

# **Contracting Officer Interview Questions And Answers Guide.**



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## Contracting Officer Job Interview Preparation Guide.

### Question # 1

What is your philosophy towards work?

#### Answer:-

This is typically a straightforward question that merits a straightforward answer. Do you have strong work ethic? Will you do whatever it takes to make sure the job gets done? Just say so in your response. Keep it short, direct and positive.

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### Question # 2

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

#### Answer:-

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

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

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### Question # 3

Do you think you are overqualified for this position As Contracting Officer?

#### Answer:-

No matter your previous job experience or educational background, be sure to tell the interviewer you have the knowledge and skills to successfully execute the job responsibilities.

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### Question # 4

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 # 5

If you were given more initiatives than you could handle, what would you do?

#### Answer:-

First prioritize the important activities that impact the business most. Then discuss the issue of having too many initiatives with the boss so that it can be offloaded. Work harder to get the initiatives done.

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### Question # 6

Describe your management style?

#### Answer:-

Try to avoid specific classifications, whatever it may be. Organizations usually prefer managers who can adapt their skills to different situations.

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### Question # 7

Where do you see your career in five years As Contracting Officer?



**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 As Contracting Officer.

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**Question # 8**

What would your previous employer say is your greatest strength?

**Answer:-**

Be prepared for this question. If you have to sit and think about it it's going to appear as if you're not sure or that you've never identified your own value in the work place - not good. You don't have to have a complex response. Keep it simple and honest. For example, several possibilities could be Leadership, Problem solving ability, Initiative, Energy, Work ethic, Innovative, etc., etc.

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**Question # 9**

What makes you right for this position?

**Answer:-**

This question can be tricky because you need to show your worth As Contracting Officer without sounding cocky or arrogant. Research the business ahead of time and become familiar with its mission and values. Take the time to figure out how your personal qualities fit the needs of the business and use that fit to provide your answer.

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**Question # 10**

If you felt like you were hitting the proverbial "wall" and getting burned out, what would you do to re-energize yourself?

**Answer:-**

Take a break to rest. Work in smaller increments of time to increase focus with breaks in between. Delegate tasks to those that are willing to help.

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**Question # 11**

What attracted you to this company As Contracting Officer?

**Answer:-**

You could discuss the company's vision, culture and solutions/services as reasons for wanting to join it.

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**Question # 12**

How do you evaluate success As Contracting Officer?

**Answer:-**

I evaluate success As Contracting Officer in different ways. At work, it is meeting the goals set by my supervisors and my fellow workers. It is my understanding, from talking to other employees, that the Global Guideline company is recognized for not only rewarding success but giving employees opportunity to grow as well.

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**Question # 13**

Tell me about a decision you made recently and how you reached it As Contracting Officer?

**Answer:-**

The key is to show that you put a lot of thought (weighing out the pros and cons) but were able to be decisive. Be sure to explain your logic in arriving at the decision.

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**Question # 14**

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 # 15**

Tell me about a time when you were forced to make an unpopular decision?

**Answer:-**

Not every decision is popular. In fact, almost every decision is bound to make someone unhappy at some point. The key is to demonstrate how it impacted others positively and why you chose it.

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**Question # 16**

Did you consider yourself a team player?

**Answer:-**



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

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### **Question # 17**

What are your strengths As Contracting Officer?

#### **Answer:-**

This is one of the most common questions you will be asked. Give an answer relevant to the skills and qualities relevant to the position you are applying to. The interviewer is trying to find if your strengths match the job. For example, if you are applying for a job As Contracting Officer where accuracy is an important issue, one of your strengths could be that you have an eye for detail. It may useful to find different words to describe similar attributes and qualities in order to avoid repetition.

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### **Question # 18**

What's the difference between good and exceptionally great?

#### **Answer:-**

Being good is getting the job done as promised As Contracting Officer. Being great is delivering the work in an exceptional way that completely exceeds expectations.

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### **Question # 19**

What are your thoughts about working from home?

