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Certified Financial Planner (CFP) Job Interview Preparation Guide.

Question #1

Have you ever been caught stealing, or better yet, have you ever stole anything?

Answer:

I guess everyone takes a pen or paper or little things like that. But other than that, NO. I have never stole from my employers or better yet As Certified Financial Planner (CFP), from anyone.

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Question # 2

How do you think your colleagues at your last job would describe you?

Answer:-

While your CV will say a lot about your work history As Certified Financial Planner (CFP), the interviewer will most likely look for greater detail with questions such as this. Be positive about previous experience, highlighting your own strengths.

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Question #3

Tell me a difficult situation you have overcome in the workplace?

Answer:

Conflict resolution, problem solving, communication and coping under pressure are transferable skills desired by many employers As Certified Financial Planner (CFP).

Answering this question right can help you demonstrate all of these traits.

- * Use real-life examples from your previous roles that you are comfortable explaining
- * Choose an example that demonstrates the role you played in resolving the situation clearly
- * Remain professional at all times you need to demonstrate that you can keep a cool head and know how to communicate with people

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Question # 4

Tell me about a time you failed?

Answer:-

Everyone has failed, so don't play dumb or claim you've never messed up As Certified Financial Planner (CFP). Think of a time when a work-related situation didn't turn out quite as you had hoped. An interviewer is interested in seeing how you took responsibility for your failure, what you learned from it, and how you would prevent similar failures from happening again.

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Question # 5

What are your weaknesses for Certified Financial Planner (CFP) position?

Answer:-

Try not to be too critical when answering this question. Instead, pick one of your weaknesses and try to turn it into a positive.

For example, you could be a perfectionist, which means that you sometimes take longer on tasks, but you make sure that they are completed to a high quality. It is important to make a negative into a positive as it doesn't make you appear overly critical and shows you can reflect on your own performance.

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Question # 6

What experience do you have As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:-



The employer would want to know that not only you can do the job but you can make the difference and bring significant contribution - Simple as that.

No doubt that this is your time to perform and present yourself - You have to introduce/sell yourself to the interviewer. Prepare your answer based on your qualification, professional experience and what you've already achieved in your previous jobs. This is your time to express why you think that your professional abilities fit into the job and its requirements.

Top 10 employment experience you'd want to review:

- Companies you worked for with dates
- * The positions you've held
- * Key projects and responsibilities
- * Achievements
- * Coursework & continues education
- * Expertise
- * Tools you used (software, hardware)
- * Knowledge of languages
- * Engagement with customers and key industry leaders
- * Team work you were involved (and your contribution)

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Question #7

What have you done to improve your knowledge As Certified Financial Planner (CFP) in the last year?

Answer:

Try to include improvement activities that relate to the job As Certified Financial Planner (CFP). A wide variety of activities can be mentioned as positive self-improvement. Have some good ones handy to mention.

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Question #8

Do you ever take work home with you?

Answer:-

Here are two great sample answers that might help get you started:

- * I am an extremely organized person, so I tend to be able to get my work done at work. However, if the need arose I would not be against taking work home. I try not to make it a habit, since I do value my free time. I do realize though that the work we do is important, and sometimes you have to do what needs to be done.
- * I do not shy away from taking work home with me. I know that meeting deadlines and doing outstanding work sometimes means taking a bit of it home. I do not have a problem doing that when the need arises.
- * Make sure to give an honest answer. Lying about taking work home may turn out badly for you if it is required and you do not do it.

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Question # 9

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 Certified Financial Planner (CFP).

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Question # 10

Explain a time when you did not get along with your coworker?

Answer:-

I used to lock heads with a fellows. We disagreed over a lot of things - from the care of civilians to who got what shifts to how to speak with a victim's family. Our personalities just didn't mesh. After three months of arguing, I pulled her aside and asked her to lunch. At lunch, we talked about our differences and why we weren't getting along. It turns out, it was all about communication. We communicated differently and once we knew that, we began to work well together. I really believe that talking a problem through with someone can help solve any issue.

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Question # 11

How do you deal with conflict in the workplace As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:-

When people work together, conflict is often unavoidable because of differences in work goals and personal styles. Follow these guidelines for handling conflict in the workplace.

- * 1. Talk with the other person.
- * 2. Focus on behavior and events, not on personalities.
- * 3. Listen carefully.
- * 4. Identify points of agreement and disagreement.
- * 5. Prioritize the areas of conflict.
- * 6. Develop a plan to work on each conflict.
- * 7. Follow through on your plan.
- * 8. Build on your success.

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Question # 12

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 #13

How do you imagine a typical day of an employee in our company As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:-

Just do not say that you imagine to only walk and watch what people do. Rather try to show them your attention to details and proactive attitude to job. Mention that you would try to observe the problems, weaknesses as well as opportunities to improve the results and take measures according to it.

