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# Cataloging and Classification Instructor Job Interview Preparation Guide.

#### Question # 1

Top 11 Questions to Verify Experience and Credentials As Cataloging and Classification Instructor:

#### Answer:-

Sometimes people want a job a little too bad - and they may fudge their credentials and experience a bit.

If you've run into this problem, are worried about it, or have credentials and experience that are absolutely essential, you may need to ask a few verification questions. If you are a candidate, you should review your resume and make sure you know all the key points, and that nothing has been misconstrued.

- 1. What grades did you get in college?
- 2. What were your responsibilities when you worked in job x?
- 3. How many people were on your team at your last job?
- 4. What will your previous manager/supervisor say when I ask where you needed to improve?
- 5. What was your beginning and ending salary at job x?
- 6. What were your beginning and ending titles at job x?
- 7. Are you eligible for rehire at job x?
- 8. What tools are necessary for performing job x?
- 9. Describe to me how you would perform [x typical job task].
- 10. What was the focus of your thesis?
- 11. When did you leave company x?

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## Question # 2

Explain what are your strengths As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

## Answer-

Bad Answer: Candidate is unprepared for question or only gives generic answers.

This is the most common job interview question - everybody should be expecting it. If they don't seem prepared, or give a fairly stock answer, it's probably a bad sign.

Good answer: The consensus is to go for quality, not quantity here. Candidates should give a short list of strengths, and back each one up with examples that illustrate the strength. Also, they should explain how these strengths will be useful in the job you're applying for, and use this question to say something interesting about themselves.

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## Question # 3

What do you know about our company?

## Answer:-

You always want to make sure that you're pretty familiar with the company that you're interviewing with. Nothing looks worse than a candidate who knows nothing about the company they say they're interested in working for. Find out everything you can about the company, its culture and its goals. You will also want to know how the company is positioned in its market as well as who its major competitors are.

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## Question # 4

Have you ever you have been in a position As Cataloging and Classification Instructor where you've had to fire someone? How did you feel about that experience?

## Answer:

Be very thoughtful about your answer. This is a very serious matter for most companies and requires a very serious answer. You need to express that you will do it when it is the right thing to do but you don't want to give the impression that you're callus to the process. Don't forget that firing is not the same as laying someone off - it typically is for the direct benefit of the company.

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## Question # 5

How do you stay organized?



#### Answer:-

By maintaining proper routine every day. Putting my strongest points with my weakness. High priority always comes first As Cataloging and Classification

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#### Question #6

Top 13 Situational Interview Questions As Cataloging and Classification Instructor:

Situational interviews As Cataloging and Classification Instructor are similar to behavioral interview questions - but they are focused on the future, and ask hypothetical questions, whereas behavioral interview questions look at the past.

The advantage is that employers can put all candidates in the same hypothetical situations, and compare their answers

- 1. What would you do if you made a strong recommendation in a meeting, but your colleagues decided against it?
- 2. How you would handle it if your team resisted a new idea or policy you introduced?
- 3. How would you handle it if the priorities for a project you were working on were suddenly changed?
- 4. What would you do if the work of an employee you managed didn't meet expectations?
- 5. What would you do if an important task was not up to standard, but the deadline to complete it had passed?
- 6. What steps would you take to make an important decision on the job As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

- 8. What would you do if you were assigned to work with a difficult client As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

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- 10. What would you do if you worked hard on a solution to a problem, and your solution was criticized by your team?
- 11. How would you handle working closely with a colleague who was very different from you?
- 12. You're working on a key project that you can't complete, because you're waiting on work from a colleague. What do you do?
- 13. You realize that an early mistake in a project is going to put you behind deadline. What do you do?

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## Question #7

Explain yourself in one line?

#### Answer:-

When you respond, keep in mind the type of position you are interviewing for like Cataloging and Classification Instructor based job, the company culture, and the work environment. Your answer should help show the interviewer why you're a match for the job and for the company. Sample answers are:

- \* I'm a people person. I really enjoy meeting and working with a lot of different people.
- \* I'm a perfectionist. I pay attention to all the details, and like to be sure that everything is just right.
- \* I'm a creative thinker. I like to explore alternative solutions to problems and have an open mind about what will work best.
- \* I'm efficient and highly organized. This enables me to be as productive as possible on the job.
- \* I enjoy solving problems, troubleshooting issues, and coming up with solutions in a timely manner.

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## Question # 8

Give me a specific example of a time when you had to conform to a policy with which you did not agree?

You want to first understand why the policy was put into effect. From there, if you truly disagree with it, explain your position to your management. If they don't change it, then you must accept their decision and continue to work or the alternative decision would be to find a new job.

