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# Top Financial Officer Job Interview Preparation Guide.

## Question #1

Can you explain why you changed career paths As Top Financial Officer?

## Answer:-

Don't be thrown off by this question-just take a deep breath and explain to the hiring manager why you've made the career decisions As Top Financial Officer you have. More importantly, give a few examples of how your past experience is transferable to the new role. This doesn't have to be a direct connection; in fact, it's often more impressive when a candidate can make seemingly irrelevant experience seem very relevant to the role.

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#### Question # 2

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 #3

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 Top Financial Officer. 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 # 4

Tell me about a time you failed?

## Answer:-

Everyone has failed, so don't play dumb or claim you've never messed up As Top Financial Officer. 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 # 5

What is your greatest professional achievement?

## Answer:-

Nothing says "hire me" better than a track record of achieving amazing results in past jobs As Top Financial Officer, so don't be shy when answering this interview question! A great way to do so is by using the S-T-A-R method: Set up the situation and the task that you were required to complete to provide the interviewer with background context (e.g., "In my last job as a Top Financial Officer, it was my role to manage the invoicing process"), but spend the bulk of your time describing what you actually did (the action) and what you achieved (the result). For example, "In one month, I streamlined the process, which saved my group 10 man-hours each month and reduced errors on invoices by 25%."

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## Question # 6

Did you get on well with your last manager?

## Answer:-

A dreaded question for many! When answering this question never give a negative answer. "I did not get on with my manager" or "The management did not run the business well" will show you in a negative light and reduce your chance of a job offer. Answer the question positively, emphasizing that you have been looking for a



career progression. Start by telling the interviewer what you gained from your last job As Top Financial Officer

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## Question #7

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

#### Answer-

I would define team work as getting the job done As Top Financial Officer whether that means if I have to do more then the guy next to me as long as the work gets finished.

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## Question #8

How would you be an asset to us As Top Financial Officer?

#### Answer.

Think again about the job specification and the skills needed for this role As Top Financial Officer. 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 #9

How would you describe your approach to Top Financial Officer?

#### Answer:-

In more general terms, a question such as this gives a candidate the opportunity to talk about their professional philosophy and skills. While the question is general in nature, the best answers are usually quite specific, picking one or two points and exemplifying them with instances from personal history.

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#### Question # 10

If hired, how do you intend on making a difference with our company?

#### Answer-

Dedicate myself to learn everything about the new company that I can, look for ways and ideas that could improve, processes, safety, removing obstacles from the associates, I want to advance within the company.

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## Question # 11

What do you like to do outside of work?

## Answer:-

Interviewers ask personal questions in an interview to "see if candidates will fit in with the culture [and] give them the opportunity to open up and display their personality, too,". In other words, if someone asks about your hobbies outside of work, it's totally OK to open up and share what really makes you tick. (Do keep it semi-professional, though: Saying you like to have a few beers at the local hot spot on Saturday night is fine. Telling them that Monday is usually a rough day for you because you're always hungover is not.)

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## Question # 12

Describe a typical work week for this position As Top Financial Officer?

## 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 Top Financial Officer 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 # 13

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 # 14

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 # 15



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 #16

How many square feet of pizza are eaten in the United States each month?

#### Answer:-

This is a classic guesstimate question where you need to think aloud. And so first off you round the U.S. population to 300 million people (it's actually about 315 million but rounding will be much easier and your interviewer will not score you lower for rounding). Then estimate how many people eat pizza. A decent educated guess is two out of every three people, or 200 million. Now let's say the average pizza-eating person eats pizza twice a month, and eats two slices at a time. That's four slices a month. If the average slice of pizza is perhaps six inches at the base and 10 inches long, then the slice is 30 square inches of pizza. So, four pizza slices would be 120 square inches (30 times 4).

Since one square foot equals 144 square inches (12 times 12), let's assume that each person who eats pizza eats one square foot per month. Since there are 200 million pizza-eating Americans, 200 million square feet of pizza are consumed in the U.S. each month. To summarize: 300 million people in America, 200 million eat pizza, average slice of pizza is six inches at the base and 10 inches long or 30 square inches, average American eats four slices of pizza a month, four pieces times 30 square inches equals 120 square inches (one square foot is 144 square inches), so let's assume one square foot per person, and thus one square foot times 200 million people equals 200 million square feet of pizza a month.

