

# **IT Systems Programming Manager Interview Questions And Answers Guide.**



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# IT Systems Programming Manager Job Interview Preparation Guide.

### Question # 1

Tell me a difficult situation you have overcome in the workplace?

#### Answer:-

Conflict resolution, problem solving, communication and coping under pressure are transferable skills desired by many employers As IT Systems Programming Manager.

Answering this question right can help you demonstrate all of these traits.

- \* Use real-life examples from your previous roles that you are comfortable explaining
- \* Choose an example that demonstrates the role you played in resolving the situation clearly
- \* Remain professional at all times - you need to demonstrate that you can keep a cool head and know how to communicate with people

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### Question # 2

When were you most satisfied in your job As IT Systems Programming Manager?

#### Answer:-

I'm a people person. I was always happiest and most satisfied when I was interacting with community residents, making sure I was able to meet their needs and giving them the best possible comfort in a tough situation. It was my favorite part of the job, and it showed. Part of the reason I'm interested in this job is that I know I'd have even more interaction with the public, on an even more critical level.

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### Question # 3

If the company you worked for was doing something unethical or illegal, what would you do?

#### Answer:-

Report it to the leaders within the company. True leaders understand business ethics are important to the company's longevity

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### Question # 4

You are not given the tools you need to be successful. How would you change that As IT Systems Programming Manager?

#### 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 # 5

How much are you willing to sacrifice to be successful at work As IT Systems Programming Manager?

#### Answer:-

With anything comes sacrifice. The questions is how much of it are you willing to sacrifice with regards to work life balance, stress, etc?

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### Question # 6

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 # 7

You have a project due in one hour but a more important emergency that affects business needs to be fixed immediately, what do you do?

#### Answer:-

Focus on the issue that impacts the business most first.

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### Question # 8

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 # 9

What have you learned from mistakes on this job?

#### Answer:-

Candidates without specific examples often do not seem credible. However, the example shared should be fairly inconsequential, unintentional, and a learned lesson should be gleaned from it. Moving ahead without group assistance while assigned to a group project meant to be collaborative is a good example.

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### Question # 10

What have you done to improve your knowledge As IT Systems Programming Manager in the last year?

#### Answer:-

Try to include improvement activities that relate to the job As IT Systems Programming Manager. A wide variety of activities can be mentioned as positive self-improvement. Have some good ones handy to mention.

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### Question # 11

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 IT Systems Programming Manager, from anyone.

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### Question # 12

How do you prioritize your work?

#### Answer:-

Depends on the situation... I like to label certain tasks as either A B or C...A being the one that requires immediate attention, and C which are tasks that aren't urgent but eventually need to get done... I like to focus my work As IT Systems Programming Manager on the things that need to get done, and done quickly... While balancing the other work alongside our first priorities.

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### Question # 13

What do you consider ethical spending on an expense account?

#### Answer:-

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

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### Question # 14

What experience do you have As IT Systems Programming Manager?

#### 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 # 15**

Do you consider yourself successful?

**Answer:-**

You should always answer yes to this question. Briefly explain why without going on and on. If you communicate that you're more successful than you really are you may come off as arrogant or unrealistic. A goof explanation is that you have set professional goals and that you have met some of these goals and are on track to meet more in the near future.

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### **Question # 16**

What is your biggest weakness As IT Systems Programming Manager?

**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 As IT Systems Programming Manager 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 # 17**

Tell me about a time you failed?

**Answer:-**

Everyone has failed, so don't play dumb or claim you've never messed up As IT Systems Programming Manager. Think of a time when a work-related situation didn't turn out quite as you had hoped. An interviewer is interested in seeing how you took responsibility for your failure, what you learned from it, and how you would prevent similar failures from happening again.

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### **Question # 18**

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 # 19**

Explain what are your weaknesses As IT Systems Programming Manager?

**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 # 20**

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 # 21**

What are your strengths As IT Systems Programming Manager?

**Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 22**

What is your greatest strength? How does it help you As IT Systems Programming Manager?

**Answer:-**

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



in accomplishing certain things.

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### Question # 23

What challenges are you looking for in this position?

**Answer:-**

A typical interview question to determine what you are looking for your in next job, and whether you would be a good fit for the position being hired for, is "What challenges are you looking for in a position As IT Systems Programming Manager?" The best way to answer questions about the challenges you are seeking is to discuss how you would like to be able to effectively utilize your skills and experience if you were hired for the job. You can also mention that you are motivated by challenges, have the ability to effectively meet challenges, and have the flexibility and skills necessary to handle a challenging job. You can continue by describing specific examples of challenges you have met and goals you have achieved in the past.

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### Question # 24

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 frequently and I believe it can help any company become more efficient, leaner, and more productive.

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### Question # 25

How long do you envision yourself staying with this company?

**Answer:-**

Understand that companies invest a lot of money into hiring the right staff. You want to emphasize that you are in it for the long run and you want to develop a career there and that it's not just a "5 month stepping stone" type of a job. You should be thinking how you're going to grow with that company. After all, don't you want to invest your energy and time with a company that is going to continue to be successful and one that will help you grow?

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### Question # 26

What is your biggest regret to date and why?

**Answer:-**

Describe honestly the regretful action / situation you were in but then discuss how you proactively fixed / improved it and how that helped you to improve as a person/worker.

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### Question # 27

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 # 28

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 IT Systems Programming Manager, hiring managers want to know that you can do so in a productive, professional way. "You don't want to tell the story about the time when you disagreed but your boss was being a jerk and you just gave in to keep the peace. And you don't want to tell the one where you realized you were wrong.". Tell the one where your actions made a positive difference on the outcome of the situation, whether it was a work-related outcome or a more effective and productive working relationship.