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## Question #9

Tell me about a time when you had to make a decision without all the information you needed. How did you handle it As Cataloging and Classification Instructor? Why? Were you happy with the outcome?

In many scenarios, you will not have all the information needed. The key is to make the best possible decision based on what you deem to be a sufficient amount of information.

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## Question # 10

Where do you see yourself in five years? Ten years?

## Answer:-

Bad Answer: A generic or uninspired answer. Also, answers that show that this career/company is just a temporary stop for them.

Good answer: One that shows the candidate has thought about this question, has plans, and that those plans align with the job and a career path that is possible in the company. You want to see that this candidate is a good long term investment.

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## Question #11

How do you keep others informed on work issues?

## Answer:-

Possible methods:

Talking to them, emailing them, sharing best practices in meetings

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#### Question # 12

What kind of work interests you the least As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

#### Answer-

What bores you? What fails to challenge you? What fails to excite you?

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#### Question #13

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 in 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 # 14

Do you know anyone that works with our company?

#### Answer:-

Sometimes companies have policies relating to the hiring of individuals related to current company employees. If you are related to anyone working for the company make sure you're aware of company policies before you enter the interview. If you have a friend or acquaintance working for the company make sure have good relationship with this individual before mentioning them.

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#### Question # 15

What has disappointed you about a previous job?

#### Answer:-

Again, this question could get you in trouble so tread carefully. Some good answers might be that your previous job didn't provide any room for growth, that you were laid off due to a mandatory reduction in staff, that they closed their office in your state and required you to relocate, etc. Make sure not to mention anything negative about the people you worked with, the company in general or the job itself.

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#### Question # 16

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 # 17

How do you rate yourself in computer skills? Please describe the programs and software that you can use well?

## Answer:-

Ideally you want to able to type quickly, have the ability to effectively use Microsoft Office, and more importantly be able to quickly adapt to computer / technology skills. More and more it's become an integral part of work. If the job doesn't require technology skills - then this question shouldn't be asked!

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## Question # 18

How do you prioritize your work?

## Answer:

Depends on the situation... I like to label certain tasks as either A B or C...A being the one that requires immediate attention, and C which are tasks that aren't urgent but eventually need to get done... I like to focus my work As Cataloging and Classification Instructor on the things that need to get done, and done quickly... While balancing the other work alongside our first priorities.

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## Question # 19

Tell me about a time when you had to use your presentation skills to influence someone's opinion As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

## Answer-

Example stories could be a class project, an internal meeting presentation, or a customer facing presentation.

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## Question # 20

If you were hiring a person for this job As Cataloging and Classification Instructor, what would you look for?

## Answer:-

Discuss qualities you possess required to successfully complete the job duties.



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#### Question # 21

What type of people do you not work well with?

#### Answer-

Be very careful answering this question as most organization employ professionals with an array of personalities and characteristics. You don't want to give the impression that you're going to have problems working with anyone currently employed at the organization. If you through out anything trivial you're going to look like a whiner. Only disloyalty to the organization or lawbreaking should be on your list of personal characteristics of people you can't work with.

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#### Question # 22

How do you feel about taking on repetitive tasks As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

#### Answer.

This answer depends on whether or not the job has a lot of repetitive tasks with no variation. If it does, then you would need to be okay with the idea of doing the same task over and over again. If you feel you can offer more than repetitive work, then describe how you would be able to do so.

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#### Question # 23

How has school prepared you for this job role?

#### Answer:-

Think back to how you've interacted with your peers to develop social skills, how you've worked with classmates on projects to develop teamwork and collaborative skills, how you've developed discipline through studying, how the courses have helped your creativity, and how the classes you've taken have impacted your analytical / problem solving / reasoning skills.

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#### Question # 24

What's been your biggest success to date?

#### Answer:

Talk about a story / experience about how you achieved success and be sure to share details on the results and outcome. Have it highlight a strong characteristic such as leadership, work ethic and so forth.

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## Question # 25

How do you feel about this company's vision?

## Answer:

First find out where the company envisions itself in 3-5 years. If you can't find the vision of the company, that's probably a big question mark on the company itself. Once you do, identify how those company's visions align to your personal values and goals and then articulate how tightly correlated that is to the interviewer. For example - this company wants to be the #1 provider of green technology in the world and I feel strongly about that vision because we've got a chance to collectively impact the world to become a greener society and save our clients at the same time!

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## Question # 26

How do you deal with pressure or stressful situations?

