

# Benefits Analyst Interview Questions And Answers Guide.



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### Question # 1

Explain me what do you think are the key strengths of a business analyst?

#### Answer:-

Since business analysis is an evolving and multifaceted profession, hiring managers want to know that you are aware of the necessary skills for success. You probably have your own list, but make sure to highlight both technical and nontechnical attributes you can bring to the job.

The job description should provide clues as to what types of skills the employer is looking for on both fronts - especially technical requirements. Learning what you can about the company culture prior to the interview can also provide insight on interpersonal abilities that will likely be valued.

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### Question # 2

Tell me why are flowcharts important?

#### Answer:-

The hiring manager is trying to learn how you will work with all team members. A suitable answer here is that flowcharts play an important role in explaining concepts and processes to both technical and nontechnical members.

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### Question # 3

Tell me how do you define a requirement?

#### Answer:-

A requirement is the capability possessed by a solution to solve a problem or achieve an objective. Requirements are input to various stages of SDLC and must be properly documented and validated by the business users/stakeholders.

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### Question # 4

Explain what is a typical day of your BA job like?

#### Answer:-

Interviewers often ask this question to ascertain your work experience, how you handle multiple things and your perception about the job.

You should stress upon depicting that there is no typical day for a BA and how varied your work is, through the day. Show your rich experience by explaining how you responds to the emails, meeting with the subject matter experts, clarification of the business flow to the technical team, discussion with the project manager over the project status, preparation and review of functional documents.

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### Question # 5

Explain what do you know about scope creep?

#### Answer:-

Scope creep, also known as requirement creep is a term that denotes uncontrolled changes/deviation in the project's scope without an increase in the other resources (schedule, budget) of the project.

Scope creep is a risk to the project and is usually caused by poor project management, improper documentation of project's requirements and poor communication between the project's stakeholders.

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### Question # 6

Explain how do you avoid scope creep?

#### Answer:-

Scope creep is a hindrance to the project's success and could be avoided by:

\* Clearly document the scope of the project.

\* Following proper change management.



- \* Informing the effects of change to the affected parties before making a change.
- \* Documenting the new requirements in the project log.
- \* Refrain from adding additional features to the existing functionalities (also called Gold Plating)

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### Question # 7

Tell me what type of projects do you enjoy working on?

#### Answer:-

This helps gain deeper insight into candidates' motivation for their work.

Their answers can help gauge where their interests may align within the scope of the open position, in terms of the immediate needs of the role, and how their strengths can prove effective over the long term.

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### Question # 8

Tell me if they're not currently employed, I ask: Why did you leave your last role?

#### Answer:-

Finding out why someone left their last role tells a lot about the person's work performance and expectations. Red flags can already begin to emerge during this conversation, and it may help lead to more probing questions.

For example, if a candidate is looking for growth opportunities but hasn't sought project work or an increased workload in his or her current role, it may signal an unwillingness to work for a promotion while still expecting it.

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### Question # 9

Please explain about your typical project approach?

#### Answer:-

Here, the hiring manager wants to ensure you have an overall understanding of the business analysis planning process. Rather than listing numerous projects and processes, talk more about the general phases or types of deliverables you might create, while letting the hiring manager know you can customize your approaches to projects.

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### Question # 10

Tell me how do you handle changes to requirements?

#### Answer:-

Your logical-thinking skills are being put to the test with this question. As you answer, highlight how you thoughtfully respond to changing situations.

One potential response is something along the lines of, "First, I prioritize the changes to requirements, scope of changes and the impact analysis to the project. Next, I perform an impact analysis to the project cost, timeline and resources. Finally, I evaluate whether the scope change is introducing new gaps to the technical or functional designs or development and testing."

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### Question # 11

Explain me when do you know that you have gathered all the requirements?

#### Answer:-

Once the requirements are gathered, they are validated by the business users/client. It is only after the approval of the business users, the requirements are considered as to be completed. Additionally, it should be validated that:

- \* They are elicited from all the stakeholders from all they key stakeholders of the project.
- \* They align with the project's business case.
- \* When they could be done with the resources available i.e. attainable.
- \* When the stakeholders of the project are in consensus with the elicited requirements.

All the requirements which pass the above four criteria, they are considered to be as formal and final. These requirements re then documented and become a part of the project scope.

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### Question # 12

Explain me how do you define the role of a BA in an organization?