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### Question # 29

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 # 30

How do you handle your anger?

**Answer:-**

I don't get angry very easily but in the rare occasion that I do, I hold it in and act as though nothing is wrong.

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**Question # 31**

What does success mean to you?

**Answer:-**

I am punctual, I always have excellent attendance on any job As IT Systems Programming Manager, 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 # 32**

Where do you see yourself in five years As IT Systems Programming Manager?

**Answer:-**

If asked this question, be honest and specific about your future goals, but consider this:

A hiring manager wants to know

\* a) if you've set realistic expectations for your career,

\* b) if you have ambition (a.k.a., this interview isn't the first time you're considering the question), and

\* c) if the position aligns with your goals and growth. Your best bet is to think realistically about where this position could take you and answer along those lines.

And if the position isn't necessarily a one-way ticket to your aspirations?

It's OK to say that you're not quite sure what the future holds, but that you see this experience playing an important role in helping you make that decision.

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**Question # 33**

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 # 34**

How would you be an asset to us As IT Systems Programming Manager?

**Answer:-**

Think again about the job specification and the skills needed for this role As IT Systems Programming Manager. Have a paragraph prepared highlighting how you will be able to do the job and what you can bring to the team. It goes without saying that this paragraph should be positive.

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**Question # 35**

Why should I hire you As IT Systems Programming Manager?

**Answer:-**

To close the deal on a job offer, you MUST be prepared with a concise summary of the top reasons to choose you. Even if your interviewer doesn't ask one of these question in so many words, you should have an answer prepared and be looking for ways to communicate your top reasons throughout the interview process.

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**Question # 36**

What types of situations do you consider "unfixable"?

**Answer:-**

Most situations are "fixable" - the ones that are not are typically related to business ethics (someone is cheating the company, someone is stealing, etc)

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**Question # 37**

What are your thoughts on social media for this role?

**Answer:-**

Without a doubt, social media is becoming more and more pervasive in our jobs. You should stress that social media is not appropriate for personal use at work. However, if the company embraces social media in certain departments (for example marketing), then you may want to discuss how you could use it for work (as long as it applies to your role).

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**Question # 38**

How articulate are you in expressing your ideas?

**Answer:-**

One of the best ways to answer this question is clearly articulate three points that demonstrate how articulate you are (and in a sense show that in a live setting) - for example: "I would say I'm articulate because one, I typically gather my thoughts before speaking, two, I organize my thoughts well, and three I'm concise when making a point.



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### **Question # 39**

What are your lifelong dreams?

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 40**

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 # 41**

What classes did you enjoy most in college and why?

#### **Answer:-**

Think back to the classes that either resonated with your passion or truly helped you to develop skills that you believe will help you in your career. Talk about those.

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### **Question # 42**

What types of books or magazines do you typically read?

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 43**

How would you rate your communication and interpersonal skills for this job As IT Systems Programming Manager?

#### **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 # 44**

What schedule do you hope to work? Are you willing to work extra hours?

#### **Answer:-**

Be honest. If you really want the job and are willing to work any schedule needed, say so. If, however, you have no intention of working late hours or weekends, simply let the interviewer know the hours that you are available to work. The same applies to extra hours. You are more likely to be hired if you are willing to work any time you are needed. However, saying that you are willing and then complaining about the hours once you start working is a recipe for disaster.

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### **Question # 45**

What is your biggest achievement?

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 46**

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 # 47**

How do you plan to go by an example for your subordinates?

**Answer:-**

Sticking to the rules by yourself, working hard and not mind participating on basic tasks is a good answer.

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**Question # 48**

Explain me about a time when you reached a goal within a tight deadline?

**Answer:-**

I work well under pressure to meet deadlines without jeopardizing the quality of my work. I have always worked in a fast pace environment where we are constantly under pressure to achieve best results within a time frame.

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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**

What's a time you exercised leadership?

**Answer:-**

Depending on what's more important for the 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 # 51**

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 # 52**

Are you planning to continue your studies and training As IT Systems Programming Manager?

**Answer:-**

If asked about plans for continued education, companies typically look for applicants to tie independent goals with the aims of the employer. Interviewers consistently want to see motivation to learn and improve. Continuing education shows such desires, especially when potentials display interests in academia potentially benefiting the company.

Answering in terms of "I plan on continuing my studies in the technology field," when offered a question from a technology firm makes sense. Tailor answers about continued studies specific to desired job fields. Show interest in the industry and a desire to work long-term in said industry. Keep answers short and to the point, avoiding diatribes causing candidates to appear insincere.

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**Question # 53**

What problems have you encountered at work?

**Answer:-**

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

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**Question # 54**

Do you have good computer skills?

**Answer:-**

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

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**Question # 55**

What type of work environment do you prefer?

**Answer:-**

Ideally one that's similar to the environment of the company you're applying to. Be specific.





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### **Question # 56**

What features of your previous jobs have you disliked?

#### **Answer:-**

It's easy to talk about what you liked about your job in an interview, but you need to be careful when responding to questions about the downsides of your last position. When you're asked at a job interview about what you didn't like about your previous job, try not to be too negative. You don't want the interviewer to think that you'll speak negatively about this job or the company should you eventually decide to move on after they have hired you.

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### **Question # 57**

Do you work well under pressure?

#### **Answer:-**

Yes.. When it comes down to the wire, the best thing I can to remain focused, have some flexibility, and understand priorities.. Giving them attention in the order they are needed.

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### **Question # 58**

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 # 59**

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 # 60**

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 # 61**

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 # 62**

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 # 63**

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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