

# **Cognos Interview Questions And Answers Guide.**



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### Question # 1

Are you willing to work overtime or odd hours?

#### Answer:-

Be completely honest. You don't want to lie to get the job if you're not going to work the hours required.

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### Question # 2

Where do you see your career in five years At Cognos?

#### Answer:-

I would like to retire from this company. I would like to make a difference in the company whether in the company or any other position or area of the company At Cognos.

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### Question # 3

What have you learned from mistakes on the job?

#### Answer:-

Candidates without specific examples often do not seem credible. However, the example shared should be fairly inconsequential, unintentional, and a learned lesson should be gleaned from it. Moving ahead without group assistance while assigned to a group project meant to be collaborative is a good example.

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### Question # 4

Why do you want to work for this company?

#### Answer:-

Again be honest. The interviewer will be able to sense very quickly if you're being disingenuous. Your answer should be based on your personal reasons, career aspirations as well as research you've performed on the company. The most important thing you should do is make sure to relate your answer to your long-term career goals.

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### Question # 5

Are you able to relocate if required?

#### Answer:-

Be completely honest and thoughtful with this one. You don't want to wake up one day to find out that you're moving to a new city or state and it may be a major factor in your eligibility for employment. But again, if you don't want to move then the job probably isn't for you.

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### Question # 6

What have you done to improve your skills over the past year At Cognos?

#### Answer:-

You'll want to be prepared with some very specific examples of what you've done over the last year and what you're currently doing to improve your professional knowledge and skill set as well as anything else you're doing that shows self-improvement.

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### Question # 7

Why did you leave your last job At Cognos?

#### Answer:-

Regardless of why you left your last job make sure to stay positive. Always smile and focus on the positive reason such as you were seeking the opportunity to expand



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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 # 8**

What are your weaknesses for Cognos 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 # 9**

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 # 10**

Have you ever you have been in a position At Cognos 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 callous 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 # 11**

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 # 12**

Explain me about a problem or disagreement you had with previous supervisor?

#### **Answer:-**

This question is trap. It is meant to see whether or not you'll speak poorly of an employer. No one wants to hire someone who's going to speak poorly of them down the road. Stay upbeat and positive - and most of all don't say anything negative about a previous employer.

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### **Question # 13**

What five words would be describe you as Cognos?

#### **Answer:-**

The hiring manager requests this of you because she wants to know more about your individual personality. This list can reveal a lot to her about who you are and how you might fit into the workplace. Your answer also gives the manager an indication of your self-perception, which is a good indicator of the type of employee you will be.

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### **Question # 14**

If you were hiring a person for this job At Cognos, what would you look for?

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 15**

Can you explain why you changed career paths At Cognos?

#### **Answer:-**

Don't be thrown off by this question-just take a deep breath and explain to the hiring manager why you've made the career decisions At Cognos you have. More importantly, give a few examples of how your past experience is transferable to the new role. This doesn't have to be a direct connection; in fact, it's often more impressive when a candidate can make seemingly irrelevant experience seem very relevant to the role.



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### Question # 16

What is your biggest weakness At Cognos?

#### Answer:-

No one likes to answer this question because it requires a very delicate balance. You simply can't lie and say you don't have one; you can't trick the interviewer by offering up a personal weakness At Cognos that is really a strength ("Sometimes, I work too much and don't maintain a work-life balance."); and you shouldn't be so honest that you throw yourself under the bus ("I'm not a morning person so I'm working on getting to the office on time.")

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### Question # 17

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 # 18

Are you good at working in a team At Cognos?

#### Answer:-

Before you answer, consider how you best contribute to a team:

- \* Do you get along easily with people?
- \* Are you an effective collaborator?
- \* Can you communicate with people from various backgrounds and with different personalities?
- \* Can you motivate people?
- \* Do you know how to push back tactfully?
- \* Can you mediate conflicts?
- \* Can you deal with difficult personalities?

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### Question # 19

What is your greatest professional achievement?

