

Quality Staffing: Your Leading Edge Sample Interview Questions

- 1. Why are you interested in leaving your current assignment and why do you feel that this position is a good position for you?
- 2. Describe how your past school and work experiences have prepared you for the job for which you are applying.
- 3. Tell us about your preferred work environment.
- 4. Have you ever been told you could not implement a great idea that you had? How did you react? What did you do?
- 5. How would you characterize your level of computer literacy? What are some of the programs and applications with which you are familiar?
- 6. What would you do if you accidentally hung up the phone on a customer who had been waiting for a long period of time and the customer called back and used loud, offensive language to tell you that you were incompetent?
- 7. How do you go about organizing your work each day?
- 8. What do you dislike most about your current job?
- 9. What is your favorite part of your current job and why is it your favorite?
- 10. Where would this position fit into your career development goals?
- 11. Why are you the best candidate for this position? or What qualities or experiences make you the best candidate for this position?
- 12. Tell us a little more about your professional experiences, particularly those not mentioned on your resume.
- 13. Do you feel that this position is a promotion, a lateral move, a broadening of your professional experience, or just a change? Why do you think so?
- 14. What are the three college courses that best prepared you for your current job?
- 15. What is the best method of creating a _____ ? (a relevant product)
- 16. Describe two or three major trends in your profession today.
- 17. On the basis of the information you have received so far, what do you see as the major challenges of this position and how would you meet them?
- 18. Describe a situation in which you did "all the right things" and were still unsuccessful. What did you learn from the experience?
- 19. Discuss the committees on which you have served and the impact of these committees on the organization where you currently work.
- 20. Why did you choose this profession/field?
- 21. What new skills have you learned over the past year?



- 22. Think about an instance when you were given an assignment that you thought you would not be able to complete. How did you accomplish the assignment?
- 23. Describe the best boss and the worst boss you have ever had.
- 24. Describe your ideal job.
- 25. What would your coworkers or your supervisor say about you?
- 26. Can you describe how you go about solving problems? Please give us some examples.
- 27. What is the biggest conflict you have ever been involved in at work? How did you handle that situation?
- 28. What new programs or services would you start if offered this position?
- 29. Please share with us your philosophy about customer service in an academic environment and give us some examples of service that would illustrate your views.
- 30. Tell us how you would learn your new job in the absence of a formal training program.
- 31. Think about a coworker from the present or past whom you admire. Why?
- 32. What are the characteristics that you prize most in an employee? What behaviors or characteristics do you find intolerable?
- 33. Can you share with us your ideas regarding professional development?
- 34. Describe some basic steps you would take in order to implement a new program.
- 35. What are one or two of your proudest professional accomplishments?
- 36. Do you have any knowledge of the unique role of a _____ ? (Your department focus, college/research university)
- 37. How do you feel about diversity in the workplace? Give us some examples of your efforts to promote diversity.
- 38. Please tell us what you think are the most important elements of a good _____ (service/activity/product/class/etc.)
- 39. Describe your volunteer experiences in community-based organizations.
- 40. What professional associations do you belong to and how involved in them are you?
- 41. What experiences or skills will help you manage projects?
- 42. Tell us how you use/would use technology in your day-to-day job.
- 43. In what professional development activities have you been involved over the past few years?
- 44. What volunteer or social activities have helped you develop professional skills?
- 45. What things have you done on your own initiative to help you prepare for your next job?
- 46. Do you have any concerns that would make you have reservations about accepting this position if it is offered to you?
- 47. What do you think most uniquely qualifies you for this position?
- 48. Do you have any additional information that you would like to share with us?
- 49. Do you have any questions for us?

