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# Zappos Job Interview Preparation Guide.

### Question #1

How do you evaluate success In Zappos?

### Answer:-

I evaluate success In Zappos in different ways. At work, it is meeting the goals set by my supervisors and my fellow workers. It is my understanding, from talking to other employees, that the Global Guideline company is recognized for not only rewarding success but giving employees opportunity to grow as well.

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### Question # 2

How do you think your colleagues at your last job would describe you?

### Answer-

While your CV will say a lot about your work history In Zappos, the interviewer will most likely look for greater detail with questions such as this. Be positive about previous experience, highlighting your own strengths.

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# Question #3

How would your boss and co-workers describe you?

# Answer:

First of all, be honest (remember, if you get this job, the hiring manager will be calling your former bosses and co-workers!). Then, try to pull out strengths and traits you haven't discussed in other aspects of the interview In Zappos, such as your strong work ethic or your willingness to pitch in on other projects when needed.

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# Question # 4

What did you like least about your last (or current) job In Zappos?

# Answer:-

Don't vent or focus on the negative with brutally honest answers such as "My boss was a jerk," or "The company culture was too politically correct," or "They just weren't giving me the opportunity to take my career to the next level." Instead, keep the emphasis on the positive, even though there are sure to be things you weren't happy about.

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# Question # 5

What have you learned from mistakes on this job?

# Answer-

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

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# Question # 6

What is your greatest strength In Zappos?

# Answer:-

This is your time to shine. Just remember the interviewer is looking for work related strengths In Zappos. Mention a number of them such as being a good motivator, problem solver, performing well under pressure, being loyal, having a positive attitude, eager to learn, taking initiative, and attention to detail. Whichever you go for, be prepared to give examples that illustrate this particular skill.

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# Question #7

What makes you right for this position?



### Answer:-

This question can be tricky because you need to show your worth In Zappos 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 #8

When were you most satisfied in your job In Zappos?

### Answer:-

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

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### Question #9

Are you good at working in a team In Zappos?

### Answer:-

Before you answer, consider how you best contribute to a team:

- \* Do you get along easily with people?
- \* Are you an effective collaborator?
- \* Can you communicate with people from various backgrounds and with different personalities?
- \* Can you motivate people?
- \* Do you know how to push back tactfully?
- \* Can you mediate conflicts?
- \* Can you deal with difficult personalities?

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### Question # 10

Explain me about a challenge or conflict you've faced at work In Zappos, and how you dealt with it?

### Answer-

In asking this interview question, your interviewer wants to get a sense of how you will respond to conflict. Anyone can seem nice and pleasant in a job interview, but what will happen if you're hired?. Again, you'll want to use the S-T-A-R method, being sure to focus on how you handled the situation professionally and productively, and ideally closing with a happy ending, like how you came to a resolution or compromise.

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# Question # 11

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 # 12

How would you be an asset to us In Zappos?

# Answer:-

Think again about the job specification and the skills needed for this role In Zappos. 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 # 13

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 # 14

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..."



### Question # 15

Tell me an occasion when you needed to persuade someone to do something?

### Answer-

Interpersonal relationships are a very important part of being a successful care assistant. This question is seeking a solid example of how you have used powers of persuasion to achieve a positive outcome in a professional task or situation. The answer should include specific details.

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### Question # 16

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 #17

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 # 18

Explain an occasion when you had to adapt in the face of a difficult situation?

### Answer:-

One of the most useful interview tactics is to remain positive about your work and achievements. This question lets the candidate draw on their own personal history to show how they have been positive and successful in the face of difficulties. Choose a specific occasion to describe, rather than dealing with generic platitudes.

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# Question # 19

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 # 20

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 # 21

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 # 22

What kind of salary do you need In Zappos?

# Answer:

This is a loaded question and a nasty little game that you will probably lose if you answer first. So, do not answer it. Instead, say something like, that's a tough question. Can you tell me the range for this position? In most cases, the interviewer, taken off guard, will tell you. If not, say that it can depend on the details of the job. Then give a wide range.



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### Question # 23

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 # 24

What would your first 30, 60, or 90 days look like in this role In Zappos?

### Answer-

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 # 25

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 # 26

Where do you see yourself professionally five years from now In Zappos?

### 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 # 27

Why do you want to work In Zappos 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 # 28

Are you planning to continue your studies and training In Zappos?

# Answer-

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

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

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# Question # 29

How do you keep each member of the team involved and motivated?

# Answer:-

Many managers mistakenly think that money is the prime motivator for their employees. However, according to surveys by several different companies, money is consistently ranked five or lower by most employees. So if money is not the best way to motivate your team, what is? Employees' three most important issues according to employees are:

- \* Respect
- \* A sense of accomplishment
- \* Recognition



### Question # 30

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 #31

What was the most important task you ever had?