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#### Question # 17

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 # 18

What do you know about the company?

#### Answer:-

Any candidate can read and regurgitate the company's "About" page. So, when interviewers ask this, they aren't necessarily trying to gauge whether you understand the mission-they want to know whether you care about it. Start with one line that shows you understand the company's goals, using a couple key words and phrases from the website, but then go on to make it personal. Say, "I'm personally drawn to this mission because..." or "I really believe in this approach because..." and share a personal example or two.

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## Question # 19

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 # 20

What is your greatest weakness As Top Financial Officer? What are you doing to improve it?

## Answer:

I believe my biggest weakness As Top Financial Officer 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 # 21

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 # 22

What's a time you exercised leadership?

## Answer:-

Depending on what's more important for 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 # 23

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 # 24

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 # 25

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 # 26

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 # 27

What do you consider to be your greatest strength?

## Answer:-

There isn't any right answer. Just make sure to make your response positive and true. A few good examples include: Your ability to solve complex problems, Your ability to work well on a team, Your ability to shine under pressure, Your ability to focus in chaotic situations, Your ability to prioritize and organize, Your ability to cut through the fluff to identify the real issues, Your ability to influence other positively. If your strength relates to the position in question that will be more beneficial - but again be honest, don't create a strength for yourself just because you think it will sound good.

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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

What is your desired salary As Top Financial Officer?

## Answer:-

Bad Answer: Candidates who are unable to answer the question, or give an answer that is far above market. Shows that they have not done research on the market rate, or have unreasonable expectations.

Good answer: A number or range that falls within the market rate and matches their level of mastery of skills required to do the job.

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## Question # 31

Top 11 Interview Questions to Ask when Emotional Intelligence Matters As Top Financial Officer:



#### Answer:-

Emotional intelligence, or EQ, has come into vogue as a good trait to hire for.

EQ is the ability to use emotional information to guide thinking and behavior, to recognize other people's emotions and your own, and to discriminate between different feelings and label them appropriately.

EQ is considered essential to help teams function well. Here are some of the top questions for help you get an idea of how candidates perceive their emotions and those of others.

- 1. If you started a company today, what would its top values be?
- 2. Who inspires you? Why?
- 3. How could you create more balance in your life?
- 4. What makes you angry?
- 5. How do you have fun?
- 6. How good are you at asking for help?
- 7. How did you deal with a bad day?
- 8. What's something you're really proud of? Why?
- 9. Tell me about a time when your mood altered your performance (positively or negatively).
- 10. Has there ever been a time when you felt you needed to change your behavior at work? How did you do it?
- 11. Did you create friendships that lasted while working at a previous job?

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#### Question #32

Top 17 Behavioral Interview Questions As Top Financial Officer:

#### Answer:

Behavioral interviews As Top Financial Officer 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 Top Financial Officer?
- 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 Top Financial Officer?
- 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

If you have multiple projects on your plate, how do you handle completing them on time?

## Answer:-

Prioritize based on business importance. Set clear timelines for each so that you know which ones to knock out first. Get your teammates to help if necessary.

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## Question # 34

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 # 35

Who are your role models? Why?

## Answer:-

If possible, cite role models you're truly passionate about - passion is contagious and will show you're being genuine. If the role model is in the same or similar industry as the company in an executive level position, even better.

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## Question # 36

Why do you want to work in this industry As Top Financial Officer?

## 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)



#### Question #37

What do you know about this company?

#### Answer-

Research the company on Google by searching recent news (to remain current on them) and their website. Make sure you understand their products / services, vision, competitive differentiators, and work culture.

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## Question #38

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 #39

What differentiates you from the competition?

#### Answer-

Think about what you bring to the table that you truly believe is unique - the easiest way to do is to think of your own personal stories that demonstrate your work ethic, skills, and dedication. Most people have some or all of those skills, but the unique stories are what make people stand out in interviews.

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#### Question # 40

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 # 41

Describe your academic achievements?

