

# **CICS Systems Programmer Interview Questions And Answers Guide.**



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## Question # 1

What position do you prefer on a team working on a project?

### Answer:-

Do not claim to be comfortable with a specific role if you are in fact not comfortable with it. However, if you have no problem working in certain roles or situations, be sure to discuss this with the interviewer.

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## Question # 2

What do you think about Teamwork?

### Answer:-

I enjoy teamwork and am used to shift work. I think I would adapt well to the role. I am looking for new challenges Regarding CICS Systems Programmer and I know I would learn a lot as cabin crew, not just about people and places, but skills like first aid too, how can I help others within my limits.

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## Question # 3

Tell us about a typical day at work. How does it start? What do you do?

### Answer:-

At the beginning of each day, I inspect the work site to make sure that it is hazard-free. Once the work site is secured, I verify that all tools and equipment are adequate in supply. As soon as the work orders are delivered, I provide workers with security guidelines and carry out drills. During the workday, it is my duty to monitor workers to ensure that they are working according to the enforced safety policies and that any problems or accidents are quickly addressed.

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## Question # 4

When were you most satisfied in your job Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

### Answer:-

I'm a people person. I was always happiest and most satisfied when I was interacting with community residents, making sure I was able to meet their needs and giving them the best possible comfort in a tough situation. It was my favorite part of the job, and it showed. Part of the reason I'm interested in this job is that I know I'd have even more interaction with the public, on an even more critical level.

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## Question # 5

Why did you leave your last job Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

### Answer:-

Regardless of why you left your last job make sure to stay positive. Always smile and focus on the positive reason such you were seeking the opportunity to expand your career opportunities, your interest in working with a new firm that provided greater opportunity, you desired to work in a new location, etc. Don't reference previous job problems or differences with management that caused you to leave. If you stay positive, your answer may help you. If you're negative, you will likely decrease your chances of getting the job for which you're interviewing.

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## Question # 6

What is the most irritating thing you've experienced about your co-workers?

### Answer:-

This question is designed to find out if you get along well on team, with other and whether or not you'll be a fit with the interviewer's organization. It's a trap. Think real hard but fail to come up anything that irritated you about your co-workers. A short positive response is best.

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### **Question # 7**

Give me an example of how you handled pressure at work Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

#### **Answer:-**

The company is looking to see if you can handle pressure well. Share with them an example where you were able to stay calm during a pressure filled situation (perhaps it was a deadline, or there was an emergency with a customer occurring). Discuss the situation, your reaction and steps you took to resolve it and the outcome.

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### **Question # 8**

Tell us something about yourself?

#### **Answer:-**

Bad Answer: Candidates who ramble on about themselves without regard for information that will actually help the interviewer make a decision, or candidates who actually provide information showing they are unfit for the job.

Good answer: An answer that gives the interviewer a glimpse of the candidate's personality, without veering away from providing information that relates to the job. Answers should be positive, and not generic.

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### **Question # 9**

What do you do in your spare time?

#### **Answer:-**

If you want to show your fun side, discuss your extracurricular activities. If you want to show your ambition, discuss the work / school projects you do in your spare time.

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### **Question # 10**

Can you describe your ideal boss/supervisor?

#### **Answer:-**

During the interview Regarding CICS Systems Programmer process employers will want to find out how you respond to supervision. They want to know whether you have any problems with authority, If you can work well as part of a group (see previous question) and if you take instructions well etc.

Never ever ever, criticize a past supervisor or boss. This is a red flag for airlines and your prospective employer will likely assume you are a difficult employee, unable to work in a team or take instruction and side with your former employer.

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### **Question # 11**

Did you consider yourself a team player?

#### **Answer:-**

Of course you're a team player - who isn't. But a simple yes probably isn't the response the interviewer is looking for. Be ready to provide specific example of how you've worked as part of a cohesive team to get things accomplished and how you've focus on team performance rather than individual performance. Make sure not to brag as this will make it appear as that you're more concerned about your own performance and accomplishments than those of the team.

