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Sample Interview Questions

- 1. Describe a time on any job in which you were faced with stresses which tested you. What did you do?
- 2. Tell me a time in which you had to not finish a task because of a lack of information. How did you handle it?
- 3. Give an example of a time in which you had to be relatively quick in coming to a decision.
- 4. Relate a time in which you had to use your verbal communication skills in order to get an important point across.
- 5. Describe a job experience in which you had to speak up to be sure that other people knew what you thought or felt.
- 6. Can you tell me a time in which you felt you were able to build motivation in your co-workers or subordinates?
- 7. Give me an example of a specific occasion in which you had to conform to a policy with which you did not agree.
- 8. Describe a situation in which you felt it necessary to be very attentive and vigilant to your environment.
- 9. Provide an example of a time in which you had to use your fact-finding skills to gain information to solve a problem.
- 10. Give me a time in which you had to set an important goal in the past and tell me about your success in reaching it.
- 11. Describe the most significant piece of writing which you have had to complete.
- 12. Tell me an example of a time when you had to go above and beyond the call of duty in order to get a job done.
- 13. Can you tell me a time when you were able **to effectively "read" another person** and guide your actions by your understanding of their individual needs or values?
- 14. What did you do in your last job in order to be effective with your organization and planning? Be specific.
- 15. Describe the most creative work-related project which you have carried out.
- 16. Tell me a time you felt it was necessary to change your actions to respond to the needs of another person.
- 17. Give me a specific example of a time when you used **good judgment and logic in solving a problem**.
- 18. Tell me a time when you had to carefully analyze a situation in order to be effective in guiding your actions.
- 19. What did you do in your last job to contribute toward a teamwork environment? Be specific.
- 20. Give me an example on any job in which you faced a problem and tell me how you went about solving it.
- 21. Describe a situation in which you were able to positively influence the actions of others in a desired direction.
- 22. When working on a team, what role do you usually take? Why?
- 23. Tell me of a time when you had to take initiative to develop an innovative project to achieve better results.
- 24. Give me two examples of when you did more than was required in any job experience.
- 25. By providing an example, how did you handle a time where others on your team were negative..

Sample Interview Questions (Continued)



- 26. Everyone has to bend or break rules sometimes. Recall an example of when you had to do this.
- 27. Describe the process you went through to make one or two of the most important decisions of your professional life.
- 28. Have you ever been the latitude to make a decision for your boss? If so under what circumstances?
- 29. What process do you use to establish priorities? Be specific.
- 30. Describe an experience in which you had to pull together resources which are not under your control.
- 31. Give me a time when one of your suggestions was put into practice by your supervisor.
- 32. Tell me a time when you had to implement change in your area of responsibility. What did you do to get it started?
- 33. What ways have you found to make your job easier or more rewarding?
- 34. Give an example when you persuaded management to do something they were first reluctant to do.
- 35. Provide an example of how you resolved a conflict with you and another person when you disagreed with each other.
- 36. Describe in any job experience how you developed rapport with your peers and your supervisor.
- 37. Tell me about a time when you have had to utilize a system to inform your supervisor and teammates.
- 38. Give some examples of ways you minimize stress in your life.
- 39. By providing an example, tell me when you have had to handle a variety of assignments. Describe the results.
- 40. Describe the most creative way you have solved a customer's problem.
- 41. Tell me about **an accomplishment that you are very proud of** and why it means so much to you.
- 42. Provide me with an example of a time when you had to teach someone a new skill or procedure.
- 43. Describe a job experience when you successfully communicated with someone that did not personally like you.
- 44. Tell me about a time when your supervisor was not satisfied with the quality of your work. What did you do?
- 45. Describe a typical day. How do you decide what to work on and what goals to accomplish?
- 46. Give me an example of a time when your **schedule was interrupted by unforeseen circumstances**. How did you handle it?
- 47. Describe for me a situation when you failed to meet a deadline. What things did you fail to do? What did you learn?
- 48. Tell me a time when you were on a team and **one of your teammates was not pulling his/her weight**. How did you handle it?
- 49. By providing an example, tell me of a situation where you had to use your ability to negotiate.
- 50. Describe for me a job experience when you had to serve as the leader in order to accomplish a goal.