

# Commercial Manager Interview Questions And Answers Guide.



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## Question # 1

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 # 2

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 # 3

Do you know anyone working with this organization?

### Answer:-

It would be great if you did - then you could potentially use them as a referral if they thought highly of you.

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## Question # 4

Describe what a "lot of work" looks like to you Commercial Manager?

### 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 # 5

What did you like least about your last (or current) job Commercial Manager?

### Answer:-

Don't vent or focus on the negative with brutally honest answers such as "My boss was a jerk," or "The company culture was too politically correct," or "They just weren't giving me the opportunity to take my career to the next level." Instead, keep the emphasis on the positive, even though there are sure to be things you weren't happy about.

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## Question # 6

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

### Answer:-

This question is a 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 # 7

Tell me about yourself?

### Answer:-



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There are some questions that your potential employer aren't allowed to ask (but trust me, they probably want to). For instance, they shouldn't really ask about your family or how far away you live from your potential place of employment. If you can find a way to answer these questions anyway (with the answers they want to hear), that will give them a little added info to help them make the (right) decision!

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### **Question # 8**

What type of salary are you looking for?

#### **Answer:-**

This can be a very tricky question as the individual asking it is probably digging for something other than a simple answer to the question. We recommend that you don't immediately respond to the question directly. Instead, say something like, "That a difficult question. What is range for this position?" More often than not the interviewer will tell you. If the interviewer insists on direct answer you may want say that it depends on the details of the job - then give a wide salary range.

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### **Question # 9**

What can you offer us that someone else can not?

#### **Answer:-**

Bad Answer: Going negative - if the candidate starts trash talking other candidates, it's a sure sign of a bad attitude. Also, if they can't provide a solid answer, it may show that they lack thorough knowledge of the skills the job requires, and an understanding of where they fit in.

Good answer: The candidate can name specific skills, abilities or understandings they have that apply directly to the job that other candidates are unlikely to have, or are in short supply.

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### **Question # 10**

Are you currently looking at other job opportunities?

#### **Answer:-**

Just answer this question honestly. Sometime an employer wants to know if there are other companies you're considering so that they can determine how serious you are about the industry, they're company and find out if you're in demand. Don't spend a lot of time on this question; just try to stay focused on the job you're interviewing for.

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### **Question # 11**

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 # 12**

Can you explain why you changed career paths Commercial Manager?

#### **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 Commercial Manager 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 # 13**

What kind of car do you drive?

#### **Answer:-**

The only time this might matter is if the job requires a certain type of car because of the responsibilities. For example, if you need to load a lot of construction materials into your car, you'll probably need a truck.

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### **Question # 14**

What do you consider ethical spending on an expense account?

#### **Answer:-**

It depends on the role - but the better way to answer this is to ask the interviewer what their expectations are with regards to what the role can expense and then simply state that you'll stay within those parameters

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### **Question # 15**

How did you handle meeting a tight deadline Commercial Manager?

#### **Answer:-**

Review every deadline you need to meet. Prioritize your projects by deadline and factor in how important each project is. Record your deadlines on a digital calendar or spreadsheet.



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### **Question # 16**

Why was there a gap in your employment Commercial Manager?

#### **Answer:-**

If you were unemployed for a period of time, be direct and to the point about what you've been up to (and hopefully, that's a litany of impressive volunteer and other mind-enriching activities, like blogging or taking classes). Then, steer the conversation toward how you will do the job and contribute to the organization: "I decided to take a break at the time, but today I'm ready to contribute to this organization in the following ways."

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### **Question # 17**

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 # 18**

What have you learned from mistakes on this 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 # 19**

Tell me about the most fun you have had on the job?

#### **Answer:-**

When answering this question, discuss situations where you completed tasks benefitting your previous employers.

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### **Question # 20**

How would your references describe you?

#### **Answer:-**

Think of three major characteristics that demonstrate your best qualities related to work and then have quick stories to describe why.

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### **Question # 21**

How would you feel about working for someone who knows less than you Commercial Manager?

#### **Answer:-**

The reality is, the majority of the time someone is in a management/leadership position is because of their experience and past success. So they probably possess at least a unique set of knowledge from you. So you'll want to learn from them as much as possible. If it's not the case, then discuss how you would look for mentors in different departments to help your personal career development.

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### **Question # 22**

What types of books or magazines do you typically read?

#### **Answer:-**

Describe both your personal and professional favorites. If you happen to like professional books / magazines that relate to the industry of the company you're applying for - that's definitely worth highlighting.

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### **Question # 23**

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 Commercial Manager, hiring managers want to know that you can do so in a 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 # 24**

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



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### **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 # 25**

How do you continue learning on a daily basis? Why is continuous improvement necessary Commercial Manager?

### **Answer:-**

You can learn on the job, through books and magazines, through social networks, blogs, seminars, mentors and so on. Continuous improvement is important because the one thing in life that is constant is change. And you have to continue to push yourself day in and day out to be the best.

