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Question - 1:

If you had enough money to retire would you?

Ans:

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 - 2:

How do you rate yourself in computer skills? Please describe the programs and software that you can use well?

Ans:

Ideally you want to be able to type quickly, have the ability to effectively use Microsoft Office, and more importantly be able to quickly adapt to computer / technology skills. More and more it's become an integral part of work. If the job doesn't require technology skills - then this question shouldn't be asked!

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Question - 3:

Tell me about a time when you successfully handled a situation?

Ans:

For this question, the interviewer wants to know what you do in a situation that doesn't have a clear answer. This will help the interviewer know how you respond to unforeseen challenges.

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Question - 4:

Describe some problems you encountered in your most recent position At Barnardos and how you resolved them?

Ans:

Discuss your work experiences. The key is to show you're calm under pressure and can handle sensitive situations with a clear train of thought.

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Question - 5:

Tell me about a time when you had to make a decision without all the information you needed. How did you handle it At Barnardos? Why? Were you happy with the outcome?

Ans:

In many scenarios, you will not have all the information needed. The key is to make the best possible decision based on what you deem to be a sufficient amount of information.

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Question - 6:

What type of people do you not work well with?

Ans:

Be very careful answering this question as most organization employ professionals with an array of personalities and characteristics. You don't want to give the impression that you're going to have problems working with anyone currently employed at the organization. If you through out anything trivial you're going to look like a whiner. Only disloyalty to the organization or lawbreaking should be on your list of personal characteristics of people you can't work with.

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Question - 7:

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



Ans:

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

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Question - 8:

Tell me a difficult situation you have overcome in the workplace?

Ans:

Conflict resolution, problem solving, communication and coping under pressure are transferable skills desired by many employers At Barnardos. 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 - 9:

What's your management style?

Ans:

The best managers are strong but flexible, and that's exactly what you want to show off in your answer. (Think something like, "While every situation and every team member requires a bit of a different strategy, I tend to approach my employee relationships as a coach...") Then, share a couple of your best managerial moments, like when you grew your team from five to 15 or coached an underperforming employee to become the company's top employee.

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Question - 10:

Have you ever been caught stealing, or better yet, have you ever stole anything?

Ans:

I guess everyone takes a pen or paper or little things like that. But other than that, NO. I have never stole from my employers or better yet At Barnardos, from anyone.

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Question - 11:

How does your present position differ from past ones?

Ans:

Describe the difference with regards to responsibilities, culture, team, career opportunity, and the work itself.

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Question - 12:

How long do you want to work for us if we hire you?

Ans:

Here being specific is probably not the best approach. You may consider responding, "I hope a very long time." Or "As long as we're both happy with my performance."

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Question - 13:

What specific steps do you utilize in solving workplace problems?

Ans:

Analyze the problem At Barnardos. 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 - 14:

Who are your heroes?

Ans:

Have at least one person you consider a hero or role model. Be ready to explain why they are a hero to you and how they've inspired you to be a better person.

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Question - 15:

What is your greatest fear?

Ans:

We all have fears. It's okay to discuss them. Just don't dive too deeply into them. Discuss how you would work to overcome your fears. You don't want to seem weak. You want to acknowledge it's out there but that you'll be able to work through it.

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Question - 16:



What relevant work experience do you have in this career field At Barnardos?

Ans:

Talk about specific work related experience for the position you're interviewing for. Make sure the experience is relevant. Don't talk about previous experience that is not related to the position in question. If you don't have specific career related experience speak about prior experience that has helped you develop the specific knowledge and skills required for the position you are applying for.

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Question - 17:

Why do you want to work for this company?

Ans:

Again be honest. The interviewer will be able to sense very quickly if you're being disingenuous. Your answer should be based on your personal 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 - 18:

What can you offer us that someone else can not?

Ans:

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

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

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Question - 19:

What are your strengths At Barnardos?