### Answer:-

There are two common answers to this question that do little to impress recruiters:

- \* 'I got a 2.1'
- \* 'I passed my driving test'

No matter how proud you are of these achievements, they don't say anything exciting about you. When you're going for a graduate job, having a degree is hardly going to make you stand out from the crowd and neither is having a driving licence, which is a requirement of many jobs.

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### Question #32

What do you know about our company?

### Answer-

You always want to make sure that you're pretty familiar with the company that you're interviewing with. Nothing looks worse than a candidate who knows nothing about the company they say they're interested in working for. Find out everything you can about the company, its culture and its goals. You will also want to know how the company is positioned in its market as well as who its major competitors are.

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### Question # 33

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 #34

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 loose 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 # 35

What has disappointed you about a previous job?

# Anewor:

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 #36

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 #37

What is your desired salary In Zappos?

# 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 #38

Tell me why do you want this job In Zappos?

### 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.

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### Question # 39

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

### Answer.

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

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### Question # 40

Tell me about a difficult decision you've made in the last year In Zappos?

### Answer:-

We all have difficult decisions in our lives. Show how you were able to arrive at it and then how you decisively acted.

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### Question # 41

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 # 42

What do you aspire to be?

# Answer:-

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 # 43

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 # 44

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 # 45

Describe yourself in three words?

# Answer:

Pick three adjectives but then back up each with a real life story that demonstrates those characteristics.

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# Question # 46

How do you feel about this company's vision?

# Answer:-

First find out where the company envisions itself in 3-5 years. If you can't find the vision of the company, that's probably a big question mark on the company itself. Once you do, identify how those company's visions align to your personal values and goals and then articulate how tightly correlated that is to the interviewer. For example - this company wants to be the #1 provider of green technology in the world and I feel strongly about that vision because we've got a chance to collectively impact the world to become a greener society and save our clients at the same time!



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### Question # 47

If someone had to say something negative to you, what would they say?

### Answer-

Again, be honest about sharing a story here about someone who may not have gotten along with you in the office here and explain how you were able to fix that relationship or change your attitude/action to be a better person / coworker.

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### Question # 48

How have you shown yourself to be a leader?

### Answer:-

Think about a time where you've rallied a group of people around a cause / idea / initiative and successfully implemented it. It could be a small or large project but the key is you want to demonstrate how you were able to lead others to work for a common cause.

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### Question # 49

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 #50

What is your perception of taking on risk?

### Answer:-

You answer depends on the type of company you're interviewing for. If it's a start up, you need to be much more open to taking on risk. If it's a more established company, calculated risks to increase / improve the business or minimal risks would typically be more in line.

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# Question # 51

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 # 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 well do you multi-task?

# Answer:-

Multi-tasking is an important part of most jobs. You want to show that you're good at it but not overwhelmed with it. So discuss just a few things you can multi-task well on - for example: "I'm good at multi tasking between work email and working on projects In Zappos and the reason it because I'm good at prioritizing my work emails.

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# Question # 54

If I talked to your three biggest fans, who would they be and why?

# Answer:

If you can reference three professionals with executive titles (CXO, VP, Director, Manager), that carries a lot of weight. Make sure you highlight how you've helped them achieve their biggest objectives and how that's made them your fan.

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# Question # 55

What are the goals vou've set for vourself?



### Answer:-

You could discuss your goals with regards to these categories: Career goals, impact you want to leave on society, financial goals, academic goals, charitable goals.

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### Question #56

Describe a time when you've been overwhelmed with work?

### Answer-

Show how you were able to over the "overwhelmed" feeling - by delegating tasks, getting people on your team to help you out, or by prioritizing your work and focusing on the most important issues first In Zappos.

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### Question # 57

What attracted you to this company In Zappos?

### Answer:-

You could discuss the company's vision, culture and solutions/services as reasons for wanting to join it.

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### Question # 58

What are you most proud of?

### Answer:-

You should be proud of all your achievements In Zappos! We just don't have time to hear them all as interviewers most likely. Focus on 1 really good achievement that showcases characteristics like the following: Integrity, competitiveness, resourcefulness, intelligence, persistence, and so forth.

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### Question #59

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 # 60

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 # 61

What do you like to do for fun?

# Answer:

Be open to sharing hobbies and activities that you enjoy. Make sure you're genuine about it and don't list off things you don't really like because if they ask you a follow up question it'll be harder for you to answer.

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# Question # 62

Can you perform Internet research? Please describe to me your steps in doing so?

# Answer:

Internet research can entail Google searches, industry sites, news articles, social networks and company websites.

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# Question # 63

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 # 64

What kind of work interests you the least In Zappos?

# Answer:

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



### Question #65

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 # 66

Tell me about the last time you missed a goal or deadline?

### Answer-

Unless you're a completely perfect person, chances are you've messed up before on a goal/deadline. If so, discuss how you fell short and what you would have done in retrospect to achieve it.

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### Question # 67

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 #68

Do you know anyone working with this organization?

### Answer:

It would be great if you did - then you could potentially use them as a referral if they thought highly of you.

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