

# Human Resources Assistant Interview Questions And Answers Guide.



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## Question # 1

Give me an example of a time when you set a goal and were able to meet or achieve it?

### Answer:-

Show that you set great goals and the process and steps you took to achieve it. Details really matter here.

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## Question # 2

Who has been an inspiration for you?

### Answer:-

Cite your role models (possible examples could be your parents, people successful in the industry, world leaders, etc)

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## Question # 3

Your coworker highlights your mistakes in front of everyone, how do you handle the situation?

### Answer:-

Admit to the mistake without being emotional, but then discuss how you are being proactive in getting it fixed. Lastly, pull the co-worker aside later on to tell them that you'd appreciate it if they gave you the feedback 1:1 first before throwing you under the bus.

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## Question # 4

What do you expect from this job As Human Resources Assistant?

### Answer:-

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

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## Question # 5

What is your greatest fear?

### Answer:-

We all have fears. It's okay to discuss them. Just don't dive too deeply into them. Discuss how you would work to overcome your fears. You don't want to seem weak. You want to acknowledge it's out there but that you'll be able to work through it.

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## Question # 6

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

### Answer:-

I guess everyone takes a pen or paper or little things like that. But other than that, NO. I have never stole from my employers or better yet As Human Resources Assistant, from anyone.

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## Question # 7

Are you willing to work in shifts?

### Answer:-

If the job calls for shifts that vary, be ready to do that for your work. If you aren't open to that, then explain why and see if they can adjust it for you.

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### **Question # 8**

Why did you leave your last job As Human Resources Assistant?

#### **Answer:-**

Regardless of why you left your last job make sure to stay positive. Always smile and focus on the positive reason such you were seeking the opportunity to expand your career opportunities, your interest in working with a new firm that provided greater opportunity, you desired to work in a new location, etc. Don't reference previous job problems or differences with management that caused you to leave. If you stay positive, your answer may help you. If you're negative, you will likely decrease your chances of getting the job for which you're interviewing.

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### **Question # 9**

How would your boss and co-workers describe you?

#### **Answer:-**

First of all, be honest (remember, if you get this job, the hiring manager will be calling your former bosses and co-workers!). Then, try to pull out strengths and traits you haven't discussed in other aspects of the interview As Human Resources Assistant, such as your strong work ethic or your willingness to pitch in on other projects when needed.

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### **Question # 10**

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 # 11**

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

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### **Question # 12**

What would you do if you won the lottery?

#### **Answer:-**

The interviewer is asking this question to find out what your true passion is. Ideally it aligns to the type of work you're interviewing for. If not, tie it back in terms of how it relates to the job, for example, "I believe I'll learn the necessary skills in this job to pursue my passion later on in life."

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### **Question # 13**

What do you do in your spare time?

#### **Answer:-**

If you want to show your fun side, discuss your extracurricular activities. If you want to show your ambition, discuss the work / school projects you do in your spare time.

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### **Question # 14**

What did you dislike about your old job?

#### **Answer:-**

Try to avoid any pin point , like never say "I did not like my manager or I did not like environment or I did not like team" Never use negative terminology. Try to keep focus on every thing was good As Human Resources Assistant , I just wanted to make change for proper growth.

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### **Question # 15**

How well do you know our company?

#### **Answer:-**

Well, a developed company that is gradually building their reputation in the competitive world.

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### **Question # 16**

How well do you perform under pressure?

#### **Answer:-**

This is a fair question, as potential employers want to know if you're going to be able to get the job done even when things get a little bit stressful. You may say that you thrive under pressure or that you're able to get the job done even when things get a little bit stressful, just make sure to provide some real world examples of your ability to work under pressure in a prior job.



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### Question # 17

Basic 15 Interview Questions that Test Communication Skills As Human Resources Assistant:

#### Answer:-

For most jobs, communication skills As Human Resources Assistant 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?
2. 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 Human Resources Assistant?
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 Human Resources Assistant?
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 # 18

You are not given the tools you need to be successful. How would you change that As Human Resources Assistant?

#### Answer:-

State a business case to your manager / leader as to why you need the tools and make the request for them.

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### Question # 19

Your client is upset with you for a mistake you made, how do you react?

#### Answer:-

Acknowledge their pain - empathize with them. Then apologize and offer a solution to fix the mistake.