#### Answer:-

A business analyst is a liaison between different stakeholders in an organization. He acts as a bridge, a connector and helps the complete project team work as a tightly integrated unit.

Since stakeholders belong to different domains (e.g. finance, business, marketing) it's very important for a business analyst to be able to sort and balance the needs of these stakeholders while fulfilling the business objectives at the same time.

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### Question # 13

Tell me what was the best job you've had and why?

#### Answer:-

The answer to this question can tell hiring managers a lot about the type of culture that candidates respond well to, as well as how they're motivated to work.

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### Question # 14

Tell me what are your minimum salary requirements?

#### Answer:-

Very few applicants indicate their salary requirements on the front end for fear that they'll overprice themselves and be ruled out. But, if possible, I try to at least get them to give me a salary range. This way, if they're way over my budget, I don't waste my time or theirs.

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### Question # 15

Explain me how would you approach a superior with a suggestion, problem, or criticism?

#### Answer:-

This question gives you a peek into how the candidate could handle team dynamics and the problems that may arise, as well as how they deal with addressing issues that may need supervision from management. No one wants a subordinate that's constantly making a mountain out of a molehill or going over their head on petty issues, but it can be just as damaging if the employee is too timid to bring problems to light until it's too late. Use this to get an idea of their conflict resolution skills and how much confidence they have in dealing with uncomfortable situations.

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### Question # 16

Tell me what steps or techniques do you take to ensure you meet the commitments of your role?

#### Answer:-

Candidates' answers tell a lot about their follow-through on commitments and dedication to their jobs. Look for specifics in their responses. Dedicated, committed employees will be able to speak to their efforts to ensure they do a good job in their roles. They will speak to prioritizing tasks and managing their time.

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### Question # 17

Explain me about a time when you had to use your interpersonal skills to build a network of contacts to reach goals?

#### Answer:-

I'm looking for candidates to describe how they've done this in the past and how building a network helped them be successful. I'm also looking for creative or unique ways they've thought outside the box in order to get introduced to new contacts or reach their goals.

How they answer this question allows me to understand their communication skills, as well as their ability to build rapport and long-term relationships with others.

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### Question # 18

General Health and Benefits Analyst interview questions:

#### Answer:-

- \* What contributions have you made to a group project?
- \* How do you handle pressure and stress?
- \* How many hours do you normally work?
- \* What other positions have you had that qualify you for this position?
- \* Why did you choose the career for which you are preparing?
- \* What qualifications do you have that make you think that you will be successful?
- \* Is detail important to you? Do you think details should be left to your assistant?

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### Question # 19

Behavioral Benefits Analyst Job Interview Questions:

#### Answer:-

- \* Tell me about a time you made a suggestion that resulted in a significant spending cut
- \* Recall a time you had to defend a budget recommendation to a demanding executive. Was the recommendation approved in the end?
- \* Describe a time when you had to present a budget recommendation to a multi-disciplinary audience. How did you make yourself understood to all of them?
- \* Give me an example of a time you used financial information to solve a problem
- \* Tell me about a time you had a disagreement with a department's manager over budget

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### Question # 20

Face to Face Senior Benefits Analyst interview questions:

#### Answer:-

- \* Does a leader need power or authority? How do you influence people?
- \* How many Senior Benefits Analyst projects do you work on at once?
- \* What kinds of things really get you excited?
- \* Describe how you have balanced your academic work with your extracurricular activities.
- \* What do you see yourself doing within the first days as Senior Benefits Analyst?
- \* Specific example of a time when criticised your work.
- \* Describe a team experience you found rewarding.

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### Question # 21

Operational and Situational Benefits Analyst Job Interview Questions:

#### Answer:-

- \* Walk me through the process of preparing a budget
- \* Tell me how you go about preparing a forecasting report
- \* When reviewing a funding request, what kind of information do you need?
- \* Imagine an executive tells you there's some inconsistency between approved budget and actual expenditure at a department. What do you do?
- \* If you had to prepare several budget at the same time, how would you prioritize?

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### Question # 22

Phone Based Health and Benefits Analyst interview questions:

#### Answer:-

- \* Describe a team experience you found disappointing. What could you have done to prevent it?
- \* What was the most rewarding experience at work?
- \* Why do you think you would do well at this job?
- \* What are some things about yourself that you would like to improve?
- \* What would you like to be doing five years from now?
- \* What do you feel is a satisfactory attendance record?
- \* Do you know what the current headline news is?