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### **Question # 12**

What have you done to improve your knowledge Regarding CICS Systems Programmer in the last year?

#### **Answer:-**

Try to include improvement activities that relate to the job Regarding CICS Systems Programmer. A wide variety of activities can be mentioned as positive self-improvement. Have some good ones handy to mention.

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### **Question # 13**

Give me an example of a time when you set a goal and were able to meet or achieve it?

#### **Answer:-**

Show that you set great goals and the process and steps you took to achieve it. Details really matter here.

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### **Question # 14**

What motivates you at the work place?

#### **Answer:-**

Keep your answer simple, direct and positive. Some good answers may be the ability to achieve, recognition or challenging assignments.

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### **Question # 15**

What has been your biggest professional disappointment?

#### **Answer:-**



When discussing a professional disappointment, make sure to discuss a scenario you could not control. Be positive about the experience and accept personal responsibility where applicable.

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### **Question # 16**

Tell me about a time when you successfully handled a situation?

#### **Answer:-**

For this question, the interviewer wants to know what you do in a situation that doesn't have a clear answer. This will help the interviewer know how you respond to unforeseen challenges.

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### **Question # 17**

Tell me about a time when you had to think strategically?

#### **Answer:-**

There was a time when I was told I had to get rid of 20% of my people. I had to determine which persons I needed the most by determining who could do what. I had to put aside personal feelings so that I could keep a working crew to handle the same workload with less people.

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### **Question # 18**

What's your management style?

#### **Answer:-**

The best managers are strong but flexible, and that's exactly what you want to show off in your answer. (Think something like, "While every situation and every team member requires a bit of a different strategy, I tend to approach my employee relationships as a coach...") Then, share a couple of your best managerial moments, like when you grew your team from five to 15 or coached an underperforming employee to become the company's top employee.

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### **Question # 19**

If you have multiple projects on your plate, how do you handle completing them on time?

#### **Answer:-**

Prioritize based on business importance. Set clear timelines for each so that you know which ones to knock out first. Get your teammates to help if necessary.

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### **Question # 20**

Describe a time when you put your needs aside to help a co-worker understand a task. How did you assist them? What was the result?

#### **Answer:-**

The key is to show that the mentoring of a co-worker was first a higher priority than the task you had at hand (remember, you want to show that you focus on highest priority tasks first). Then, describe in detail how you helped them not only complete the task but learn to do it on their own. You want to teach them HOW to fish and not to simply fish for them.

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### **Question # 21**

Do you value recognition or pay more? Why?

#### **Answer:-**

Either preference is fine, but just remember you have to be able to explain why. If you say recognition, then back that up by describing how achievement really carries weight with you and how you like to feel valued in the work that you do because it validates that you're helping your teammates / customers and so forth. If you choose money, you can also explain that is important to you as validation and you can highlight how money is important to you because of your goals (financial security, providing for your family, and so forth). The key is to be authentic with your answer. However, if you say you value pay more because you're greedy - know that doesn't align usually to most company's values/vision.

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### **Question # 22**

What are ideas or initiatives you've led and what was the outcome?

#### **Answer:-**

Describe your most unique ideas and initiatives that had the best results for the company. Make sure you highlight your creativity, your results, your diligence and your ability to execute.

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### **Question # 23**

Where do you see yourself in 5 years with your career?

#### **Answer:-**

Be sure to paint a clear picture of your career vision that demonstrates your aspirations and goals that are realistic. This could emphasize increased responsibility, the ability to manage people and so forth

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### Question # 24

What differentiates this company from other competitors?

#### Answer:-

Be positive and nice about their competitors but also discuss how they are better than them and why they are the best choice for the customer. For example: "Company XYZ has a good product, but I truly believe your company has a 3-5 year vision for your customer that aligns to their business needs."

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### Question # 25

Why are manhole covers round?

#### Answer:-

This is a classic brainteaser, which was reportedly first asked by a Microsoft interviewer. Here's how to "solve" this brainteaser (remember to speak and reason out loud while solving this brainteaser): Why are manhole covers round? Could there be a structural reason? Why aren't manhole covers square? It would make it harder to fit with a cover. You'd have to rotate it exactly the right way.