#### **Answer:-**

This is a new policy some companies are adopting. If the company you are interviewing for allows for it, then you should be thankful for the flexibility and convenience yet state that working from home is a privilege that you would honor. The key point you want to make is that you would still be able to focus and be just as productive working at home.

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### **Question # 20**

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 # 21**

Describe your work ethic?

#### **Answer:-**

While discussing this, be sure to stress specific examples of what you bring to the company. Good qualities include resolve to fulfill job responsibilities, optimism, and a desire to be as efficient as possible while at work.

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### **Question # 22**

How do you adapt to new working environments As Contracting Officer?

#### **Answer:-**

It's important that you demonstrate that you can adapt to changing environments quickly. You want to stress that you can manage change. The one thing in life that is constant after all, is change.

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### **Question # 23**

What relevant work experience do you have in this career field As Contracting Officer?

#### **Answer:-**

Talk about specific work related experience for the position you're interviewing for. Make sure the experience is relevant. Don't talk about previous experience that is not related to the position in question. If you don't have specific career related experience speak about prior experience that has helped you develop the specific knowledge and skills required for the position you are applying for.

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### **Question # 24**

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 # 25**

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 # 26**

Describe a time when you've been overwhelmed with work?

#### **Answer:-**

Show how you were able to over the "overwhelmed" feeling - by delegating tasks, getting people on your team to help you out, or by prioritizing your work and focusing on the most important issues first As Contracting Officer.

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### **Question # 27**

What other companies are you interviewing at?

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 28**

What do you aspire to be?

#### **Answer:-**

Discuss your aspirations for the near, immediate and long term. You want to show them you are thinking of making an impact now as well as the future.

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### **Question # 29**

Can you perform Internet research? Please describe to me your steps in doing so?

#### **Answer:-**

Internet research can entail Google searches, industry sites, news articles, social networks and company websites.

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### **Question # 30**

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 As Contracting Officer. 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 # 31**

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 # 32**

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 Contracting Officer.

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### **Question # 33**

How do you feel about taking no for an answer?

#### **Answer:-**



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It's good to be persistent, but not overbearing. Everyone will face rejection at some point in their life, so at some point you'll have to take no for an answer but then learn why you were turned down.

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### **Question # 34**

Tell me about a time when you were held accountable for a problem that you hadn't caused?

**Answer:-**

If someone puts the blame on you (incorrectly), the best thing you can do is NOT to retaliate. You want to make it known that you were not to blame (explain all the facts) and then focus on fixing the problem in the best way possible.

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### **Question # 35**

What do you know about our competition?

**Answer:-**

Make sure you do your research on their competitors. You can find this by going to yahoo finance and click on their competitors (if they are public). From there research the news on them and go to their websites to understand their positioning on solutions and vision. You can also research local regional companies that are their competition (if it's a smaller private company on a regional scale) by simply typing in similar product offerings in the Google search followed by the city. Make sure you know their competitor's vision, products, culture, and how they are differentiated against their competition (and if they're not, how they could be)

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### **Question # 36**

What negative thing would your last boss say about you?

**Answer:-**

"He/She wouldn't say anything bad, but he/she may point out I could improve in a certain area, and I've taken steps to become better at those skills"

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### **Question # 37**

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 # 38**

What can you tell me about team work as part of the job As Contracting Officer?

**Answer:-**

There is usually a team of staff nurses working in cooperation with each other. A team of nurses has to get along well and coordinate their actions, usually by dividing their responsibilities into sectors or specific activities. They help each other perform tasks requiring more than one person.

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### **Question # 39**

How open are you to relocation?

**Answer:-**

If you're not, then say you're not. Don't lie about it just to get the job. There's no point if you won't move for the job anyway and lying is unethical. If you are open to relocation As Contracting Officer, let them know which areas you'd be willing to relocate to.

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### **Question # 40**

Describe yourself in three words?

**Answer:-**

Pick three adjectives but then back up each with a real life story that demonstrates those characteristics.