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### Question # 20

Top 12 Best Brainteaser Interview Questions:

#### Answer:-

Brainteaser questions As Human Resources Assistant have become popular for interviews in recent years, as word has gotten out that top tech companies such as Apple, Google, Microsoft and IBM have used this type of question at one time or another. Companies like Google aren't using these questions so much any more, but many companies, are, and it may be good to prepare for them As Human Resources Assistant. The key to these isn't so much getting the exact answer, as it is showing how you would come up with an answer.

Here's a sample of 12 of the best and most difficult.

1. How many street lights are there in New York City?
2. How many gas stations are there in the United States?
3. How many golf balls can fit in a school bus?
4. How much should you charge to wash all the windows in Seattle?
5. Why are manhole covers round?
6. How many times a day does a clock's hands overlap?
7. How would you test a calculator?
8. Describe the internet to someone who just woke up from a 30-year coma.
9. How much does the Starbucks in Times Square bring in, in annual revenue?
10. You are shrunk to the height of a nickel and thrown into a blender. Your mass is reduced so that your density is the same as usual. The blades start moving in 60 seconds. What do you do?
11. What is the air speed velocity of an unladen swallow? ;)
12. How many golf balls are there in Florida?

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### Question # 21

What would you like to avoid completely in your next job As Human Resources Assistant?

#### 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 # 22

What differentiates you from the competition?

#### Answer:-



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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 # 23

If you could offer suggestions on how to improve our company, what would you say?

**Answer:-**

Examine the trends of the company and also where there may be some weaknesses (news articles often document this on public companies or look at their competitors to see how they're positioning it against them.) Then, once you have that knowledge, think creatively on how you could improve upon that weakness for them.

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### Question # 24

Do you value recognition or pay more? Why?

**Answer:-**

Either preference is fine, but just remember you have to be able to explain why. If you say recognition, then back that up by describing how achievement really carries weight with you and how you like to feel valued in the work that you do because it validates that you're helping your teammates / customers and so forth. If you choose money, you can also explain that is important to you as validation and you can highlight how money is important to you because of your goals (financial security, providing for your family, and so forth). The key is to be authentic with your answer. However, if you say you value pay more because you're greedy - know that doesn't align usually to most company's values/vision.

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### Question # 25

How have you shown yourself to be a leader?

**Answer:-**

Think about a time where you've rallied a group of people around a cause / idea / initiative and successfully implemented it. It could be a small or large project but the key is you want to demonstrate how you were able to lead others to work for a common cause.

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### Question # 26

How important is the vision of the company to you?

**Answer:-**

It should be very important if you want a long standing career. Remember, you're investing your time, energy and earnings potential into a company so you want to make sure it's a sustainably successful company that will grow with you over the long haul.

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### Question # 27

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 # 28

Describe your vision of your perfect dream job?

**Answer:-**

Ideally, the role you're applying for either is that dream job or will help you get to it. If it's going to help you get there, describe the elements of that job role that you are passionate about so that it ties to the vision of what your dream job is. Be honest and talk about the type of work environment, management team / leadership, coworkers, culture, vision and products/services you'd like your dream job to entail.

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### Question # 29

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 Human Resources Assistant.

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### Question # 30

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

**Answer:-**

I would define team work as getting the job done As Human Resources Assistant 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 # 31

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 Human Resources Assistant.

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### Question # 32

Give me a few examples of how you're results oriented?

**Answer:-**

Make you give an example where you discuss details and metrics. For example, I was a tutor in my last job and mentored 5 students on their SAT test taking skills and raised their scores by 15% on average after a 3 month teaching stint.

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### Question # 33

Did you get on well with your last manager?

**Answer:-**

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

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### Question # 34

What are you most proud of?

**Answer:-**

You should be proud of all your achievements As Human Resources Assistant! We just don't have time to hear them all as interviewers most likely. Focus on 1 really good achievement that showcases characteristics like the following: Integrity, competitiveness, resourcefulness, intelligence, persistence, and so forth.

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### Question # 35

Have you ever been fired and if yes, why?

**Answer:-**

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

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### Question # 36

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 # 37

How well do you multi-task?

**Answer:-**

Multi-tasking is an important part of most jobs. You want to show that you're good at it but not overwhelmed with it. So discuss just a few things you can multi-task well on - for example: "I'm good at multi tasking between work email and working on projects As Human Resources Assistant and the reason it because I'm good at prioritizing my work emails.

