

# Retail Cashier Interview Questions And Answers Guide.



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### Question # 1

Do you have any blind spots?

#### Answer:-

This question is often meant to trick candidates since acknowledgment of blind spots would indicate they were aware of them. Also, do not disclose bad habits or other personal concerns. Let the interviewer find out about your personal flaws through the course of the interview without directly stating these flaws.

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### Question # 2

What has disappointed you about a previous job?

#### Answer:-

Again, this question could get you in trouble so tread carefully. Some good answers might be that your previous job didn't provide any room for growth, that you were laid off due to a mandatory reduction in staff, that they closed their office in your state and required you to relocate, etc. Make sure not to mention anything negative about the people you worked with, the company in general or the job itself.

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### Question # 3

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 # 4

Tell us about a typical day at work. How does it start? What do you do?

#### Answer:-

At the beginning of each day, I inspect the work site to make sure that it is hazard-free. Once the work site is secured, I verify that all tools and equipment are adequate in supply. As soon as the work orders are delivered, I provide workers with security guidelines and carry out drills. During the workday, it is my duty to monitor workers to ensure that they are working according to the enforced safety policies and that any problems or accidents are quickly addressed.

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### Question # 5

If you were given more initiatives than you could handle, what would you do?

#### Answer:-

First prioritize the important activities that impact the business most. Then discuss the issue of having too many initiatives with the boss so that it can be offloaded. Work harder to get the initiatives done.

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### Question # 6

What makes you right for this position?

#### Answer:-

This question can be tricky because you need to show your worth As Retail Cashier without sounding cocky or arrogant. Research the business ahead of time and become familiar with its mission and values. Take the time to figure out how your personal qualities fit the needs of the business and use that fit to provide your answer.

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### Question # 7



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Explain what are your strengths As Retail Cashier?

**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 # 8**

What would you like to avoid completely in your next job As Retail Cashier?

**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 # 9**

How do you adapt to new working environments As Retail Cashier?

**Answer:-**

It's important that you demonstrate that you can adapt to changing environments quickly. You want to stress that you can manage change. The one thing in life that is constant after all, is change.

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### **Question # 10**

How do you keep others informed on work issues?

**Answer:-**

Possible methods:

Talking to them, emailing them, sharing best practices in meetings

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### **Question # 11**

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 # 12**

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement so far and why?

**Answer:-**

Be proud of your achievement, discuss the results, and explain why you feel most proud of this one. Was it the extra work? Was it the leadership you exhibited? Was it the impact it had?

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### **Question # 13**

What is your biggest weakness As Retail Cashier?

**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 Retail Cashier 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 # 14**

What motivates you the most?

**Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 15**

Are you currently looking at other job opportunities?

**Answer:-**

Just answer this question honestly. Sometime an employer wants to know if there are other companies you're considering so that they can determine how serious you are about the industry, they're company and find out if you're in demand. Don't spend a lot of time on this question; just try to stay focused on the job you're interviewing for.



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### **Question # 16**

What can you offer us that someone else can not?

#### **Answer:-**

Bad Answer: Going negative - if the candidate starts trash talking other candidates, it's a sure sign of a bad attitude. Also, if they can't provide a solid answer, it may show that they lack thorough knowledge of the skills the job requires, and an understanding of where they fit in.

Good answer: The candidate can name specific skills, abilities or understandings they have that apply directly to the job that other candidates are unlikely to have, or are in short supply.

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### **Question # 17**

What is your philosophy towards work?

#### **Answer:-**

This is typically a straightforward question that merits a straightforward answer. Do you have strong work ethic? Will you do whatever it takes to make sure the job gets done? Just say so in your response. Keep it short, direct and positive.

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### **Question # 18**

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 # 19**

Top 12 Stress Based Interview Questions As Retail Cashier:

#### **Answer:-**

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

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

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

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### **Question # 20**

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 # 21**

What is your dream job?

#### **Answer:-**

There is almost no good answer to this question, so don't be specific. If you tell the interviewer that the job you're applying for with his/her company is the perfect job you may lose credibility if you don't sound believable (which you probably won't if you're not telling the truth.) If you give the interviewer some other job the interviewer may get concerned that you'll get dissatisfied with the position if you're hired. Again, don't be specific. A good response could be, "A job where my work ethic and abilities are recognized and I can make a meaningful difference to the organization."