#### Answer:-

Nothing says "hire me" better than a track record of achieving amazing results in past jobs At Cognos, so don't be shy when answering this interview question! A great way to do so is by using the S-T-A-R method: Set up the situation and the task that you were required to complete to provide the interviewer with background context (e.g., "In my last job as a Cognos, it was my role to manage the invoicing process"), but spend the bulk of your time describing what you actually did (the action) and what you achieved (the result). For example, "In one month, I streamlined the process, which saved my group 10 man-hours each month and reduced errors on invoices by 25%."

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### Question # 20

Can you tell me a little about yourself?

#### Answer:-

This question seems simple, so many people fail to prepare for it, but it's crucial. Here's the deal: Don't give your complete employment (or personal) history At Cognos. Instead give a pitch-one that's concise and compelling and that shows exactly why you're the right fit for the job. Start off with the 2-3 specific accomplishments or experiences that you most want the interviewer to know about, then wrap up talking about how that prior experience has positioned you for this specific role.

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### Question # 21

How have you made an impact on your team in the past?

#### Answer:-

I would explain and show to him or her best way possible and if they have a better way then I will encourage him or her to let me know then we can see if it works or not At Cognos.

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### Question # 22

How do you measure success?

#### Answer:-

There may be several good answers. Some include: you're able to set realistic, yet aggressive goals that push you and you're able to achieve them, you go the extra mile on all projects, client satisfaction is high, your boss is elated at your performance on all projects, etc.

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### Question # 23

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



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### **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 At Cognos, from anyone.

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### **Question # 24**

How did you hear about the position At Cognos?

### **Answer:-**

Another seemingly innocuous interview question, this is actually a perfect opportunity to stand out and show your passion for and connection to the company and for job At Cognos. For example, if you found out about the gig through a friend or professional contact, name drop that person, then share why you were so excited about it. If you discovered the company through an event or article, share that. Even if you found the listing through a random job board, share what, specifically, caught your eye about the role.

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### **Question # 25**

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 # 26**

Tell me an occasion when you needed to persuade someone to do something?

### **Answer:-**

Interpersonal relationships are a very important part of being a successful care assistant. This question is seeking a solid example of how you have used powers of persuasion to achieve a positive outcome in a professional task or situation. The answer should include specific details.

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### **Question # 27**

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 # 28**

Explain me about a challenge or conflict you've faced at work At Cognos, and how you dealt with it?

### **Answer:-**

In asking this interview question, your interviewer wants to get a sense of how you will respond to conflict. Anyone can seem nice and pleasant in a job interview, but what will happen if you're hired?. Again, you'll want to use the S-T-A-R method, being sure to focus on how you handled the situation professionally and productively, and ideally closing with a happy ending, like how you came to a resolution or compromise.

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### **Question # 29**

Where do you see yourself in five years At Cognos?

### **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 # 30**

What was the most difficult employee situation you found yourself At Cognos? How did you overcome the problem?

### **Answer:-**

One of employees was conflicting with other and colleague who was prove his was wrong hi denied and was invite union to defend him but we have prove his wrong and I was facing disciplinary action.

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### **Question # 31**

Why are you interested in this type of job At Cognos?



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### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 32**

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 # 33**

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 # 34**

Why were you fired?

### **Answer:-**

OK, if you get the admittedly much tougher follow-up question as to why you were let go (and the truth isn't exactly pretty), your best bet is to be honest (the job-seeking world is small, after all). But it doesn't have to be a deal-breaker. Share how you've grown and how you approach your job and life now as a result. If you can position the learning experience as an advantage for this next job, even better.

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### **Question # 35**

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 # 36**

Why are you leaving the present company?

### **Answer:-**

According to me we can not grow in the field without taking more responsibilities and risks and also we can't enhance our team leading capabilities, managerial skills without expose to wide range of people.

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### **Question # 37**

What is your greatest failure At Cognos, 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 # 38**

Did you get on well with your last manager?