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### Question # 23

General Senior Benefits Analyst interview questions:

#### Answer:-

- \* Have you gone above and beyond the call of duty?
- \* What do you feel is the best educational preparation for this Senior Benefits Analyst job?
- \* What assignment was too difficult for you?
- \* Describe how you have balanced your academic work with your extracurricular activities.
- \* When did you last update your Senior Benefits Analyst education?
- \* Where would you like to be in your career five years from now?
- \* Why did you choose your major?

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### Question # 24

Basic Senior Benefits Analyst interview questions:

#### Answer:-

- \* Do you have the qualities and skills necessary to Senior Benefits Analyst?
  - \* What interests you about this Senior Benefits Analyst position?
  - \* Tell me about the most effective presentation you have made.
  - \* What motivates you to do a good job?
  - \* When was the last time you were in a crises?
  - \* How do you keep each member of the team involved and motivated?
  - \* Do you work better under pressure or with time to plan and organize?
- These are excellent Senior Benefits Analyst interview questions that lets a potential employee really sell themselves. Impress the interviewer by highlighting your successes that are most relevant to the job.
- This is a good time to illustrate how you can contribute to the company if you are successfully recruited.

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### Question # 25

Group Based Health and Benefits Analyst interview questions:

#### Answer:-

- \* Does a leader need power or authority? How do you influence people?
- \* How did you handle meeting a tight deadline?
- \* What are your salary increases?
- \* What is more important to you: the money or the work as Health and Benefits Analyst?
- \* Examples of strategic thinking in past situations.
- \* Which subjects did you enjoy during your qualifying degree?
- \* How do you handle failures? Provide examples.

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### Question # 26

Behavioral Health and Benefits Analyst interview questions:

#### Answer:-

- \* What contributions have you made to a group project?
- \* What do you know about us as an organisation?
- \* If one of your co workers was having difficulty doing their job, what would you do?
- \* What was the toughest problem you had to solve?
- \* Describe the type of teacher who had the most beneficial influence on you.
- \* If you disagree with a supervisor, do you make your opinions known?



\* Do you work well on your own initiative?

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### Question # 27

Role-specific Benefits Analyst Job Interview Questions:

**Answer:-**

- \* Tell me about your experience with cost-benefit analysis
- \* How would you rate your data analysis skills, on a scale of 1 to 10?
- \* Do you think the job of a budget analyst requires teamwork? Why?
- \* How do you maintain attention to detail when preparing a budget?

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### Question # 28

Phone Based Senior Benefits Analyst interview questions:

**Answer:-**

- \* Have you ever had difficulty getting others to accept your ideas?
- \* What type of management style do you thrive under?
- \* Describe a recent unpopular decision you made as Senior Benefits Analyst
- \* Describe how you have balanced your academic work with your extracurricular activities.
- \* When you achieved a great deal in a short amount of time.
- \* What are you expecting from Senior Benefits Analyst job in the future?
- \* How would you weigh a plane without scales?

A good strategy for these types of Senior Benefits Analyst interview questions is to brainstorm a list of your top ten best qualities. Let answers show that you have taken the time to prepare. Say something about your interest and how it can help you on the job you are applying for.

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### Question # 29

Informational Senior Benefits Analyst interview questions:

**Answer:-**

- \* What have you learned from your past jobs that related to Senior Benefits Analyst?
- \* Give some instances in which you anticipated problems.
- \* Give me examples of projects/tasks you started on your own.
- \* How do you make your decisions in general?
- \* How long will it take for you to make a significant contribution?
- \* Did you ever not meet your goals? Why?
- \* What is the difference between a good position and an excellent one?

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### Question # 30

Panel Based Health and Benefits Analyst interview questions:

**Answer:-**

- \* Tell me about the most effective presentation you have made.
- \* What are your long-term goals or Health and Benefits Analyst career plans?
- \* What is a typical career path in this job function?
- \* What do you consider your strengths and weaknesses as Health and Benefits Analyst?
- \* What was the most important task you ever had?
- \* When you achieved a great deal in a short amount of time.
- \* A team experience you found disappointing.