## Answer:-

Choose an answer that shows that you can meet a stressful situation head-on in a productive, positive manner and let nothing stop you from accomplishing your goals. A great approach is to talk through your go-to stress-reduction tactics (making the world's greatest to-do list, stopping to take 10 deep breaths), and then share an example of a stressful situation you navigated with ease.

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## Question # 27

Do you like being around people?

## Answer:

People skills are a necessity for medical assistants. When answering this question, be sure to show that you enjoy interacting and working with others and that you also derive great enjoyment from helping others. This will show that you are a team player and that you would be a valuable team member As Cataloging and Classification Instructor.

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## Question # 28

How many tennis balls can you fit into a limousine? 1,000? 10,000? 100,000? Seriously?

## Answer:-

Well, seriously, you might get asked brainteaser questions like these, especially in quantitative jobs. But remember that the interviewer doesn't necessarily want an exact number-he wants to make sure that you understand what's being asked of you, and that you can set into motion a systematic and logical way to respond. So, just take a deep breath, and start thinking through the math. (Yes, it's OK to ask for a pen and paper!)



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#### Question # 29

What other companies are you interviewing at?

#### Answer:-

Be open and share if you are indeed interviewing elsewhere, but do it in a humble way. This way you don't seem arrogant and the interviewer knows your skills are valued by other companies. This also tends to make them want you more as they know they are competing for your services.

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#### Question # 30

What do you think of your previous boss?

#### Answer:-

Do not belittle or talk badly of your last boss - it will come off as being petty. Instead, talk about the positive lessons you were able to learn from your last boss.

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## Question # 31

Describe a time when you had to help a coworker out that did not directly benefit you?

#### Answer.

There should be many times where you've assisted others As Cataloging and Classification Instructor. If you haven't, think of how you would in the future. You can discuss charitable causes, how you mentored someone, and so on.

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#### Question #32

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 #33

In what areas do you think you will need guidance?

## Answer:-

Think about what you need to learn going into the job. Skill sets, industry knowledge, relationship building, team dynamics. Which areas are ones you're lacking?

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## Question #34

What are your thoughts on social media for this role?

## Answer:-

Without a doubt, social media is becoming more and more pervasive in our jobs. You should stress that social media is not appropriate for personal use at work. However, if the company embraces social media in certain departments (for example marketing), then you may want to discuss how you could use it for work (as long as it applies to your role).

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## Question # 35

Why do you want to join our company?

## Answer:-

This is a question that is aimed at finding out whether you know enough about the company and the basic market. The best way to answer this question is to do some research on the company and highlight its positive points.

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## Question # 36

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 #37

What other jobs are you applying for As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

## 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 # 38

Why should I hire you As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

#### Answer:

To close the deal on a job offer, you MUST be prepared with a concise summary of the top reasons to choose you. Even if your interviewer doesn't ask one of these question in so many words, you should have an answer prepared and be looking for ways to communicate your top reasons throughout the interview process.

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## Question #39

What do you like to do outside of work?

#### Answer:-

Interviewers ask personal questions in an interview to "see if candidates will fit in with the culture [and] give them the opportunity to open up and display their personality, too,". In other words, if someone asks about your hobbies outside of work, it's totally OK to open up and share what really makes you tick. (Do keep it semi-professional, though: Saying you like to have a few beers at the local hot spot on Saturday night is fine. Telling them that Monday is usually a rough day for you because you're always hungover is not.)

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## Question # 40

Where do you see yourself in five years As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

#### Answer.

If asked this question, be honest and specific about your future goals, but consider this:

A hiring manager wants to know

- \* a) if you've set realistic expectations for your career,
- \* b) if you have ambition (a.k.a., this interview isn't the first time you're considering the question), and
- \* c) if the position aligns with your goals and growth. Your best bet is to think realistically about where this position could take you and answer along those lines. And if the position isn't necessarily a one-way ticket to your aspirations?

It's OK to say that you're not quite sure what the future holds, but that you see this experience playing an important role in helping you make that decision.

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## Question # 41

What are you passionate about?

#### Answer-

Ask yourself - what are your core passions that you wake up excited to act on each and every day? Ask yourself what makes you happy or drives you - is it helping others? Is it making money? Is it creating something? Is it about changing the world? Etc.

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## Question # 42

What is your greatest failure As Cataloging and Classification Instructor, and what did you learn from it?

## Answer:

When I was in college, I took an art class to supplement my curriculum. I didn't take it very seriously, and assumed that, compared to my Engineering classes, it would be a walk in the park. My failing grades at midterm showed me otherwise. I'd even jeopardized my scholarship status. I knew I had to get my act together. I spent the rest of the semester making up for it, ended up getting a decent grade in the class. I learned that no matter what I'm doing, I should strive to do it to the best of my ability. Otherwise, it's not worth doing at all.

