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## Switchboard Operator (Chemical) Job Interview Preparation Guide.

## Question #1

Tell me about yourself?

## Answer:-

There are some questions that your potential employer aren't allowed to ask (but trust me, they probably want to). For instance, they shouldn't really ask about your family or how far away you live from your potential place of employment. If you can find a way to answer these questions anyway (with the answers they want to hear), that will give them a little added info to help them make the (right) decision!

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## Question # 2

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 Switchboard Operator (Chemical).

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## Question # 3

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 # 4

What is your greatest failure As Switchboard Operator (Chemical), and what did you learn from it?

## Answer:-

When I was in college, I took an art class to supplement my curriculum. I didn't take it very seriously, and assumed that, compared to my Engineering classes, it would be a walk in the park. My failing grades at midterm showed me otherwise. I'd even jeopardized my scholarship status. I knew I had to get my act together. I spent the rest of the semester making up for it, ended up getting a decent grade in the class. I learned that no matter what I'm doing, I should strive to do it to the best of my ability. Otherwise, it's not worth doing at all.

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## Question # 5

What makes a product successful?

## Answer:

Basing on the monetization, these questions give you the chance to prove your personal try. Do not show extremely your optimism and pursue the unreality. Give your answers the reality.

It is useful to predict a five to ten- year- scenario of expectations in order to gain your targets that you set up and it is the period of time to see how your plans and targets are performed.

Therefore, the quality of the product and marketability of the mentioned industry need to be highlighted. This will help you to achieve the interviewer's attention and insurance to you personality and you can get the honest and long- term goals.

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## Question # 6

Why are you interested in this type of job As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?

## Answer-

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

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## Question #7

Describe to me the position As Switchboard Operator (Chemical) 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 # 8

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 #9

Do you have any question regarding this job As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?

## 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 # 10

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 #11

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 # 12

How much do you expect to get paid As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?

## Answer:-

For this be prepared and research salary to find out what similar positions are paying in your area before you go to the interview. Try to find this information out before giving your salary expectations. You can and should provide a range instead of an exact number. But again, don't say any numbers you're not comfortable with because if the employer offers you a salary at the lowest end of your range, you don't have much to negotiate with when it comes to getting a higher salary.

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## Question # 13

How would you rate your communication and interpersonal skills for this job As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?

## 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 # 14

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 #15

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 # 16

What types of personalities do you work with best?

## Answer:-

In the past, I have found it difficult to work with others who see themselves as better than others, who can take criticism, and who refuse to work with others. I have found it challenging to work with them b/c I am a team oriented person who feels the importance of working together over the needs of the individual especially in a learning environment.

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## Question # 17

What would your first 30, 60, or 90 days look like in this role As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?

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Start by explaining what you'd need to do to get ramped up. What information would you need? What parts of the company would you need to familiarize yourself with? What other employees would you want to sit down with? Next, choose a couple of areas where you think you can make meaningful contributions right away. (e.g., "I think a great starter project would be diving into your email marketing campaigns and setting up a tracking system for them.") Sure, if you get the job, you (or your new employer) might decide there's a better starting place, but having an answer prepared will show the interviewer where you can add immediate impact-and that you're excited to get started.

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## Question # 18

Where do you see yourself professionally five years from now As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?

## Answer:-

Demonstrate both loyalty and ambition in the answer to this question. After sharing your personal ambition, it may be a good time to ask the interviewer if your ambitions match those of the company.

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## Question #19

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 # 20

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 # 21

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 # 22

Why do you want to work for this company?

## Answer:

Again be honest. The interviewer will be able to sense very quickly if you're be disingenuous. Your answer should be base on your person reasons, career aspirations as well as research you've performed on the company. The most important thing you should do is make sure to relate your answer to your long-term career goals.



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## Question # 23

If you had enough money to retire would you?

## Answer-

Just be honest. If you would retire then say so. But since you can't retire, and the interviewer already knows this, simply answer that since you can't this is type of work you prefer doing. However, if you wouldn't retire if you had the money then explain why. Work is an important element of happiness for most people and many won't retire even when they can.

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## Question # 24

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 # 25

Why do you think you'll do well at this job?

## Answer-

Provide several reasons including skills, experience and interest. If you can show how you've been successful in a similar career field or job position that will go along way to helping the interviewer believe you'll also be successful at this new job.

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## Question # 26

Are you willing to work overtime or odd hours?

## Answer-

Be completely honest. You don't want to lie to get the job if you're not going to work the hours required.

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## Question # 27

How do you measure success?

## Answer:-

There may be several good answers. Some include: you're able to set realistic, yet aggressive goals that push you and you're able to achieve them, you go the extra mile on all projects, client satisfaction is high, your boss is elated at your performance on all projects, etc.

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## Question # 28

Describe your management style?

## Answer:-

Try to avoid specific classifications, whatever it may be. Organizations usually prefer managers who can adapt their skills to different situations.

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## Question # 29

What have you learned from mistakes on the 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 #30

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 # 31

Tell me why do you want this job As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?

## Answer:

Bad Answer: No solid answer, answers that don't align with what the job actually offers, or uninspired answers that show your position is just another of the many jobs they're applying for.



Good answer: The candidate has clear reasons for wanting the job that show enthusiasm for the work and the position, and knowledge about the company and job. Read More Answers.