The pipes below are also round, so fitting them might be easier, as might be making them. So many manhole covers are round because they don't need to be rotated. There are no corners to deal with. Also, a round manhole cover won't fall into a hole because it was rotated the wrong way, so it's safer. Looking at this, it seems corners are a problem. You can't cut yourself on a round manhole cover. And because it's round, it can be more easily transported. One person can roll it.

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### Question # 26

Describe to me a time where you had to make a hard decision Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

#### Answer:-

Hard decisions are hard for a reason. It could dramatically effect the company. It could affect other workers. So if you have a story about how you made a hard decision and had a good outcome, share that. If you have one where the outcome wasn't great, explain how you would have changed the way you approached the decision to show you learned how to improve.

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### Question # 27

How do you handle conflicts with people you supervise?

#### Answer:-

At first place, you try to avoid conflicts if you can. But once it happens and there's no way to avoid it, you try to understand the point of view of the other person and find the solution good for everyone. But you always keep the authority of your position.

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### Question # 28

Why should we select you not others?

#### Answer:-

Here you need to give strong reasons to your interviewer to select you not others. Sell yourself to your interviewer in interview in every possible best way. You may say like I think I am really qualified for the position. I am a hard worker and a fast learner, and though I may not have all of the qualifications that you need, I know I can learn the job and do it well."

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### Question # 29

If you look at a clock and the time is 3:15, what's the angle between the hour and the minute hands?

#### Answer:-

Usually, if the answer to a brainteaser seems too easy, chances are the answer's wrong. And in this case, the answer is not zero degrees. The hour hand, remember, moves as well. That is, in addition to the minute hand. And so, at 3:15, the hour hand and the minute hand are not on top of each other. In fact, the hour hand has moved a quarter of the way between the 3 and 4. This means it's moved a quarter of 30 degrees (360 degrees divided by 12 equals 30). So the answer, to be exact, is seven and a half degrees (30 divided by four).

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### Question # 30

If you have seven white socks and nine black socks in a drawer, how many socks do you have to pull out blindly in order to ensure that you have a matching pair?

#### Answer:-

if the first one is one color (say, white), and the second one is the other color (black), then the third one, no matter what the color, will make a matching pair. (Sometimes you're not supposed to think that hard.)

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### Question # 31

Why did you choose your major in college or tech school?

#### Answer:-

People usually choose their major based on their passions or the career path they want to head towards.

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### Question # 32



What is the most important lesson / skill you've learned from school?

**Answer:-**

Think of lessons learned in extra curricular activities, in clubs, in classes that had a profound impact on your personal development. For example, I had to lead a team of 5 people on a school project and learned to get people with drastically different personalities to work together as a team to achieve our objective.

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**Question # 33**

How well do you multi-task?

**Answer:-**

Multi-tasking is an important part of most jobs. You want to show that you're good at it but not overwhelmed with it. So discuss just a few things you can multi-task well on - for example: "I'm good at multi tasking between work email and working on projects Regarding CICS Systems Programmer and the reason it because I'm good at prioritizing my work emails.

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**Question # 34**

What are your presentation skills like Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

**Answer:-**

Make sure you share a story that demonstrates your presentation skills in front of many people. If you are really brave, offer to give a snippet of that presentation to the interviewer. This will definitely be different from what most people do.

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**Question # 35**

Why do you feel you will excel at this job?

**Answer:-**

This question presents an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your education, qualifications and personal traits. You might say something like "I studied property management as well as behavior during my college years and I have two years' experience in real estate.

I can gauge the homes or apartments in which clients will be interested based solely upon the needs of their families. Finally, my organizational skills will allow me to schedule appointments or showings confidently and arrive for them punctually." This shows your interviewer that you have all of the skills necessary to become successful not only for yourself, but also for your employer.

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**Question # 36**

What are your thoughts on failure?

**Answer:-**

Failure happens. It's a part of life. The key is understanding that you can't be perfect at everything and more importantly you're going to learn from failures to come out stronger.