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## Question # 43

Explain an occasion when you had to adapt in the face of a difficult situation?

## Answer:

One of the most useful interview tactics is to remain positive about your work and achievements. This question lets the candidate draw on their own personal history to show how they have been positive and successful in the face of difficulties. Choose a specific occasion to describe, rather than dealing with generic platitudes.

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## Question # 44

Do you have any question regarding this job As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

## 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 # 45

How would you observe the level of motivation of your subordinates?

## Answer:

Choosing the right metrics and comparing productivity of everyone on daily basis is a good answer, doesn't matter in which company you apply for a supervisory role.



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#### Question # 46

How much time do you need to join the organization As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

#### Answer:-

You should be able to join it right away, barring plans you've already made (family travel, vacation, other obligations). The key is to simply be open in communication of what's already committed on your schedule. Most companies are accommodating. If they are not, weight the importance of joining that company vs. your plans.

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#### Question # 47

How long will it take for you to make a significant contribution?

#### Answer.

First define significant contribution - once you do that - lay out a timeline plan in which you think you can achieve that.

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#### Question # 48

What kind of salary do you need As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

#### 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 # 49

Are you aggressive?

#### Answer:-

If you are, describe it through a story / experience that you had. If you aren't, then explain why you're not. If the job role asks for you to be aggressive/not aggressive and you're the opposite of it, explain how you would develop that characteristic.

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## Question # 50

Does your boss know you're here today?

## Answer:-

Usually, you probably haven't told your boss for obvious reasons. So it's ok to say that they do not. You don't want to upset the balance at your current job after all and nothing is guaranteed in an interview. The interviewer should understand this stance.

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## Question # 51

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 As Cataloging and Classification Instructor - 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 # 52

What was the biggest professional risk you have taken and what was the outcome?

## Answer:-

First discuss how you weighed the pros and cons of the risk and the results you'd believe you could achieve. Then discuss the action plan you put into place for it and outline that step by step. Then discuss the outcome and if it wasn't optimal talk about what you would do differently in hindsight.

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## Question # 53

What were the responsibilities of your last position As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

## Answer:

If you want to show your ambition, you can discuss how you haven't reached all of your goals yet and in that sense aren't satisfied. However, if you want to discuss satisfaction from your job discuss an experience in which you achieved something.

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## Question # 54

Do you have good computer skills?

## Answer:-



It is becoming increasingly important for medical assistants to be knowledgeable about computers. If you are a long-time computer user with experience with different software applications, mention it. It is also a good idea to mention any other computer skills you have, such as a high typing rate, website creation, and more.

#### Question #55

How would you motivate your team members to produce the best possible results?

#### Answer:-

Trying to create competitive atmosphere, trying to motivate the team as a whole, organizing team building activities, building good relationships amongst people.

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#### Question # 56

Why should the we hire you as this position As Cataloging and Classification Instructor?

#### 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 # 57

How would your friends describe you?

#### Answer:-

My friends would probably say that I'm extremely persistent - I've never been afraid to keep going back until I get what I want. When I worked as a program developer, recruiting keynote speakers for a major tech conference, I got one rejection after another - this was just the nature of the job. But I really wanted the big players - so I wouldn't take no for an answer. I kept going back to them every time there was a new company on board, or some new value proposition. Eventually, many of them actually said "yes" - the program turned out to be so great that we doubled our attendees from the year before. A lot of people might have given up after the first rejection, but it's just not in my nature. If I know something is possible, I have to keep trying until I get it.

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## Question # 58

If I were to give you this salary you requested but let you write your job description for the next year, what would it say?

#### Answer:

It should say the same thing - after all - if you think this salary is fair then it should suit the responsibilities!

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## Question # 59

Explain an idea that you have had and have then implemented in practice?

## Answer:

Often an interview guide will outline the so-called 'STAR' approach for answering such questions; Structure the answer as a situation, task, action, and result: what the context was, what you needed to achieve, what you did, and what the outcome was as a result of your actions.

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## Question # 60

Give an example of a time you successfully worked As Cataloging and Classification Instructor 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 # 61

How do you handle stressful situations?

## Answer:-

By remaining calm, weighing out all my options and executing a plan to get the situation resolve.

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## Question # 62

What is your biggest achievement?

## Answer:

Quality work to be is about doing work to the require or set standard, which is very important when it comes to warehouse operations.

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## Question # 63

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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