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# **HCRI Job Interview Preparation Guide.**

### Question #1

What experience do you have In HCRI?

### Answer:-

The employer would want to know that not only you can do the job but you can make the difference and bring significant contribution - Simple as that. No doubt that this is your time to perform and present yourself - You have to introduce/sell yourself to the interviewer. Prepare your answer based on your qualification, professional experience and what you've already achieved in your previous jobs. This is your time to express why you think that your professional abilities fit into the job and its requirements.

Top 10 employment experience you'd want to review:

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

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# Question # 2

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 #3

Can you explain why you changed career paths In HCRI?

# 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 In HCRI 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 # 4

What type of people do you not work well with?

# Answer:-

Be very careful answering this question as most organization employ professionals with an array of personalities and characteristics. You don't want to give the impression that you're going to have problems working with anyone currently employed at the organization. If you through out anything trivial you're going to look like a whiner. Only disloyalty to the organization or lawbreaking should be on your list of personal characteristics of people you can't work with.

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# Question #5

How did you become interested in this field/industry?

# Answer:-

Describe how you've come to develop a passion or interest in this industry and use variables like "culture, people, vision, career development, and the work itself" to define your choice



### Question # 6

Give me a specific example of a time when you had to conform to a policy with which you did not agree?

### Answer-

You want to first understand why the policy was put into effect. From there, if you truly disagree with it, explain your position to your management. If they don't change it, then you must accept their decision and continue to work or the alternative decision would be to find a new job.

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# Question #7

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 #8

Why do you want this job In HCRI?

### 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 # 9

What are your strengths In HCRI?

### 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 In HCRI 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 # 10

Explain what are your strengths In HCRI?

# Answer:-

Bad Answer: Candidate is unprepared for question or only gives generic answers.

This is the most common job interview question - everybody should be expecting it. If they don't seem prepared, or give a fairly stock answer, it's probably a bad sign.

Good answer: The consensus is to go for quality, not quantity here. Candidates should give a short list of strengths, and back each one up with examples that illustrate the strength. Also, they should explain how these strengths will be useful in the job you're applying for, and use this question to say something interesting about themselves.

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# Question # 11

Describe a time when you anticipated potential problems and developed preventive measures?

# Answer:-

The key here is to show that you were proactive. How did you find out about the potential problems? How did you address it quickly?

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# Question # 12

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 # 13

Top 11 Interview Questions to Ask when Emotional Intelligence Matters In HCRI:

# Answer:-

Emotional intelligence, or EQ, has come into vogue as a good trait to hire for.

EQ is the ability to use emotional information to guide thinking and behavior, to recognize other people's emotions and your own, and to discriminate between different feelings and label them appropriately.

EQ is considered essential to help teams function well. Here are some of the top questions for help you get an idea of how candidates perceive their emotions and those of others.

1. If you started a company today, what would its top values be?



- 2. Who inspires you? Why?
- 3. How could you create more balance in your life?
- 4. What makes you angry?
- 5. How do you have fun?
- 6. How good are you at asking for help?
- 7. How did you deal with a bad day?
- 8. What's something you're really proud of? Why?
- 9. Tell me about a time when your mood altered your performance (positively or negatively).
- 10. Has there ever been a time when you felt you needed to change your behavior at work? How did you do it?
- 11. Did you create friendships that lasted while working at a previous job?

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# Question # 14

What do you expect from this job In HCRI?

### Answer:

Talk about the potential career development, your career aspirations, your work relationships and the learning you'll receive.

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### Question #15

What is your biggest weakness In HCRI?

### 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 In HCRI 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 # 16

What is your greatest strength In HCRI?

### Answer-

This is your time to shine. Just remember the interviewer is looking for work related strengths In HCRI. Mention a number of them such as being a good motivator, problem solver, performing well under pressure, being loyal, having a positive attitude, eager to learn, taking initiative, and attention to detail. Whichever you go for, be prepared to give examples that illustrate this particular skill.

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# Question #17

Do you ever take work home with you?

# Answer-

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

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

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# Question # 18

What qualities do you look for in a boss?

# Answor:

Remain optimistic and do not be too specific. Good attributes include moral character, honesty, and intelligence since managers usually believe they possess these qualities.

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# Question # 19

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

# Answer:-

While your CV will say a lot about your work history In HCRI, the interviewer will most likely look for greater detail with questions such as this. Be positive about previous experience, highlighting your own strengths.

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# Question # 20

In your last job what kinds of pressure did you encounter and how did you react In HCRI?

# Answer:

Do not show your fear or uneasiness in handling pressure. Everyone likes to have a worker who can handle pressure calmly and with a clear train of thought. Show how you would logically come to a conclusion in a pressure filled situation.



### Question # 21

Explain what are your weaknesses In HCRI?

### Answer-

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

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### Question # 22

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 # 23

How do you take "No" for an answer?