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**Question # 37**

How will you approach learning this "new" job Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

**Answer:-**

Interview peers and leaders/managers, read industry news, practice the skill sets needed, absorb information on the job as much as possible.

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**Question # 38**

Do you work well on a team? How would you define teamwork?

**Answer:-**

I would define team work as getting the job done Regarding CICS Systems Programmer whether that means if I have to do more then the guy next to me as long as the work gets finished.

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**Question # 39**

What are three positive character traits you don't have?

**Answer:-**

List three attributes that you aspire to attain / build in the next few years - and then explain how you would develop those.

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**Question # 40**

What other jobs are you applying for Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

**Answer:-**

If you're applying with other similar companies in a similar or the same industry, it's actually okay to state that as it shows you're valued and wanted.

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### **Question # 41**

Do you have any questions for me?

#### **Answer:-**

Good interview questions to ask interviewers at the end of the job interview include questions on the company growth or expansion, questions on personal development and training and questions on company values, staff retention and company achievements.

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### **Question # 42**

What would you like to have accomplished by the end of your career?

#### **Answer:-**

Think of 3 major achievements that you'd like to accomplish in your job when all is said and done - and think BIG. You want to show you expect to be a major contributor at the company. It could be creating a revolutionary new product, it could be implementing a new effective way of marketing, etc.

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### **Question # 43**

What are three positive things your last boss would say about you?

#### **Answer:-**

It's time to pull out your old performance appraisals and boss's quotes. This is a great way to brag about yourself through someone else's words: "My boss has told me that I am the best designer he has ever had. He knows he can rely on me, and he likes my sense of humor."

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### **Question # 44**

What kind of salary do you need Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

#### **Answer:-**

This is a loaded question and a nasty little game that you will probably lose if you answer first. So, do not answer it. Instead, say something like, that's a tough question. Can you tell me the range for this position? In most cases, the interviewer, taken off guard, will tell you. If not, say that it can depend on the details of the job. Then give a wide range.

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### **Question # 45**

Have you got any questions?

#### **Answer:-**

This is your final opportunity to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job. Now is not the time to ask questions about holidays, pay or pensions - all these things can be asked later when you get an offer of employment. Now is the time to ask about any reservations that the interviewer may have about your suitability for the role. You will then give yourself one last chance to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job.

Example Thank you. I think we have covered everything. Before we finish the interview I would like to take the opportunity to ask if you have any reservations about my suitability for this role?

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### **Question # 46**

What's a time you exercised leadership?

#### **Answer:-**

Depending on what's more important for the the role, you'll want to choose an example that showcases your project management skills (spearheading a project from end to end, juggling multiple moving parts) or one that shows your ability to confidently and effectively rally a team. And remember: "The best stories include enough detail to be believable and memorable." Show how you were a leader in this situation and how it represents your overall leadership experience and potential.

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### **Question # 47**

Do you have any question regarding this job Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

#### **Answer:-**

Never ask Salary, perks, leave, place of posting, etc. regarded questions. Try to ask more about the company to show how early you can make a contribution to your organization like. "Sir, with your kind permission I would like to know more about induction and developmental programs?" OR Sir, I would like to have my feedback, so that I can analyze and improve my strengths and rectify my shortcomings.

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### **Question # 48**

Are you planning to continue your studies and training Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

#### **Answer:-**

If asked about plans for continued education, companies typically look for applicants to tie independent goals with the aims of the employer. Interviewers consistently want to see motivation to learn and improve. Continuing education shows such desires, especially when potentials display interests in academia potentially benefiting the company.

Answering in terms of "I plan on continuing my studies in the technology field," when offered a question from a technology firm makes sense. Tailor answers about continued studies specific to desired job fields. Show interest in the industry and a desire to work long-term in said industry. Keep answers short and to the point, avoiding diatribes causing candidates to appear insincere.



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### **Question # 49**

Why should we hire you as this position Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

#### **Answer:-**

This is the part where you link your skills, experience, education and your personality to the job itself. This is why you need to be utterly familiar with the job description as well as the company culture. Remember though, it's best to back them up with actual examples of say, how you are a good team player.

