will you send students to the principal's office at the drop of a hat?

What kind of classroom management do you like best? How would you implement it in your classroom?
What they are really asking:
How will your lessons be planned?
Will your students be on task and challenged?

Why do you want to teach?
What they are really asking:
Do you have a passion for children and the teaching profession?
How will our children benefit by having you as their teacher?

Why do you want to teach in this district/school?
What they are really asking:
Do you care where you teach?
Did you take the time to research our district/school?

Why should we hire you for this position?
What they are really asking:
Can you convince us that you are the one?
How much confidence do you have in yourself?