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### **Question # 22**

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 # 23**

How do you stay up to date with industry?

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 24**

What are the qualities of a good leader As Retail Cashier? A bad leader?

#### **Answer:-**

A good leader provides constructive criticism, motivates and inspires, coaches the mentee to be successful with their set of skills, and encourages them to push themselves. A bad leader only cares about his/her own interests and does not look out for the success of his/her staff.

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### **Question # 25**

How many tennis balls can you fit into a limousine? 1,000? 10,000? 100,000? Seriously?

#### **Answer:-**

Well, seriously, you might get asked brainteaser questions like these, especially in quantitative jobs. But remember that the interviewer doesn't necessarily want an exact number-he wants to make sure that you understand what's being asked of you, and that you can set into motion a systematic and logical way to respond. So, just take a deep breath, and start thinking through the math. (Yes, it's OK to ask for a pen and paper!)

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### **Question # 26**

Why should we select you not others?

#### **Answer:-**

Here you need to give strong reasons to your interviewer to select you not others. Sell yourself to your interviewer in interview in every possible best way. You may say like I think I am really qualified for the position. I am a hard worker and a fast learner, and though I may not have all of the qualifications that you need, I know I can learn the job and do it well."

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### **Question # 27**

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 # 28**

If you were an animal, which one would you want to be?

#### **Answer:-**

Seemingly random personality-test type questions like these come up in interviews generally because hiring managers want to see how you can think on your feet. There's no wrong answer here, but you'll immediately gain bonus points if your answer helps you share your strengths or personality or connect with the hiring manager. Pro tip: Come up with a stalling tactic to buy yourself some thinking time, such as saying, "Now, that is a great question. I think I would have to say..." "

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### **Question # 29**

Why are you interested in this type of job As Retail Cashier?

#### **Answer:-**

You're looking for someone who enjoys working with the elderly, or a caring, sociable, and nurturing person.

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### **Question # 30**

Are You a 'People' Person?

#### **Answer:-**

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

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

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### **Question # 31**

How do you continue learning on a daily basis? Why is continuous improvement necessary As Retail Cashier?

#### **Answer:-**

You can learn on the job, through books and magazines, through social networks, blogs, seminars, mentors and so on. Continuous improvement is important because



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the one thing in life that is constant is change. And you have to continue to push yourself day in and day out to be the best.

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### **Question # 32**

What other companies are you interviewing at?

#### **Answer:-**

Be open and share if you are indeed interviewing elsewhere, but do it in a humble way. This way you don't seem arrogant and the interviewer knows your skills are valued by other companies. This also tends to make them want you more as they know they are competing for your services.

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### **Question # 33**

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 # 34**

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 # 35**

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 # 36**

Describe to me a time where you had to make a hard decision As Retail Cashier?

#### **Answer:-**

Hard decisions are hard for a reason. It could dramatically effect the company. It could affect other workers. So if you have a story about how you made a hard decision and had a good outcome, share that. If you have one where the outcome wasn't great, explain how you would have changed the way you approached the decision to show you learned how to improve.

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### **Question # 37**

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

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 38**

Describe a time where you've failed and bounced back?

#### **Answer:-**

Share a story to describe this. For example: "I accidentally made the mistake of telling a customer I could deliver on a solution set on a certain date and then later found out our business partner couldn't do it on that time. I learned that I shouldn't rush into important decisions and promises like this and that I should always check with my counterparts first before committing to a statement of work."

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### **Question # 39**

How well do you know this industry?

#### **Answer:-**

Two things businesses need to pay attention to in their industries are what their competition is doing and the customers. You may not always agree with your competitors but it is important to be aware of what changes they are making. Very well. I have been in the industry for over 6 years.

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### **Question # 40**

What are your personal skills which make you a candidate for the position As Retail Cashier?

#### **Answer:-**

The list of crucial character traits includes patience, tact, and poise, with personal and cultural sensitivity. One needs the ability to work long hours, with much walking and some physical tasks. But the most important trait of all is to love people and to have the desire to care for them.

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### **Question # 41**

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 # 42**

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 # 43**

Do you have any question regarding this job As Retail Cashier?