## Answer:

Think of a time where you really stood out and shined within college. It could be a leadership role in a project, it could be your great grades that demonstrate your intelligence and discipline, it could be the fact that you double majored. Where have you shined?

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## Question # 42

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 # 43

What role do you see technology playing in this role?

## Answer-

Technology is important to almost every job today but it's not meant to be abused. I believe it's important to increase productivity and not for personal use.

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# Question # 44

What would you like to have accomplished by the end of your career?

## Answer:

Think of 3 major achievements that you'd like to accomplish in your job when all is said and done - and think BIG. You want to show you expect to be a major contributor at the company. It could be creating a revolutionary new product, it could be implementing a new effective way of marketing, etc.

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## Question # 45

What's the difference between good and exceptionally great?

## Answer:

Being good is getting the job done as promised As Top Financial Officer. Being great is delivering the work in an exceptional way that completely exceeds expectations.



#### Question # 46

How do you prioritize your work initiatives As Top Financial Officer?

#### Answer-

Discuss how you prioritize your work initiatives based on the company initiatives. For example, if you're in customer service discuss how you're focused on providing the best customer experience.

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## Question # 47

What do you expect to be earning in 5 years As Top Financial Officer?

#### Answer:-

Discuss how you expect yourself to be excellent at your job. Thus, it would be reasonable to expect pay that is based on the merit of your work.

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## Question # 48

What would you do if our competitor offered you a position As Top Financial Officer?

#### Answer-

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

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#### Question # 49

What were the responsibilities of your last position As Top Financial Officer?

#### 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 #50

What is your greatest achievement outside of work As Top Financial Officer?

#### Answer:-

This is a great opportunity for you to discuss how you've given back to the community, how you've achieved in a competitive extracurricular activity (think sports or clubs), how you've mentored others, and so forth.

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## Question # 51

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 #52

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 #53

How would you go about establishing your credibility quickly As Top Financial Officer 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 # 54

Do you have good manners? What types of people need to be treated with good manners?

## Answer:-

You should have good manners. Everyone should be treated with courtesy and respect.

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## Question #55



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

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 #56

Do you work better on a team, with just one partner, or alone?

Ideally you can handle all three well, but you may have a personal preference for one or a few. The key is to make sure you understand what the job is looking for and to pair your answer with that (assuming it's true)

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## Question # 57

What have you done to prepare yourself to be a supervisor?

## Answer:-

- 1. Learn from current supervisors (best practices)
- Mentor others
- 3. Be exceptionally good at your current job so that it builds your credibility
- 4. Have a high emotional IQ

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#### Question # 58

What is the most important quality a supervisor should have?

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

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## Question #59

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

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.

## Question # 60

How much time do you need to join the organization As Top Financial Officer?

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 #61

Are you aggressive?

## Answer-

If you are, describe it through a story / experience that you had. If you aren't, then explain why you're not. If the job role asks for you to be aggressive/not aggressive and you're the opposite of it, explain how you would develop that characteristic.

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## Question # 62

What specific steps do you utilize in solving workplace problems?

Analyze the problem As Top Financial Officer. Discuss possible remedies and resulting outcomes. Decide on the remedy and track results. Re-visit problem if it's not resolved.

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## Question # 63

What kind of work interests you the most?

You can talk about what you're passionate about. What motivates you. What excites you.



## Question # 64

What kind of work interests you the least As Top Financial Officer?

#### Answer-

What bores you? What fails to challenge you? What fails to excite you?

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## Question #65

Name five characteristics that describe you?

#### Answer-

Here are a few you could choose from:

Hard working, strong willed, persistent, intelligent, adept, amicable, friendly, collaborative, eager, humble.

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## Question #66

What is more important to you money or success?

#### Answer-

First ask yourself that question before the interview - what are your priorities? Are money and success actual one in the same goal for you? If not, what's more important based on how do you define success?

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## Question # 67

How do you handle repetitive tasks?

## Answer:-

Some people enjoy it, others don't. Which are you? If you don't like it, can you at least do it well? And if you don't like it, be ready to explain why in a positive way (i.e. your potential is to do much more than simply be repetitive)

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