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### Question # 31

Difficult Health and Benefits Analyst interview questions:

**Answer:-**

- \* Are you willing to take calculated risks when necessary?
- \* How have you improved yourself recently?
- \* Would you work holidays/weekends?
- \* Do you feel your GPA reflects your academic ability?
- \* Do you prefer working with others or alone?
- \* Do you consider yourself a leader? What qualities make a good leader?
- \* Why aren't you earning more money at this stage of your career?

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### Question # 32

First Senior Benefits Analyst interview questions:

**Answer:-**

- \* Describe a decision you made that was unpopular and how you handled implementing it.
- \* What is the highest-level job one can hold in this career?
- \* Do you have the qualities and skills necessary to succeed in your Senior Benefits Analyst career?
- \* How do you think I rate as an interviewer?



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- \* Tell about a time that you had to adapt to a difficult situation.
  - \* What parts of your education do you see as relevant to this Senior Benefits Analyst position?
  - \* Have you had to convince a team to work on a project they weren't thrilled about?
- Tell them about the training you received or the work related experience you gained. The vast majority of companies value a collaborative work style. Your answers to these Senior Benefits Analyst interview questions should be a quick rundown of your qualifications and experience.

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### **Question # 33**

Explain what are the documents that you have prepared as a Business Analyst?

#### **Answer:-**

Through the course of a project, a BA is constantly striving to help technology achieve the business requirements and in this pursuit he prepares a number of documents. They are :

- \* Project vision document
- \* Requirement Management Plan
- \* Use cases
- \* User stories
- \* Business Requirement Document
- \* Requirement traceability matrix (RTM)
- \* Functional requirement specification (FRS)/ Functional Specification Document (FSD)
- \* System requirement specification (SRS)/ System Requirement Document (SRD)
- \* Test case

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### **Question # 34**

Tell us the difference between an alternate flow and an exception flow of a use case?

#### **Answer:-**

Alternate flow are the alternative actions that can be performed apart for the basic flow and might be considered as an optional flow whereas Exception flow is the path traversed in case of the error or an exception being thrown. For e.g. on a logic page the 'Forgot password' is the alternate flow and system showing '404 error' when correct username and password are entered is exception flow.

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### **Question # 35**

Explain me what did you like most about (a job on their resume)? What did you like least about this job?

#### **Answer:-**

Answers to these questions are very telling about candidates' motivation, personality and potential cultural fit. If the job they least liked has similar qualities as the job they're being interviewed for, then they're probably not going to be a good fit and likely won't stick around for long.

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### **Question # 36**

Tell me what part of your previous experience do you think translates to being successful here?

#### **Answer:-**

This can seem like a trick question, especially if the candidate doesn't have much traditional work experience. What you're really looking to find out is how quickly a candidate can come up with a cohesive, impactful response. Many entry level candidates will have little to no experience to call on, so this gives you a peek into how quickly they can solve a problem when there is an obvious barrier in their way.

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### **Question # 37**

Explain me what do you hope to learn from this job?

#### **Answer:-**

This is a round of finding out their strengths and weaknesses.

Sure, you can ask them that directly, but do you think any candidate will actually tell you they are horrible at reports or have never run a campaign for a client? Entry level candidates will probably have a lot they want to learn, so pay close attention to what they say as compared to their resume or previous experiences and why. Couple this with how much training you can provide for the role and you'll be able to tell how well the prospect matches up. If they are looking to learn an entirely new skill set and you don't have the time train, the position may not be the best fit and you'd want to look for someone looking to grow their current skillset more fully through daily application. Conversely, if you have a strong training program and the person is extra motivated to start on something new and could make a big impact, it only makes sense that you hire and train them, not give the position to someone that would be uninterested in receiving training for new skills.

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### **Question # 38**

Do you know what other positions are you currently interviewing for?

#### **Answer:-**

Not always, but oftentimes, if a candidate is interviewing with your company, he or she is also interviewing elsewhere. Finding out what other positions candidates are interviewing for provides you some additional insight. Are the roles they're applying for similar to yours or completely different?

A follow-up question asking what the candidate likes about the other positions he or she is interviewing for can be revealing as well. Candidates' responses can help you understand more about what they're truly looking for in a new position and may help you determine if the position you're hiring for matches their career goals.

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### **Question # 39**



Explain me when you had a disagreement at work and how you handled it?

**Answer:-**

You can expand on this further by asking about a disagreement with a superior and/or a colleague.