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### **Question # 41**

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

**Answer:-**

I would define team work as getting the job done As Contracting Officer 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 # 42**

How important is a positive attitude to you?



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### **Answer:-**

Incredibly important. I believe a positive attitude is the foundation of being successful - it's contagious in the workplace, with our customers, and ultimately it's the difference maker.

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### **Question # 43**

Describe your academic achievements?

### **Answer:-**

Think of a time where you really stood out and shined within college. It could be a leadership role in a project, it could be your great grades that demonstrate your intelligence and discipline, it could be the fact that you double majored. Where have you shined?

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### **Question # 44**

What is your greatest strength? How does it help you As Contracting Officer?

### **Answer:-**

One of my greatest strengths, and that I am a diligent worker... I care about the work getting done.. I am always willing to help others in the team.. Being patient helps me not jump to conclusions... Patience helps me stay calm when I have to work under pressure.. Being a diligent worker.. It ensures that the team has the same goals in accomplishing certain things.

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### **Question # 45**

How do you imagine a typical day of an employee in our company As Contracting Officer?

### **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 # 46**

Would you describe yourself as more analytical or interpersonal?

### **Answer:-**

If you answer either, just make sure you explain why. For example, "I would consider myself to be more analytical because I'm good at examining a data set and then understanding how to interpret it in a business environment." or "I'm more of interpersonal person because I enjoy working and collaborating with my teammates and clients"

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### **Question # 47**

What would your first 30, 60, or 90 days look like in this role As Contracting Officer?

### **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 # 48**

Rate yourself on a scale of 10?

### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 49**

What do you think is your greatest weakness?

### **Answer:-**

Don't say anything that could eliminate you from consideration for the job. For instance, "I'm slow in adapting to change" is not a wise answer, since change is par for the course in most work environments. Avoid calling attention to any weakness that's one of the critical qualities the hiring manager is looking for. And don't try the old "I'm a workaholic," or "I'm a perfectionist."

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### **Question # 50**

How do you act when you encounter competition?

### **Answer:-**

This question is designed to see if you can rise the occasion. You want to discuss how you are the type to battle competition strongly and then you need to cite an



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example if possible of your past work experience where you were able to do so.

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### **Question # 51**

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

**Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 52**

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 # 53**

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 # 54**

What's your salary history?

**Answer:-**

When you are interviewing for a new job, it is common practice for the company to ask you about your salary history. I typically want to know what the candidate's base salary is, if they receive any bonus, the average bonus amount, and any additional compensation or perks, such as 500k matching, stock grants or stock options, paid time off and how much they are required to pay towards their medical premiums.

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### **Question # 55**

What is your biggest achievement?

**Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 56**

Why should the we hire you as this position As Contracting Officer?

**Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 57**

How much do you expect to get paid As Contracting Officer?

**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 # 58**

How would you go about establishing your credibility quickly As Contracting Officer with the team?

**Answer:-**

Fully understand my responsibilities, work hard and exceed expectations, learn as much as possible, help others as much as possible, understand what my teammates' goals and needs are, be on time, and gain a mentor.

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### **Question # 59**

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 # 60**

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 # 61**

Give me an example of when you competed hard and won?

**Answer:-**

You can reference many different areas here when discussing a story of where you won in competition: Work experience (ideal), sports, clubs, classes, projects.

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**Question # 62**

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 # 63**

What problems have you encountered at work?

**Answer:-**

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

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**Question # 64**

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

**Answer:-**

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

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**Question # 65**

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 # 66**

What does "thinking outside the box" mean to you?

**Answer:-**

It means not doing things exactly the same way as everyone else. You've got to challenge the status quo and bring something new to the business.

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**Question # 67**

How would you rate your communication and interpersonal skills for this job As Contracting Officer?

**Answer:-**

These are important for support workers. But they differ from the communication skills of a CEO or a desktop support technician. Communication must be adapted to the special ways and needs of the clients. Workers must be able to not only understand and help their clients, but must project empathy and be a warm, humane presence in their lives.



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### **Question # 68**

Do you have good computer skills?

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 69**

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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