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### **Question # 50**

What do you know about this department?

#### **Answer:-**

One good way to find out about the department is to try to "informally" interview the existing employees over coffee (outside of the office) if possible. It's hard if you don't have any connections there, but if you do a great way to learn about it. Other than that, it's often hard to learn about the department so you can turn the table back on them by asking questions to learn about it.

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### **Question # 51**

What type of work environment do you prefer?

#### **Answer:-**

Ideally one that's similar to the environment of the company you're applying to. Be specific.

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### **Question # 52**

What problems have you encountered at work?

#### **Answer:-**

Wow, do we have problems! Where do I begin? Well, most of the problems are internal, just people not working well with each other. I have one person on our team who is a real problem, but it seems like management is afraid to do anything about it. So we all end up having to do extra work to cover for this person, who just doesn't work. We all say that he's retired in place. I think he's just holding on until retirement in a couple years. But he's a real problem. I complain about it--a lot--but nothing ever seems to get done. I've even written negative reviews about the person, hoping he will get canned, but it doesn't happen. I can't wait for him to retire.

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### **Question # 53**

If you had to choose one, would you consider yourself a big-picture person or a detail-oriented person?

#### **Answer:-**

Both are important. You need to stress that. However, if you could only choose one, ask yourself Regarding CICS Systems Programmer - do you like to be "in the weeds" with your work, or do you want to be the one painting the vision?

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### **Question # 54**

Do you think you have enough experience Regarding CICS Systems Programmer?

#### **Answer:-**

If you do not have the experience they need, you need to show the employer that you have the skills, qualities and knowledge that will make you equal to people with experience but not necessary the skills. It is also good to add how quick you can pick up the routine of a new job role.

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### **Question # 55**

What's the most rewarding work you've ever done and why?

#### **Answer:-**

Companies love it when you discuss how you've made an impact on your teammates, clients, or partners in the business or in school. It should be rewarding because of the hard work and creative process that you've put into it.

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### **Question # 56**

What do you know about the company?

#### **Answer:-**

Any candidate can read and regurgitate the company's "About" page. So, when interviewers ask this, they aren't necessarily trying to gauge whether you understand the mission-they want to know whether you care about it. Start with one line that shows you understand the company's goals, using a couple key words and phrases from the website, but then go on to make it personal. Say, "I'm personally drawn to this mission because..." or "I really believe in this approach because..." and share a personal example or two.

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### **Question # 57**





Rate yourself on a scale of 10?

**Answer:-**

If you truly believe you're a 10, you better be able to explain why with examples / stories. If you believe you're a great contributor and have room to grow, say 8 or 9. If you're below that, explain what you would do to improve yourself to get the ranking you believe you can be.

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**Question # 58**

What's the least rewarding work you've ever done and why?

**Answer:-**

Describe work you've done that you feel doesn't take advantage of your full potential. For example, "I once had to make paper copies for my job and I feel it didn't take full advantage of my skills. However, it did teach me to be humble in my work and to appreciate a good opportunity when it arose to use my skills"

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**Question # 59**

Give an example of a time you successfully worked Regarding CICS Systems Programmer on a team?

**Answer:-**

On the whole I prefer to stick to doing what I'm told rather than setting myself up to fail by doing things off my own bat. But there was this one time when I suggested to my boss at the pizza parlor that she try offering an 'all you can eat' deal to students to boost trade on Mondays. She thought it was an interesting idea but nothing ever came of it.

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**Question # 60**

What general trends do you see in our industry?

**Answer:-**

Examine what's happened in the industry in the last 5 - 10 years and how it's evolved and then look at what both the company and analysts are saying about the future of that industry in which that company competes in. Read trade magazines / online sources in that industry as well to make sure you stay up to date on trends.

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**Question # 61**

Do you like to start personal relationships with other employees?

**Answer:-**

Well, the right answer is yes and no. Good personal relations can improve the overall performance of a team. But on the other hand, you should not let your emotions to affect your decisions in work.

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