### **Answer:-**

A dreaded question for many! When answering this question never give a negative answer. "I did not get on with my manager" or "The management did not run the business well" will show you in a negative light and reduce your chance of a job offer. Answer the question positively, emphasizing that you have been looking for a career progression. Start by telling the interviewer what you gained from your last job At Cognos

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### **Question # 39**

What's a time you disagreed with a decision that was made at work?

### **Answer:-**

Everyone disagrees with the boss from time to time, but in asking this interview question At Cognos, hiring managers want to know that you can do so in a



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productive, professional way. "You don't want to tell the story about the time when you disagreed but your boss was being a jerk and you just gave in to keep the peace. And you don't want to tell the one where you realized you were wrong." Tell the one where your actions made a positive difference on the outcome of the situation, whether it was a work-related outcome or a more effective and productive working relationship.

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### **Question # 40**

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

**Answer:-**

I would define team work as getting the job done At Cognos 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 # 41**

What does success mean to you?

**Answer:-**

I am punctual, I always have excellent attendance on any job At Cognos, I have a keen eye for both large and small details, and I am always finding ways to improve a process and shorten the length of time it takes to complete a project.

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### **Question # 42**

How do you imagine a typical day of an employee in our company At Cognos?

**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 # 43**

How many basketballs would fit in this room?

**Answer:-**

One. You did not ask what is the maximum number of basketballs you can fit in the room.

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### **Question # 44**

How would you be an asset to us At Cognos?

**Answer:-**

Think again about the job specification and the skills needed for this role At Cognos. 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 # 45**

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 At Cognos.

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### **Question # 46**

What other companies are you interviewing with?

**Answer:-**

Companies ask this for a number of reasons, from wanting to see what the competition is for you to sniffing out whether you're serious about the industry. "Often the best approach is to mention that you are exploring a number of other similar options in the company's industry." It can be helpful to mention that a common characteristic of all the jobs you are applying to is the opportunity to apply some critical abilities and skills that you possess. For example, you might say 'I am applying for several positions with IT consulting firms where I can analyze client needs and translate them to development teams in order to find solutions to technology problems.'

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### **Question # 47**

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 # 48**



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 # 49**

Tell me something about your family background?

**Answer:-**

First, always feel proud while discussing about your family background. Just simple share the details with the things that how they influenced you to work in an airline field.

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**Question # 50**

What types of personalities do you work with best?

**Answer:-**

In the past, I have found it difficult to work with others who see themselves as better than others, who can take criticism, and who refuse to work with others. I have found it challenging to work with them b/c I am a team oriented person who feels the importance of working together over the needs of the individual especially in a learning environment.

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**Question # 51**

How do you plan to go by an example for your subordinates?

**Answer:-**

Sticking to the rules by yourself, working hard and not mind participating on basic tasks is a good answer.

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**Question # 52**

How many square feet of pizza are eaten in the United States each month?

**Answer:-**

This is a classic guesstimate question where you need to think aloud. And so first off you round the U.S. population to 300 million people (it's actually about 315 million but rounding will be much easier and your interviewer will not score you lower for rounding). Then estimate how many people eat pizza. A decent educated guess is two out of every three people, or 200 million. Now let's say the average pizza-eating person eats pizza twice a month, and eats two slices at a time. That's four slices a month. If the average slice of pizza is perhaps six inches at the base and 10 inches long, then the slice is 30 square inches of pizza. So, four pizza slices would be 120 square inches (30 times 4).

Since one square foot equals 144 square inches (12 times 12), let's assume that each person who eats pizza eats one square foot per month. Since there are 200 million pizza-eating Americans, 200 million square feet of pizza are consumed in the U.S. each month. To summarize: 300 million people in America, 200 million eat pizza, average slice of pizza is six inches at the base and 10 inches long or 30 square inches, average American eats four slices of pizza a month, four pieces times 30 square inches equals 120 square inches (one square foot is 144 square inches), so let's assume one square foot per person, and thus one square foot times 200 million people equals 200 million square feet of pizza a month.

