

# Merchandising Assistant Interview Questions And Answers Guide.



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### Question # 1

Tell me about a decision you made recently and how you reached it As Merchandising Assistant?

#### Answer:-

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

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### Question # 2

Top 12 Best Brainteaser Interview Questions:

#### Answer:-

Brainteaser questions As Merchandising 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 Merchandising 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 # 3

Tell me about a time when you had to think strategically?

#### Answer:-

There was a time when I was told I had to get rid of 20% of my people. I had to determine which persons I needed the most by determining who could do what. I had to put aside personal feelings so that I could keep a working crew to handle the same workload with less people.

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### Question # 4

If you were hiring a person for this job As Merchandising Assistant, what would you look for?

#### Answer:-

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

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### Question # 5

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 # 6**

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 Merchandising Assistant , I just wanted to make change for proper growth.

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### **Question # 7**

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 # 8**

Can you tell me a little about yourself?

#### **Answer:-**

This question seems simple, so many people fail to prepare for it, but it's crucial. Here's the deal: Don't give your complete employment (or personal) history As Merchandising Assistant. Instead give a pitch-one that's concise and compelling and that shows exactly why you're the right fit for the job. Start off with the 2-3 specific accomplishments or experiences that you most want the interviewer to know about, then wrap up talking about how that prior experience has positioned you for this specific role.

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### **Question # 9**

Why did you select the University \_\_\_\_\_?

#### **Answer:-**

Discuss the academic program, the extracurricular program(s), the school spirit, the quality of your peers, and the professors.

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### **Question # 10**

How long do you want to work for us if we hire you?

#### **Answer:-**

Here being specific is probably not the best approach. You may consider responding, "I hope a very long time." Or "As long as we're both happy with my performance."

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### **Question # 11**

What kind of car do you drive?

#### **Answer:-**

The only time this might matter is if the job requires a certain type of car because of the responsibilities. For example, if you need to load a lot of construction materials into your car, you'll probably need a truck.

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### **Question # 12**

What do you think about Teamwork?

#### **Answer:-**

I enjoy teamwork and am used to shift work. I think I would adapt well to the role. I am looking for new challenges As Merchandising Assistant and I know I would learn a lot as cabin crew, not just about people and places, but skills like first aid too, how can I help others with in my limits.

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### **Question # 13**

Did you consider yourself a team player?

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 14**

What motivates you at the work place?

#### **Answer:-**

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



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### **Question # 15**

How do you stay organized?

#### **Answer:-**

By maintaining proper routine every day. Putting my strongest points with my weakness. High priority always comes first As Merchandising Assistant.

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### **Question # 16**

You are not given the tools you need to be successful. How would you change that As Merchandising 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 # 17**

Tell us about a suggestion you have made that has benefited an organization you've worked for?

#### **Answer:-**

This is another opportunity to show the interviewer what you're capable of so make sure to be prepared for this type of question. Have an example ready and make sure its an example of a suggestion you've made that was accepted and that have positive influence. If you can come up with an example that relates to the position you're applying for that would be even better.

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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**

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

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 20**

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

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 21**

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 # 22**

How meticulous are you with details?

#### **Answer:-**

Being detailed is important for many types of job roles. Typically you want to highlight how you've done that in previous roles. Example: "Being meticulous is important to me. In my last job, I had to count the money in the register as a cashier to make sure it matched to the receipts down to the last penny." This was to ensure there wasn't any "wrongdoing" at the company by any of the cashiers and I was always accurate in my reports.

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### **Question # 23**

Why are you the best fit for this job As Merchandising Assistant?

#### **Answer:-**

Analyze the job responsibilities and match those to your skills sets. Then discuss how your experience and skills sets can truly create the best impact to the company in that specific job role. Impact could mean marketing impressions, sales, cutting costs, making products more efficiently, creating better customer service, engineering new designs that create customer excitement, etc.



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### **Question # 24**

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 # 25**

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.