## Question #32

Top 17 Behavioral Interview Questions As Switchboard Operator (Chemical):

Behavioral interviews As Switchboard Operator (Chemical) where popularized by industrial psychologists in the 1970s, and have been used at big companies like AT&T. The idea behind them is that past responses to situations are the best predictor of how candidates will respond in the future.

- 1. Tell me about a time you faced a conflict while working as part of a team.
- 2. Talk about a goal you set for yourself. What did you do to make sure you met the goal?
- 3. Give an example of a time when you had to work with someone with a very different personality from yours.
- 4. Talk about an instance where you wish you'd handled a situation differently with a team member.
- 5. What's the most difficult problem you have had to solve As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?
- 6. Give an example of how you handled a situation where you needed information from a colleague who wasn't responsive.
- 7. Talk about a time when you had problems building a relationship with a key team member. What did you do?
- 8. Tell me about an instance when it was important to make a great impression on a client. What did you do?
- 9. Tell me about a situation where you had to work with a difficult client.
- 10. Tell me about a situation where you disappointed a client, and how you tried to fix it.
- 11. Talk about a time when you had to strategize to meet all your obligations.
  12. Talk about a time when you failed at something. How did you react?
- 13. Talk about a time you took on a leadership role.
- 14. Tell me about a long-term project you oversaw. How did you keep it focused and on schedule?
- 15. Talk about a time when you were under a lot of stress. What caused it, and how did you manage?
- 16. Do you prefer to work alone or with others As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?
- 17. Tell me about a time when you were overwhelmed by the amount of work on your agenda. How did you handle it?

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## Question # 33

How much are you willing to sacrifice to be successful at work As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?

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 #34

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

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 # 35

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

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

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## Question # 36

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 # 37

Describe your work style?

## Answer:-

Describe the positive aspects of your work style if possible, including: work ethic, attention to detail, interpersonal skills, skill sets (analytical or otherwise), leadership abilities, communication skills.

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## Question #38

What do you aspire to be?

Discuss your aspirations for the near, immediate and long term. You want to show them you are thinking of making an impact now as well as the future.

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## Question #39

Why do you want to work in this industry As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?

## Answer-

Make sure you research the industry first. Then find at least 3 core things about that industry that you're passionate about (for example: how their solutions impact clients, their culture, the leadership, etc)

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## Question # 40

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 #41

What did you major in and why?

## Answer-

Tell them your major and the motivations behind why you chose it and how it's helped to prep your of this potential job.

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## Question # 42

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 #43

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 # 44

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 # 45

How do you inspire others to be better?

## Answer:-

First, the key to inspiring others it to first understand what their goals and objectives are. Once you understand what people want, you can inspire them with a vision that aligns to what they care about. People generally care about having purpose, being successful (and being recognized for it), contributing in a meaningful way, and financial rewards (to a degree) and much more. Then once you understand what people set as goals, you can inspire them through 1:1 pep talks, a presentation to multiple people and so forth.

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## Question # 46

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 # 47

How good are you at problem solving?



## Answer:-

Describe the problem first and then discuss how you were able to fix it.

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## Question # 48

How do you adapt to new working environments As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?

## 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 # 49

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 # 50

What do you like to do?

## Answer:-

Discuss your passions As Switchboard Operator (Chemical). Ideally if it's work related that's fantastic! If not, talk about your academic / extracurricular passions and WHY you enjoy them. For example: I love playing sports because of the team work aspect - it's fun winning together! (This example shows you're a team player)

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## Question # 51

What are the qualities of a good leader As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)? 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 # 52

How would you go about establishing your credibility quickly As Switchboard Operator (Chemical) with the team?

## Answer:-

Fully understand my responsibilities, work hard and exceed expectations, learn as much as possible, help others as much as possible, understand what my teammates' goals and needs are, be on time, and gain a mentor.

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## Question #53

How long will it take for you to make a significant contribution?

## Answer:

First define significant contribution - once you do that - lay out a timeline plan in which you think you can achieve that.

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## Question # 54

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 #55

Why did you choose your major in college or tech school?

## Answer:

People usually choose their major based on their passions or the career path they want to head towards.

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## Question # 56

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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## Question #57

Tell me about a time when you were held accountable for a problem that you hadn't caused?

## Answer:

If someone puts the blame on you (incorrectly), the best thing you can do is NOT to retaliate. You want to make it known that you were not to blame (explain all the facts) and then focus on fixing the problem in the best way possible.

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## Question # 58

How much time do you need to join the organization As Switchboard Operator (Chemical)?

## 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 #59

In what areas do you think you will need guidance?

## Answer-

Think about what you need to learn going into the job. Skill sets, industry knowledge, relationship building, team dynamics. Which areas are ones you're lacking?

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## Question # 60

What role are you ready to take in a group?

## Answer-

Ideally, you want to take on the role you're interviewing for, but you want to be flexible with your responsibilities As Switchboard Operator (Chemical) if there are any changes.

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## Question # 61

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 # 62

What was the biggest professional risk you have taken and what was the outcome?

## Answer:-

First discuss how you weighed the pros and cons of the risk and the results you'd believe you could achieve. Then discuss the action plan you put into place for it and outline that step by step. Then discuss the outcome and if it wasn't optimal talk about what you would do differently in hindsight.

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