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### **Question # 26**

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 # 27**

What are the qualities of a good leader Commercial Manager? A bad leader?

### **Answer:-**

A good leader provides constructive criticism, motivates and inspires, coaches the mentee to be successful with their set of skills, and encourages them to push themselves. A bad leader only cares about his/her own interests and does not look out for the success of his/her staff.

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### **Question # 28**

How do you inspire others to be better?

### **Answer:-**

First, the key to inspiring others is to first understand what their goals and objectives are. Once you understand what people want, you can inspire them with a vision that aligns to what they care about. People generally care about having purpose, being successful (and being recognized for it), contributing in a meaningful way, and financial rewards (to a degree) and much more. Then once you understand what people set as goals, you can inspire them through 1:1 pep talks, a presentation to multiple people and so forth.

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### **Question # 29**

What type of extracurricular activities are you a part of?

### **Answer:-**

Discuss the clubs / activities you were in, share a personal story about why you enjoyed it and then describe how it's helped shape you to be who you are today. For example, I enjoyed rock climbing because it taught me the value of practicing hard at a sport to become skilled in it. I bring this same diligence to my work approach today as well.

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### **Question # 30**

What do you feel you deserve to be paid?

### **Answer:-**

Do your research before answering this question - first, consider what the market average is for this job. You can find that by searching on Google (title followed by salary) and globalguideline.com and other websites. Then, consider this - based on your work experience and previous results, are you above average, if yes, by what % increase from your pay today from your perspective? Also - make sure if you aim high you can back it up with facts and your previous results so that you can make a strong case.

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### **Question # 31**

Have you ever been fired and if yes, why?

### **Answer:-**

Answer this as positively as possible and try to avoid disparaging the company you had previously worked for. The key is to accept the fact that yes, you were fired, but you've learned from the mistakes that got you there and you're better now because of it. If you haven't been fired, well, then this question's a piece of cake isn't it?

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### **Question # 32**

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

### **Answer:-**



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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 # 33**

Why are you interested in this type of job Commercial Manager?

**Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 34**

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 Commercial Manager. 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 # 35**

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 Commercial Manager.

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### **Question # 36**

What are your lifelong dreams?

**Answer:-**

If your dreams don't relate to the job closely, make sure you highlight aspects of the job that will help develop the skills that will help you with your dreams. Ideally, you want your dreams to relate strongly to the career path you're interviewing for though.

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### **Question # 37**

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 # 38**

What does "collaboration with teammates" mean to you?

**Answer:-**

Drinking at the water cooler together is not the best example. Think of how you can collaborate with teammates to generate new ideas, to create initiatives to impact the business' success for the better (specifically in the department that you're applying for). For example, if you're applying to marketing, collaboration could mean discussing new ways of social media advertising to reach an audience of over a million people to strengthen the brand awareness of the company.

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### **Question # 39**

What will your ramp time be before you become a meaningful contributor?

**Answer:-**

Companies want staff that can ramp quickly, but also want people who are realistic. So take into consideration how intense the job is and then give a good answer. For example, if you have simple responsibilities that don't require a huge development curve, then your ramp time will probably be shorter. If it's a complex set of skills that you need to develop, then your ramp time could be longer - the key is you have to explain why you believe that ramp time should be.

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### **Question # 40**

What motivates you to succeed?

**Answer:-**

Your interviewer will likely want to know the reasons why you will remain motivated to do your best during your employment with the company Commercial Manager. Perhaps you are interested in being challenged, but you may also have interest in being recognized for your hard work in the form of the number of sales you can attain. A great example answer for this question is "I always do my best in everything, including my job. I take pride in my success, and I also want the company for which I work to be successful. Being affiliated with a company that is known for its excellence is very important to me."

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### **Question # 41**



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 # 42**

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 # 43**

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 # 44**

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

**Answer:-**

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

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**Question # 45**

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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**Question # 46**

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 # 47**

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

**Answer:-**

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

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**Question # 48**

What is your desired salary Commercial Manager?

**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 # 49**

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 # 50**

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 # 51**

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 # 52**

What kind of salary do you need Commercial Manager?

**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 # 53**

Are you planning to continue your studies and training Commercial Manager?

**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 # 54**

What is your greatest weakness Commercial Manager? What are you doing to improve it?

**Answer:-**

I believe my biggest weakness Commercial Manager 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 # 55**

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 # 56**

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 # 57**

When was the last time something upset you at work? What did you do?

#### **Answer:-**

Almost everyone has an emotional moment related to work at some point - you're not alone. The key is to learn why you reacted that way and to focus not on the problem but HOW to resolve it. Another key component is to be aware of your emotional response so that you can learn to control it in the future in a calm way.

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### **Question # 58**

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 # 59**

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 # 60**

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

#### **Answer:-**

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

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