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### Question # 38

How many basketballs would fit in this room?

**Answer:-**

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

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### Question # 39

What do you think of your previous boss?

#### Answer:-

Do not belittle or talk badly of your last boss - it will come off as being petty. Instead, talk about the positive lessons you were able to learn from your last boss.

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### Question # 40

How important is a positive attitude to you?

#### 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 # 41

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 # 42

What is the most important quality a supervisor should have?

#### Answer:-

The ability to inspire / lead a team towards one common vision.

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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

Why are you leaving your current job?

#### Answer:-

This is a toughie, but one you can be sure you'll be asked. Definitely keep things positive-you have nothing to gain by being negative about your past employers. Instead, frame things in a way that shows that you're eager to take on new opportunities and that the role you're interviewing for is a better fit for you than your current or last position. For example, "I'd really love to be part of product development from beginning to end, and I know I'd have that opportunity here." And if you were let go? Keep it simple: "Unfortunately, I was let go," is a totally OK answer.

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### Question # 45

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 # 46

Explain an idea that you have had and have then implemented in practice?

#### Answer:-

Often an interview guide will outline the so-called 'STAR' approach for answering such questions; Structure the answer as a situation, task, action, and result: what the context was, what you needed to achieve, what you did, and what the outcome was as a result of your actions.

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### Question # 47

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 # 48

Describe a typical work week for this position As Human Resources Assistant?

#### Answer:-

Interviewers expect a candidate for employment to discuss what they do while they are working in detail. Before you answer, consider the position As Human Resources Assistant 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 # 49

Do you like to start personal relationships with other employees?

#### Answer:-

Well, the right answer is yes and no. Good personal relations can improve the overall performance of a team. But on the other hand, you should not let your emotions to affect your decisions in work.

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### Question # 50

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

#### Answer:-

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

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### Question # 51

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 # 52

How much time do you need to join the organization As Human Resources Assistant?

#### Answer:-

You should be able to join it right away, barring plans you've already made (family travel, vacation, other obligations). The key is to simply be open in communication of what's already committed on your schedule. Most companies are accommodating. If they are not, weight the importance of joining that company vs. your plans.

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### Question # 53

What kind of salary do you need As Human Resources Assistant?

#### Answer:-

This is a loaded question and a nasty little game that you will probably lose if you answer first. So, do not answer it. Instead, say something like, that's a tough question. Can you tell me the range for this position? In most cases, the interviewer, taken off guard, will tell you. If not, say that it can depend on the details of the job. Then give a wide range.

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### Question # 54

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 # 55

How would you define success?

#### Answer:-

Success is defined differently for everybody. Just make sure the parameters are defined by you with regards to work life balance, financial gain, career growth, achievements, creating meaningful work / products and so forth. If you can clearly articulate what it means to you that is a strong answer.

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### Question # 56

How do you keep each member of the team involved and motivated?





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### 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 # 57

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

### Answer:-

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

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### Question # 58

How have you changed in the last five years?

### Answer:-

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

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### Question # 59

What techniques and tools do you use to keep yourself organized As Human Resources Assistant?

### Answer:-

Utilizing a calendar, having a notebook with your "to do" list, focusing on your top 3 priorities each and every day, utilizing a systematic way of storing documents on your computer (like box.net)

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### Question # 60

Why should we hire you as this position As Human Resources Assistant?

### 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 # 61

How would you rate your communication and interpersonal skills for this job As Human Resources Assistant?

### 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 # 62

Do you have any question regarding this job As Human Resources Assistant?

### Answer:-

Never ask Salary, perks, leave, place of posting, etc. regarded questions. Try to ask more about the company to show how early you can make a contribution to your organization like. "Sir, with your kind permission I would like to know more about induction and developmental programs?" OR Sir, I would like to have my feedback, so that I can analyze and improve my strengths and rectify my shortcomings.

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### Question # 63

What does quality work mean to you?

### Answer:-

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

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### Question # 64

What do you look for in terms of culture -- structured or entrepreneurial?

### Answer:-

A good answer is to discuss the importance of having both elements in a company As Human Resources Assistant. Structure is good to maintain a focus on priorities and making sure people are productive but having an entrepreneurial spirit can help cultivate new ideas that can truly help the company.



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### **Question # 65**

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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