#### **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 # 44**

How do you evaluate your ability to handle conflict?

#### **Answer:-**

I pride myself on being a good problem solver. Through my previous job and management positions I have faced numerous conflicts in different situations, and my experiences have helped me to hone my issue resolution skills. I believe that it is important to get to and address the root of the issue, in a respectable manner.

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### **Question # 45**

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 # 46**

Why do you want to work As Retail Cashier for this organisation?

#### **Answer:-**

Being unfamiliar with the organisation will spoil your chances with 75% of interviewers, according to one survey, so take this chance to show you have done your preparation and know the company inside and out. You will now have the chance to demonstrate that you've done your research, so reply mentioning all the positive things you have found out about the organisation and its sector etc. This means you'll have an enjoyable work environment and stability of employment etc - everything that brings out the best in you.

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### **Question # 47**

What would you do if our competitor offered you a position As Retail Cashier?

#### **Answer:-**

I would weigh the offer and consider it, however, this company and this role is my first choice.

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### **Question # 48**

How would you motivate your team members to produce the best possible results?

#### **Answer:-**



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Trying to create competitive atmosphere, trying to motivate the team as a whole, organizing team building activities, building good relationships amongst people.

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### **Question # 49**

Why should the we hire you as this position As Retail Cashier?

#### **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 # 50**

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 # 51**

What is your greatest weakness As Retail Cashier? What are you doing to improve it?

#### **Answer:-**

I believe my biggest weakness As Retail Cashier is wanting to help anyone I can help. What I mean is I am willing to take on task that are not my job. I want to learn all I can. However, that has helped me get promoted or even asked to help in times of need in other department. I have been know as the "go to person" when help is needed.

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### **Question # 52**

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 # 53**

How do you think I rate as an interviewer?

#### **Answer:-**

I think you did fine. I'm sure you've conducted a lot of interviews, and it's probably second nature for you now. Thanks for taking the time to meet with me today. I'm sure you have a lot of things you have to juggle every day.

I'd say you rate at least ten out of ten. The questions you asked seemed spot on. I can tell you guys are working hard to find the perfect applicant for the job. I'm glad I could meet with you.

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### **Question # 54**

Does your boss know you're here today?

#### **Answer:-**

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

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### **Question # 55**

Do you have any questions for me?

#### **Answer:-**

Good interview questions to ask interviewers at the end of the job interview include questions on the company growth or expansion, questions on personal development and training and questions on company values, staff retention and company achievements.

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### **Question # 56**

Have you got any questions?

#### **Answer:-**

This is your final opportunity to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job. Now is not the time to ask questions about holidays, pay or pensions - all these things can be asked later when you get an offer of employment. Now is the time to ask about any reservations that the interviewer may have about your suitability for the role. You will then give yourself one last chance to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job.

Example Thank you. I think we have covered everything. Before we finish the interview I would like to take the opportunity to ask if you have any reservations about my suitability for this role?





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### **Question # 57**

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 # 58**

What are your salary expectations As Retail Cashier?

#### **Answer:-**

This question is like a loaded gun, tricky and dangerous if you're not sure what you are doing. It's not uncommon for people to end up talking salary before really selling their skills, but knowledge is power as this is a negotiation after all. Again, this is an area where doing your research will be helpful as you will have an understanding of average salary.

One approach is asking the interviewer about the salary range, but to avoid the question entirely, you can respond that money isn't a key factor and you're goal is to advance in your career. However, if you have a minimum figure in mind and you believe you're able to get it, you may find it worth trying.

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### **Question # 59**

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 # 60**

What techniques and tools do you use to keep yourself organized As Retail Cashier?

#### **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 # 61**

There's no right or wrong answer, but if you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?

#### **Answer:-**

Just be honest about where you'd like to be - you never know - you may end up bonding with the interviewer with the location. However, you want to stress that you want to work out of the location that you're interviewing for.

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### **Question # 62**

What's the least rewarding work you've ever done and why?

#### **Answer:-**

Describe work you've done that you feel doesn't take advantage of your full potential. For example, "I once had to make paper copies for my job and I feel it didn't take full advantage of my skills. However, it did teach me to be humble in my work and to appreciate a good opportunity when it arose to use my skills"

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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 As Retail Cashier - 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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