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# **Customs Special Agent Job Interview Preparation Guide.**

#### Question # 1

Have you ever you have been in a position As Customs Special Agent where you've had to fire someone? How did you feel about that experience?

#### Answer:-

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

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#### Question # 2

How do you measure success?

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 #3

Basic 15 Interview Questions that Test Communication Skills As Customs Special Agent:

For most jobs, communication skills As Customs Special Agent are important. It's hard to work as a team if people aren't communicating well. At some jobs, like customer service or sales, communication skills are an absolute essential.

These questions are meant to help gauge a candidate's ability to communicate.

- 1. How do you prefer to build rapport with others?
- How would you go about simplifying a complex issue in order to explain it to a client or colleague?
- 3. How would you go about persuading someone to see things your way at work?
- 4. How would you go about explaining a complex idea/problem to a client who was already frustrated? 5. What would you do if you there was a breakdown in communication at work?
- 6. Talk about a successful presentation you gave and why you think it did well.
- 7. How would you explain a complicated technical problem to a colleague with less technical understanding?
- 8. Do you prefer written or verbal communication As Customs Special Agent?
- 9. Describe a time when you had to be careful talking about sensitive information. How did you do it?
- 10. What would you do if you misunderstood an important communication on the job?
- 11. Talk about a time when you made a point that you knew your colleagues would be resistant to.
- 12. Is it more important to be a good listener or a good communicator As Customs Special Agent?
- 13. Tell me about a time you had to relay bad news to a client or colleague.
- 14. Rate your communication skills on a scale of 1 to 10. Give examples of experiences that demonstrate the rating is accurate.
- 15. How have you handled working under someone you felt was not good at communicating?

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## Question # 4

Top 13 Situational Interview Questions As Customs Special Agent:

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

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

- 1. What would you do if you made a strong recommendation in a meeting, but your colleagues decided against it? 2. How you would handle it if your team resisted a new idea or policy you introduced?
- 3. How would you handle it if the priorities for a project you were working on were suddenly changed?
- . What would you do if the work of an employee you managed didn't meet expectations?
- . What would you do if an important task was not up to standard, but the deadline to complete it had passed?
- 6. What steps would you take to make an important decision on the job As Customs Special Agent?
- 7. How would you handle a colleague you were unable to form a positive relationship with? 8. What would you do if you disagreed with the way a manager wanted you to handle a problem?



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

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## Question #5

What motivates you at the work place?

#### Answer:-

Keep your answer simple, direct and positive. Some good answers may be the ability to achieve, recognition or challenging assignments.

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#### Question # 6

What motivates you the most?

#### Answer:-

Is it money? Is it career development? Is it recognition? Is it a sense of achievement? Is it to impress your peers? Is it for fame?

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## Question #7

Do you think you are overqualified for this position As Customs Special Agent?

#### 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 #8

How do you propose to compensate for your lack of experience?

#### Answer-

The first thing you should do is discuss experience you have the interviewer is unfamiliar with. Once that is detailed, tell the person conducting the interview that you are able to learn new tasks and information in a reasonable period of time and possess a strong work ethic. However, only state this if you can live up to these expectations.

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## Question #9

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 # 10

Top 12 Stress Based Interview Questions As Customs Special Agent:

## Answer:-

Some jobs require employees to work under stress, and some interviewers just like to see how applicants handle stressful questions.

There are many questions designed for putting the interviewee into an awkward situation, or throwing them off, to see how they do under stress. Here are some samples.

- 1. How do you feel this interview is going As Customs Special Agent?
- 2. How would you handle undeserved criticism from a superior?
- 3. How many other jobs are you applying for?
- 4. What would you do if you saw a colleague stealing supplies or equipment?
- 5. What did you do when you had a boss you didn't get along with?
- 6. What would you do if a colleague took credit for your idea, and got a promotion?
- 7. Was the stress of your previous job too much for you?
- 8. What would you do if a colleague admitted to lying on their resume to get the job?
- 9. What would you do if a customer verbally insulted you in front of co-workers?
- 10. What would you change about the design of a baseball hat?
- 11. Why were you fired from your previous job As Customs Special Agent?
- 12. How successful do you think you've been so far?

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## Question # 11

What would you like to avoid completely in your next job As Customs Special Agent?

## Answer:-

Bad business ethics, teammates / managers that are disrespectful / inconsiderate. But of course, this job wouldn't have things like this right?

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#### Question # 12

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 #13

What can you offer me that another person can't?

#### Answer:-

This is when you talk about your record of getting things done. Go into specifics from your resume and portfolio; show an employer your value and how you'd be an asset.

You have to say, "I'm the best person for the job As Customs Special Agent. I know there are other candidates who could fill this position, but my passion for excellence sets me apart from the pack. I am committed to always producing the best results. For example..."

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## Question # 14

Why do you want this job As Customs Special Agent?

#### Answer.

This question typically follows on from the previous one. Here is where your research will come in handy. You may want to say that you want to work for a company that is Global Guideline, (market leader, innovator, provides a vital service, whatever it may be). Put some thought into this beforehand, be specific, and link the company's values and mission statement to your own goals and career plans.

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#### Question #15

If you were hiring a person for this job As Customs Special Agent, what would you look for?

#### Answer-

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

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## Question # 16

Tell me about a time when you successfully handled a situation?

## Answer:

For this question, the interviewer wants to know what you do in a situation that doesn't have a clear answer. This will help the interviewer know how you respond to unforeseen challenges.