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**Question # 53**

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 # 54**

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 # 55**

How do you think I rate as an interviewer?





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### **Answer:-**

I think you did fine. I'm sure you've conducted a lot of interviews, and it's probably second nature for you now. Thanks for taking the time to meet with me today. I'm sure you have a lot of things you have to juggle every day. I'd say you rate at least ten out of ten. The questions you asked seemed spot on. I can tell you guys are working hard to find the perfect applicant for the job. I'm glad I could meet with you.

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### **Question # 56**

Describe a typical work week for this position At Cognos?

### **Answer:-**

Interviewers expect a candidate for employment to discuss what they do while they are working in detail. Before you answer, consider the position At Cognos you are applying for and how your current or past positions relate to it. The more you can connect your past experience with the job opening, the more successful you will be at answering the questions.

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### **Question # 57**

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 # 58**

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 # 59**

What is your greatest weakness At Cognos? What are you doing to improve it?

### **Answer:-**

I believe my biggest weakness At Cognos is wanting to help anyone I can help. What I mean is I am willing to take on task that are not my job. I want to learn all I can. However, that has helped me get promoted or even asked to help in times of need in other department. I have been know as the "go to person" when help is needed.

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### **Question # 60**

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 # 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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### **Question # 62**

Do you have any question regarding this job At Cognos?

### **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 # 63**

How have you changed in the last five years?

### **Answer:-**

All in a nutshell. But I think I've attained a level of personal comfort in many ways and although I will change even more in the next 5-6 years I'm content with the



past 6 and what has come of them.

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### **Question # 64**

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 # 65**

How much do you expect to get paid At Cognos?

#### **Answer:-**

For this be prepared and research salary to find out what similar positions are paying in your area before you go to the interview. Try to find this information out before giving your salary expectations. You can and should provide a range instead of an exact number. But again, don't say any numbers you're not comfortable with because if the employer offers you a salary at the lowest end of your range, you don't have much to negotiate with when it comes to getting a higher salary.

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### **Question # 66**

Do you think you have enough experience At Cognos?

#### **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 # 67**

Explain me about your experience working in this field At Cognos?

#### **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 # 68**

What was the most important task you ever had?

#### **Answer:-**

There are two common answers to this question that do little to impress recruiters:

\* 'I got a 2.1'

\* 'I passed my driving test'

No matter how proud you are of these achievements, they don't say anything exciting about you. When you're going for a graduate job, having a degree is hardly going to make you stand out from the crowd and neither is having a driving licence, which is a requirement of many jobs.

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### **Question # 69**

What does quality work mean to you?

#### **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 # 70**

What schedule do you hope to work? Are you willing to work extra hours?

#### **Answer:-**

Be honest. If you really want the job and are willing to work any schedule needed, say so. If, however, you have no intention of working late hours or weekends, simply let the interviewer know the hours that you are available to work. The same applies to extra hours. You are more likely to be hired if you are willing to work any time you are needed. However, saying that you are willing and then complaining about the hours once you start working is a recipe for disaster.

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### **Question # 71**

What kind of salary do you need At Cognos?

#### **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 # 72**

Explain me about a time when you reached a goal within a tight deadline?

#### **Answer:-**

I work well under pressure to meet deadlines without jeopardizing the quality of my work. I have always worked in a fast pace environment where we are constantly under pressure to achieve best results within a time frame.

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### **Question # 73**

What are your salary expectations At Cognos?

#### **Answer:-**

This question is like a loaded gun, tricky and dangerous if you're not sure what you are doing. It's not uncommon for people to end up talking salary before really selling their skills, but knowledge is power as this is a negotiation after all. Again, this is an area where doing your research will be helpful as you will have an understanding of average salary.

One approach is asking the interviewer about the salary range, but to avoid the question entirely, you can respond that money isn't a key factor and you're goal is to advance in your career. However, if you have a minimum figure in mind and you believe you're able to get it, you may find it worth trying.

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