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Question # 14

How would you be an asset to us As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:-

Think again about the job specification and the skills needed for this role As Certified Financial Planner (CFP). Have a paragraph prepared highlighting how you will be able to do the job and what you can bring to the team. It goes without saying that this paragraph should be positive.

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Question #15

If hired, how do you intend on making a difference with our company?

Answer:-

Dedicate myself to learn everything about the new company that I can, look for ways and ideas that could improve, processes, safety, removing obstacles from the associates, I want to advance within the company.

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Question # 16

What have you done to reduce costs, increase revenue, or save time?

Answer-

Even if your only experience is an internship, you have likely created or streamlined a process that has contributed to the earning potential or efficiency of the practice. Choose at least one suitable example and explain how you got the idea, how you implemented the plan, and the benefits to the practice.

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Question # 17

Why are you interested in this type of job As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:

You're looking for someone who enjoys working with the elderly, or a caring, sociable, and nurturing person.

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Question # 18

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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Question # 19

Do you work well under pressure?

Answer:-

Yes.. When it comes down to the wire, the best thing I can to remain focused, have some flexibility, and understand priorities.. Giving them attention in the order they are needed.

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Question # 20

Explain me about your experience working in this field As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:

I am dedicated, hardworking and great team player for the common goal of the company I work with. I am fast learner and quickly adopt to fast pace and dynamic area. I am well organized, detail oriented and punctual person.

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Question # 21



Give me an example of an emergency situation that you faced. How did you handle it?

Answer-

There was a time when one of my employers faced the quitting of a manager in another country. I was asked to go fill in for him while they found a replacement and stay to train that person. I would be at least 30 days. I quickly accepted because I knew that my department couldn't function without me.

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Question # 22

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 # 23

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 # 24

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 # 25

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 # 26

What kind of salary do you need As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

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 # 27

What would your first 30, 60, or 90 days look like in this role As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:-

Start by explaining what you'd need to do to get ramped up. What information would you need? What parts of the company would you need to familiarize yourself with? What other employees would you want to sit down with? Next, choose a couple of areas where you think you can make meaningful contributions right away. (e.g., "I think a great starter project would be diving into your email marketing campaigns and setting up a tracking system for them.") Sure, if you get the job, you (or your new employer) might decide there's a better starting place, but having an answer prepared will show the interviewer where you can add immediate impact-and that you're excited to get started.

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Question # 28

Are you planning to continue your studies and training As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

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 # 29



How do you evaluate your ability to handle conflict?

Answer:

I pride myself on being a good problem solver. Through my previous job and management positions I have faced numerous conflicts in different situations, and my experiences have helped me to hone my issue resolution skills. I believe that it is important to get to and address the root of the issue, in a respectable manner.

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Question #30

How do you keep each member of the team involved and motivated?

Answer-

Many managers mistakenly think that money is the prime motivator for their employees. However, according to surveys by several different companies, money is consistently ranked five or lower by most employees. So if money is not the best way to motivate your team, what is? Employees' three most important issues according to employees are:

- * Respect
- * A sense of accomplishment
- * Recognition

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Question #31

Tell me about a time when you had to give someone difficult feedback As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:-

By asking this question, your interviewer hopes to learn whether you can communicate effectively, address issues in the workplace and motivate others during difficult times. Giving negative feedback requires honesty, thoughtfulness and tact. Answering this question well can help show an interviewer that you would be a good fit for a managerial position or a position that involves working closely with others.

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Question #32

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 # 33

Why did you leave your last job As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

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 # 34

Did the salary we offer attract you to this job?

Answer:-

The interviewer could be asking you this question for a number of reasons. Obviously, the salary is an important factor to your interest in this job, but it should not be the overriding reason for your interest. A good answer to this question is, "The salary was very attractive, but the job itself is what was most attractive to me."

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Question #35

How well do you perform under pressure?

Answer:-

This is a fair question, as potential employers want to know if you're going to be able to get the job done even when things get a little bit stressful. You may say that you thrive under pressure or that you're able to get the job done even when things get a little bit stressful, just make sure to provide some real world examples of your ability to work under pressure in a prior job.

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Question # 36

Explain what are your weaknesses As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:

Red flags: This is the peanut butter to the previous question's jelly. Again, everyone should expect it, so it's a bad sign if someone seems totally unprepared, or gives a stock answer like, "I'm a perfectionist." Also, of course, candidates crazy enough to blurt out some horrible personality trait should go in the red flagged pile. Good answer: Candidates should talk about a real weakness they've been working on improving. For instance, they're not good at public speaking, but they've been taking a course to help them improve. Or maybe they feel that they're easily distracted when working online, but have installed software that helps them stay on task. Answers like these show a desire for improvement, self awareness and discipline.

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Question #37

What is your desired salary As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer-

Bad Answer: Candidates who are unable to answer the question, or give an answer that is far above market. Shows that they have not done research on the market rate, or have unreasonable expectations.

Good answer: A number or range that falls within the market rate and matches their level of mastery of skills required to do the job.

