TOP 20 INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Tell me about yourself.
- 2. Why did you apply for this position?
- 3. What do you know about this company?
- 4. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- 5. Where do you see yourself in five years time?
- 6. What do you enjoy most in your current role?
- 7. What do you enjoy least in your current role?
- 8. What is your greatest achievement to date?
- 9. Why do you want to leave your present job?
- 10. How would your colleagues describe you?
- 11. What one thing would you change about your present job/ circumstances?
- 12. What has been the biggest disappointment in your career to date?
- 13. Describe your management style.
- 14. Do you prefer to work on your own or with others?
- 15. How do you react to criticism?
- 16. What is your present boss like?
- 17. Why should we employ you?
- 18. What are your salary expectations?
- 19. What are your outside interests?
- 20. Do you have any questions that you would like to ask us?

EXAMPLES OF COMPETENCY BASED QUESTIONS

Organisational skill

- 1. Please give an example of when you have had to organise a project
- 2. What have you learnt from the experience?
- 3. How do you approach a typical project?

ABILITY TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES

- 1. Tell us about the most challenging project you have worked on.
- 2. Why was it particularly challenging, and how did you deal with the pressure?
- 3. How do you cope if a project you are working on goes wrong?

INITIATIVE

1. Tell me about a time when you have identified an opportunity and driven it forward to the benefit of the business. What specifically did you do?

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- 1. Describe how you handled a situation where you had to initiate and complete a task in the face of resistance from others. What part of your management style would you like to change?
- 2. How would your team describe you?
- 3. Describe a situation where you inspired others to meet a common goal.

ABILITY TO WORK IN A TEAM

1. When as a member of a group did you contribute to a particular task; how did you personally add value and what was the outcome?

2. Have there been times when you thought that consulting other members of the team was unnecessary or even a waste of time? Please give an example

- 3. What sort of people do you find it difficult to work with?
- 4. What sort of contribution do you make to a team or work group?

5. Describe a situation where you were a member (not a leader) of a team, and a conflict arose within the team. What did you do?

LATERAL THINKING

1. Give an example of a situation where you solved a problem in a creative way.

2. Tell me about a time when you identified a new, unusual or different approach for addressing a problem or task.

3. Can you tell me about a time when you acted to improve a process or make a system work better?

CLIENT FOCUS

1. Give me an example of when you provided a service to a client beyond their expectations.

2. How did you identify the need? How did you respond?

COMMUNICATION

1. Give me an example of a difficult or sensitive situation that required extensive communication.

2. Describe a situation where you have had to deal with an angry customer. How did you cope and what was the outcome?

3. Give an example of a time when you have had to communicate a complex idea/message/concept.

PROBLEM SOLVING

1. Tell me about a time when you had to identify the underlying causes to a problem.

INFLUENCING SKILLS

1. Can you give me an example of a time when you have had to convince a person or group to do something that they were initially reluctant to do?

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

1. Have you ever had to work with a manager you simply couldn't get on with?

2. If you have, why, and how did you deal with it?



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