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## Question # 17

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 # 18

Tell me about a time when you helped resolve a dispute between others?

## Answer:

Be sure to discuss a very specific example. Tell the interviewer what methods you used to solve the problem without focusing on the details of the problem.

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## Question # 19

Can you explain why you changed career paths As Customs Special Agent?

## Anewer:

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 As Customs Special Agent 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 # 20

What has been your biggest professional disappointment?

## Answer:

When discussing a professional disappointment, make sure to discuss a scenario you could not control. Be positive about the experience and accept personal responsibility where applicable.



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#### Question # 21

Have you ever mentored anyone before? If yes, describe the situation?

#### Answer:-

Describe a time where you've helped someone else. Mentor ships can be informal so as you've helped someone over a period of time that can certainly count. The key is to highlight how you utilized certain skills/attributes like coaching, teaching, patience, communication skills, and so forth to mentor that person.

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#### Question # 22

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 # 23

What motivates you to work As Customs Special Agent?

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Describe what makes you passionate about the work. It could be the company's vision, the product, your desire to succeed, the clients, your peers and so on. They key is to first understand what internally motivates you to do your job and then to emphasize that in a positive way

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#### Question # 24

What differentiates you from the competition?

#### Answer:-

Think about what you bring to the table that you truly believe is unique - the easiest way to do is to think of your own personal stories that demonstrate your work ethic, skills, and dedication. Most people have some or all of those skills, but the unique stories are what make people stand out in interviews.

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## Question # 25

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 As Customs Special Agent, 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 # 26

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 Customs Special Agent.

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## Question # 27

What are the qualities of a good leader As Customs Special Agent? 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

Who are your role models? Why?

## Answer:

If possible, cite role models you're truly passionate about - passion is contagious and will show you're being genuine. If the role model is in the same or similar industry as the company in an executive level position, even better.

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## Question # 29

How do you feel about this company's vision?



#### Answer:-

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

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#### Question # 30

In what areas do you think you will need guidance?

#### Answer-

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

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#### Question #31

Where do you see yourself in 5 years with your career?

#### Answer:-

Be sure to paint a clear picture of your career vision that demonstrates your aspirations and goals that are realistic. This could emphasize increased responsibility, the ability to manage people and so forth

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#### Question #32

Are You a 'People' Person?

#### Answer:-

Although it may be phrased a little differently, the gist of this question is clear:

Do you like being around people? If you don't, being a medical assistant isn't a good fit for you. After all, you'll be working directly with patients throughout the day. It helps a lot if you sincerely like interacting with them. While answering this question, make sure to mention that you like helping people too. This will drive home the point that you are a talented medical assistant and would be a valuable part of the team As Customs Special Agent.

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## Question #33

How would you impact the company?

## Answer:

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

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## Question # 34

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 #35

How do you stay up to date with industry?

## Answer:-

Discuss how you stay up to date by reading industry specific sites, magazines, and Google / yahoo news. Also make sure you stay up to date by reading the current news on the company's website.

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## Question #36

Do you have good manners? What types of people need to be treated with good manners?

## Answer-

You should have good manners. Everyone should be treated with courtesy and respect.

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## Question # 37

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 #38

If you look at a clock and the time is 3:15, what's the angle between the hour and the minute hands?

#### Answer-

Usually, if the answer to a brainteaser seems too easy, chances are the answer's wrong. And in this case, the answer is not zero degrees. The hour hand, remember, moves as well. That is, in addition to the minute hand. And so, at 3:15, the hour hand and the minute hand are not on top of each other. In fact, the hour hand has moved a quarter of the way between the 3 and 4. This means it's moved a quarter of 30 degrees (360 degrees divided by 12 equals 30). So the answer, to be exact, is seven and a half degrees (30 divided by four).

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## Question #39

What does success mean to you?

#### Answer:-

I am punctual, I always have excellent attendance on any job As Customs Special Agent, 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 # 40

What type of mentors do you seek out and why?

#### Answer:-

Think of your top 3 mentors and what attributes they exhibit that you want to emulate. Common attributes include passion, desire, will, leadership, ability to influence others, intelligence.

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#### Question # 41

Do you have any question regarding this job As Customs Special Agent?

#### 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 # 42

What are your salary expectations As Customs Special Agent?

## 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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## Question # 43

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 # 44

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 # 45

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 # 46

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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#### Question # 47

What do you think we could do better or differently?

#### Answer:-

This is a common one at startups. Hiring managers want to know that you not only have some background on the company, but that you're able to think critically about it and come to the table with new ideas. So, come with new ideas! What new features would you love to see? How could the company increase conversions? How could customer service be improved? You don't need to have the company's four-year strategy figured out, but do share your thoughts, and more importantly, show how your interests and expertise would lend themselves to the job.

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#### Question # 48

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 # 49

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 # 50

Does your boss know you're here today?

#### Answer:-

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

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## Question # 51

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 # 52

How would your friends describe you?

## Answer:-

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

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## Question # 53

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 # 54

Do you think a leader should be feared or liked?

## Answer:

Liked. You want to work harder for people that inspire and motivate you. Fear only lasts for so long.



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#### Question #55

Do you think you have enough experience As Customs Special Agent?

#### 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 # 56

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 # 57

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

#### Answer:

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

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#### Question # 58

Explain me about your experience working in this field As Customs Special Agent?

#### 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 #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

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

## Answer:-

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

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## Question #61

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

## Answer:

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

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