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Question #38

How much are you willing to sacrifice to be successful at work As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:-

With anything comes sacrifice. The questions is how much of it are you willing to sacrifice with regards to work life balance, stress, etc?

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Question #39

You have a project due in one hour but a more important emergency that affects business needs to be fixed immediately, what do you do?

Answer-

Focus on the issue that impacts the business most first.

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Question # 40

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 # 41

Why do you want to work in this industry As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:-

Make sure you research the industry first. Then find at least 3 core things about that industry that you're passionate about (for example: how their solutions impact clients, their culture, the leadership, etc)

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Question # 42

What did you major in and why?

Answer:-

Tell them your major and the motivations behind why you chose it and how it's helped to prep your of this potential job.

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Question #43

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 # 44

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 # 45

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 # 46



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 # 47

How would you impact the company?

Answer:-

Consider first the role that you're applying for and then think of 3 ways where you could potentially impact the company's bottom line and top line. Then consider how you impact the company in a creative manner (how do you help productivity, the development of new products, marketing etc - of course this part is specific to the role you're applying for)

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Question # 48

If someone had to say something negative to you, what would they say?

Answer:-

Again, be honest about sharing a story here about someone who may not have gotten along with you in the office here and explain how you were able to fix that relationship or change your attitude/action to be a better person / coworker.

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Question # 49

How do you feel about technology at the workplace in general?

Answer:-

It's a great enabler for us to collaborate better as a team, for us to reach customers more efficiently and frequently and I believe it can help any company become more efficient, leaner, and more productive.

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Question # 50

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 # 51

If I talked to your three biggest fans, who would they be and why?

Answer:-

If you can reference three professionals with executive titles (CXO, VP, Director, Manager), that carries a lot of weight. Make sure you highlight how you've helped them achieve their biggest objectives and how that's made them your fan.

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Question # 52

What are the goals you've set for yourself?

Answer:-

You could discuss your goals with regards to these categories: Career goals, impact you want to leave on society, financial goals, academic goals, charitable goals.

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Question #53

How do you feel about taking on repetitive tasks As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

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 # 54

Describe what a "lot of work" looks like to you As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

Answer:-

Ideally you'd like to state that you can take on a lot of work - this shows your work ethic, but at the same time it's okay to tell them that you value work and life balance.



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Question #55

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 #56

What do you like to do?

Answer:-

Discuss your passions As Certified Financial Planner (CFP). Ideally if it's work related that's fantastic! If not, talk about your academic / extracurricular passions and WHY you enjoy them. For example: I love playing sports because of the team work aspect - it's fun winning together! (This example shows you're a team player)

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Question # 57

What do you like to do for fun?

Answer:-

Be open to sharing hobbies and activities that you enjoy. Make sure you're genuine about it and don't list off things you don't really like because if they ask you a follow up question it'll be harder for you to answer.

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Question # 58

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 # 59

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 # 60

What is the difference between a big ego and a healthy ego?

Answer:-

"Ego" should be replaced by confidence. It's good to be confident as it shows that you know what you're doing. However, a big ego is when confidence spirals out of control and you become arrogant.

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Question #61

How does your present position differ from past ones?

Answer:-

Describe the difference with regards to responsibilities, culture, team, career opportunity, and the work itself.

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Question # 62

How do you decide what to delegate and to whom?

Answer:

Identify the strengths of your team members and their availability based on the priorities they have on their plate. From there, invest the tasks upon each member based on where you think you'll get the best return.

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Question # 63

Think about the changes you have seen and tell me how you handle change?

Answer:-

You can cite personal life changes, work place changes, career changes, technology change, industry change. The key is to discuss how seeing or experiencing that change has helped your development. For example, the recent changes in social media has broadened my horizons and helped me learn new forms of efficient



marketing.

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Question # 64

How much time do you need to join the organization As Certified Financial Planner (CFP)?

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 #65

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 # 66

What are some of the things that you and your supervisor disagree upon and how do you resolve them? What do you do when you are pressed for a decision?

Answer-

The key is that you openly communicate your thoughts to your supervisor to explain your position and try to come to a mutual decision together. Also be sure to listen to his/her thoughts so that you can potentially compromise. When you're pressed for a decision, make sure you've put thought into the reasons as to how you arrived at it and then decisively make it.

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Question #67

Name five characteristics that describe you?

Answer:-

Here are a few you could choose from:

Hard working, strong willed, persistent, intelligent, adept, amicable, friendly, collaborative, eager, humble

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Question # 68

How do you ensure all of your work gets accomplished in a productive manner?

Answer:

The key is to prioritize what's important in your work and to stay organized to accomplish the tasks. A strong work ethic also helps.

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Question # 69

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 #70

Tell me about the last time you had to work with someone inside or outside of your department to accomplish a goal?

Answer:-

Show that you were communicative with that person and that you were able to collaborate effectively in sharing ideas and work tasks. They want to see that you can be a team player.

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