I like this question because it gives hiring managers insight into how candidates handle conflict at work. Are they naturally confrontational, quiet and secretly stewing or balanced when it comes to conflict? If they cannot give you an example, they may be hiding something.

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**Question # 40**

Explain the main qualities of a good requirement?

**Answer:-**

The golden rule to measure the quality of a good requirement is the 'SMART' rule. According to this rule a requirement should be:

Specific: The requirement should be specific so that it could be properly documented

Measurable: We should be able to measure the success criteria of the requirement by different parameters

Attainable: The requirement should be possible to attain with the given resources

Relevant: The requirement should be in line with the project's business case

Timely: The requirement should be posed in time i.e. early in the project life cycle.

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**Question # 41**

Tell us how have you handled difficult stakeholders?

**Answer:-**

Answer this one head on. The hiring manager is trying to assess your soft skills, particularly your communication and collaboration abilities. Working with people from different areas of the company and perspectives is an area where nontechnical skills are key.

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**Question # 42**

Tell me what do you see your day to day being in this role?

**Answer:-**

This is a must to ask. By asking the candidate to tell you what they see as their day to day responsibilities, you will get a great idea of how well they will fit to the role. If they think they will be running the marketing department as an entry level analyst and refuse to accept why they wouldn't be given the chance, you can assume they are a bit out of touch and may be a problem to manage later on. If you let them know politely though that they are a bit off and they take it in stride and with unflagging enthusiasm for the opportunity, there is a good chance you've found a winner.

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**Question # 43**

Tell me what are the skills that a business analyst must possess?

**Answer:-**

A business analyst must possess fundamental skills such as elicitation skills, problem solving skills, communication and management skills. Alongside, he must have knowledge of IT skills, Software development understanding and domain knowledge regarding the domain he is working in.

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**Question # 44**

Tell me what is your requirement elicitation strategy?

**Answer:-**

The elicitation strategy depends upon the type of the project.

One can take advantage of direct collaboration with client and have facilitated workshops, interviews and observe the end users. In conjunction, we can use techniques that provide us with more precise information like prototype and scenario building.

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**Question # 45**

Tell me what made you decide to apply to this job?

**Answer:-**

This one seems obvious but it's important to ask. You'd be surprised how many candidates can't really answer this question, or answer it in a way that underwhelms such as "I need a job and this was hiring." Candor is a plus, and in situations like this is a huge benefit. It gets bad candidates in and out the door faster.

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**Question # 46**

Explain which business intelligence tools or systems have you worked with?

**Answer:-**

Cite the specific tools and how you've used them. If you have used a system the company employs, mention your experience to the hiring manager. If you're not familiar with the technology the employer uses, discuss how you plan to get up to speed quickly.

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**Question # 47**





Tell me what are the best practices you follow while writing a use case?

**Answer:-**

The following are the best practices that are followed to write a clear and well documented use case:

- \* Capture both functional and non-functional requirements in a use case.
- \* Include use case diagrams along with the use case.
- \* Include the UI details/notes in the use case.

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**Question # 48**

Explain me what do you want my hiring manager to know about you, specifically?

**Answer:-**

This question is a variation of "Why should I consider you for this role?" However, it is usually so unexpected that the responses are pretty telling. You quickly see what candidates value in their own experiences and gain a little more insight.

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**Question # 49**

Explain me what do you know about SDD?

**Answer:-**

Your lingo acumen is being tested when you get one of these types of questions. Explain that the system design document (SDD) is a middle step separating business users and developers.

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**Question # 50**

Tell me what would your current employer need to offer in order to keep you?

**Answer:-**

Your candidates' responses can tell you a lot about their current work situation and the likelihood that they will accept a new offer. This question even provides insight into the possibility of a counter offer from their current employer.

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**Question # 51**

Tell me have you worked for our company in the past?

**Answer:-**

If candidates have worked for the company in the past, hiring managers will need to check rehire eligibility.

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**Question # 52**

Tell me how do you like to be managed?

**Answer:-**

Asking this question helps hiring managers understand the level of responsibility that candidates are comfortable with, and will ultimately allow them to determine if their management style matches candidate expectations.

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**Question # 53**

Explain me the diagrams most used by business analysts?

**Answer:-**

Again, the hiring manager wants reassurance you have the skills to get the job done and know case, activity and sequence diagrams.

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