### Answer:-

You want to be persistent enough to understand why someone is saying no so that you could potentially convince them otherwise with a sound reason. However, if they are still saying "no" to you, then you need to humbly accept their position and move on.

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### Question # 24

How has school prepared you for this job role?

### Answer:-

Think back to how you've interacted with your peers to develop social skills, how you've worked with classmates on projects to develop teamwork and collaborative skills, how you've developed discipline through studying, how the courses have helped your creativity, and how the classes you've taken have impacted your analytical / problem solving / reasoning skills.

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# Question # 25

What's been your biggest success to date?

# Answer:-

Talk about a story / experience about how you achieved success and be sure to share details on the results and outcome. Have it highlight a strong characteristic such as leadership, work ethic and so forth.

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# Question # 26

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 # 27

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 In HCRI, let them know which areas you'd be willing to relocate to.

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# Question # 28

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.



### Question # 29

What are your thoughts on failure?

### Answer-

Failure happens. It's a part of life. The key is understanding that you can't be perfect at everything and more importantly you're going to learn from failures to come out stronger.

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# Question #30

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 In HCRI. 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 #31

Did the salary we offer attract you to this job?

### Answer-

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

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### Question # 32

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 In HCRI. 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 #33

What's been your biggest failure to date?

# Answer:

Describe your biggest failure and discuss what you've learned from it and ideally how you've been successful since because of that lesson.

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# Question # 34

What type of personalities do you work best with and why?

# Answer:

Think of which personalities you work best with (do you like outgoing, collaborative, personable working relationships and so forth?)

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# Question #35

What skills do you bring to the table?

# Answer:-

Think of your skill sets with regards to: analytical skills, interpersonal skills, communication skills, computer skills, presentation skills, management skills, sales skills and so forth.

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# Question # 36

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 # 37

Who was your favorite manager and why?

# Answer:

Describe the attributes you liked about your favorite manager, typically attributes discussed are: Great at coaching, inspiring, motivating, empowering, trusting, delegating, leading, etc.

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### Question #38

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

### Answer:

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

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### Question # 39

Do you work better on a team, with just one partner, or alone?

### Answer:-

Ideally you can handle all three well, but you may have a personal preference for one or a few. The key is to make sure you understand what the job is looking for and to pair your answer with that (assuming it's true)

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### Question # 40

What does your professional network look like?

### Answer:-

If you have a professional network, discuss it detail (# of contacts, people you know, their positions and what you've learned from them or how you've worked with them). If you don't have one, discuss how you would develop one (career fairs, networking events for that industry, through your existing friends, etc)

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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 In HCRI 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 would you estimate the weight of the Chrysler building?

# Answer:

This is a process guesstimate where the interviewer wants to know if you know what to ask. First, you would find out the dimensions of the building (height, weight, depth). This will allow you to determine the volume of the building. Does it taper at the top? (Yes.) Then, you need to estimate the composition of the Chrysler building. Is it mostly steel? Concrete? How much would those components weigh per square inch? Remember the extra step: find out whether you're considering the building totally empty or with office furniture, people, etc. If you're including the contents, you might have to add 20 percent or so to the building's weight.

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# Question # 43

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 # 44

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

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# Question # 45

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 # 46

What aspect of supervision do you find the most difficult?



### Answer:-

Managing different personalities and keeping them focused on the goal at hand.

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# Question # 47

Describe a typical work week for this position In HCRI?

### Answer-

Interviewers expect a candidate for employment to discuss what they do while they are working in detail. Before you answer, consider the position In HCRI 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 # 48

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 # 49

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 #50

Tell me the difference between good and exceptional?

### Answer:-

Good gets the job done on time and is high quality. Exceptional is a game changer - it stands out, it's creative, it's above and beyond expectations. Tell the interviewer a story about how you were exceptional.

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# Question # 51

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 # 52

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 # 53

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 # 54

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.



### Question # 55

Give an example of a time you successfully worked In HCRI on a team?

### Answer-

On the whole I prefer to stick to doing what I'm told rather than setting myself up to fail by doing things off my own bat. But there was this one time when I suggested to my boss at the pizza parlor that she try offering an 'all you can eat' deal to students to boost trade on Mondays. She thought it was an interesting idea but nothing ever came of it.

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# Question # 56

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 # 57

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 # 58

Describe to me the position In HCRI you're applying for?

### Answer:-

This is a "homework" question, too, but it also gives some clues as to the perspective the person brings to the table. The best preparation you can do is to read the job description and repeat it to yourself in your own words so that you can do this smoothly at the interview.

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# Question # 59

Do you have any question regarding this job In HCRI?

# 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 # 60

What's a time you exercised leadership?

# Answer:-

Depending on what's more important for 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

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 # 62

What do you expect to be earning in 5 years In HCRI?

# Answer:

Discuss how you expect yourself to be excellent at your job. Thus, it would be reasonable to expect pay that is based on the merit of your work.

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# Question # 63

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 In HCRI - 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 # 64

How much do you expect to get paid In HCRI?

# 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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