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### **Question # 26**

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 # 27**

How do you feel about giving back to the community?

#### **Answer:-**

Describe your charitable activities to showcase that community work is important to you. If you haven't done one yet, go to [www.globalguideline.com](http://www.globalguideline.com) - charitable work is a great way to learn about other people and it's an important part of society - GET INVOLVED!

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### **Question # 28**

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 # 29**

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 # 30**

If selected for this position As Merchandising Assistant, can you describe your strategy for the first 90 days?

#### **Answer:-**

This depends on the job role. Make sure you break it down into

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### **Question # 31**

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

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 32**

What is the most important lesson / skill you've learned from school?

#### **Answer:-**



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Think of lessons learned in extra curricular activities, in clubs, in classes that had a profound impact on your personal development. For example, I had to lead a team of 5 people on a school project and learned to get people with drastically different personalities to work together as a team to achieve our objective.

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### **Question # 33**

Why do you want to join our company?

**Answer:-**

This is a question that is aimed at finding out whether you know enough about the company and the basic market. The best way to answer this question is to do some research on the company and highlight its positive points.

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### **Question # 34**

What do you feel you deserve to be paid?

**Answer:-**

Do your research before answering this question - first, consider what the market average is for this job. You can find that by searching on Google (title followed by salary) and [globalguideline.com](#) and other websites. Then, consider this - based on your work experience and previous results, are you above average, if yes, by what % increase from your pay today from your perspective? Also - make sure if you aim high you can back it up with facts and your previous results so that you can make a strong case.

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### **Question # 35**

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 Merchandising Assistant?" 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 # 36**

Why were you fired?

**Answer:-**

OK, if you get the admittedly much tougher follow-up question as to why you were let go (and the truth isn't exactly pretty), your best bet is to be honest (the job-seeking world is small, after all). But it doesn't have to be a deal-breaker. Share how you've grown and how you approach your job and life now as a result. If you can position the learning experience as an advantage for this next job, even better.

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### **Question # 37**

What type of extracurricular activities are you a part of?

**Answer:-**

Discuss the clubs / activities you were in, share a personal story about why you enjoyed it and then describe how it's helped shape you to be who you are today. For example, I enjoyed rock climbing because it taught me the value of practicing hard at a sport to become skilled in it. I bring this same diligence to my work approach today as well.

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### **Question # 38**

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 # 39**

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 # 40**

What is your ideal working environment?

**Answer:-**

Describe your ideal working environment. Do you like flexibility with work hours? Do you like working in a cubicle or independently? Do you like to be micro managed or empowered? Do you like to work on your own or in a team? Do you like being driven by metrics in your role? How much responsibility do you want?



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### **Question # 41**

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

**Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 42**

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 # 43**

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 # 44**

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 # 45**

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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### **Question # 46**

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 # 47**

Tell me something about your family background?

**Answer:-**

First, always feel proud while discussing about your family background. Just simple share the details with the things that how they influenced you to work in an airline field.

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### **Question # 48**

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 # 49**

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 # 50**

Rate yourself on a scale of 10?

**Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 51**

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

**Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 52**

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 # 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**

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 # 55**

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 # 56**

What's your salary history?

**Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 57**

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 # 58**

Describe to me the position As Merchandising Assistant 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**

What do you know about this department?

#### **Answer:-**

One good way to find out about the department is to try to "informally" interview the existing employees over coffee (outside of the office) if possible. It's hard if you don't have any connections there, but if you do a great way to learn about it. Other than that, it's often hard to learn about the department so you can turn the table back on them by asking questions to learn about it.

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### **Question # 60**

Describe a typical work week for this position As Merchandising 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 Merchandising 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 # 61**

What were the responsibilities of your last position As Merchandising Assistant?

#### **Answer:-**

If you want to show your ambition, you can discuss how you haven't reached all of your goals yet and in that sense aren't satisfied. However, if you want to discuss satisfaction from your job discuss an experience in which you achieved something.

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### **Question # 62**

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

#### **Answer:-**

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

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