Ans:

This is one of the most common questions you will be asked. Give an answer relevant to the skills and qualities relevant to the position you are applying to. The interviewer is trying to find if your strengths match the job. For example, if you are applying for a job At Barnardos where accuracy is an important issue, one of your strengths could be that you have an eye for detail. It may be useful to find different words to describe similar attributes and qualities in order to avoid repetition.

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Question - 20:

Tell me about a time when you helped resolve a dispute between others?

Ans:

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 - 21:

What do you do in your spare time?

Ans:

If you want to show your fun side, discuss your extracurricular activities. If you want to show your ambition, discuss the work / school projects you do in your spare time.

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Question - 22:

How did you find out about this job At Barnardos? What do you know about the job?

Ans:

Possible ways to find out about the job:

Online website listing, friend, professional referral, mentor, career fairs, networking events. You should know about the roles and responsibilities of the job and what they're looking for. Make sure you read up on that online beforehand or ask the person that referred you.

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Question - 23:

What are your thoughts on social media for this role?

Ans:

Without a doubt, social media is becoming more and more pervasive in our jobs. You should stress that social media is not appropriate for personal use at work. However, if the company embraces social media in certain departments (for example marketing), then you may want to discuss how you could use it for work (as long as it applies to your role).

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Question - 24:

What are you most proud of?

Ans:



You should be proud of all your achievements At Barnardos! 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 - 25:

If you have seven white socks and nine black socks in a drawer, how many socks do you have to pull out blindly in order to ensure that you have a matching pair?

Ans:

if the first one is one color (say, white), and the second one is the other color (black), then the third one, no matter what the color, will make a matching pair. (Sometimes you're not supposed to think that hard.)

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Question - 26:

How do you continue learning on a daily basis? Why is continuous improvement necessary At Barnardos?

Ans:

You can learn on the job, through books and magazines, through social networks, blogs, seminars, mentors and so on. Continuous improvement is important because the one thing in life that is constant is change. And you have to continue to push yourself day in and day out to be the best.

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Question - 27:

Describe to me a time where you had to make a hard decision At Barnardos?

Ans:

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

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Question - 28:

How have you shown yourself to be a leader?

Ans:

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 - 29:

What is the most important quality a supervisor should have?

Ans:

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

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Question - 30:

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

Ans:

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

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Question - 31:

What are your salary requirements At Barnardos?

Ans:

The #1 rule of answering this question is doing your research on what you should be paid by using site like Global Guideline. You'll likely come up with a range, and we recommend stating the highest number in that range that applies, based on your experience, education, and skills. Then, make sure the hiring manager knows that you're flexible. You're communicating that you know your skills are valuable, but that you want the job and are willing to negotiate.

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Question - 32:

What do you know about our competition?

Ans:

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 - 33:**

What do you consider to be your weaknesses?

Ans:

What your interviewer is really trying to do with this question-beyond identifying any major red flags-is to gauge your self-awareness and honesty. So, "I can't meet a deadline to save my life At Barnardos" is not an option-but neither is "Nothing! I'm perfect!" Strike a balance by thinking of something that you struggle with but that you're working to improve. For example, maybe you've never been strong at public speaking, but you've recently volunteered to run meetings to help you be more comfortable when addressing a crowd.

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Question - 34:

What skills do you bring to the table?

Ans:

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 - 35:

How open are you to relocation?

Ans:

If you're not, then say you're not. Don't lie about it just to get the job. There's no point if you won't move for the job anyway and lying is unethical. If you are open to relocation At Barnardos, let them know which areas you'd be willing to relocate to.

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Question - 36:

What are ideas or initiatives you've led and what was the outcome?

Ans:

Describe your most unique ideas and initiatives that had the best results for the company. Make sure you highlight your creativity, your results, your diligence and your ability to execute.

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Question - 37:

How many basketballs would fit in this room?

Ans:

One. You did not ask what is the maximum number of basketballs you can fit in the room.

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Question - 38:

What qualities do you believe are important to have as a manager?

Ans:

Great managers tend to empower their employees to be successful through strong coaching. They understand how to manage relationships - this is commonly referred to emotional intelligence. They have to be able to handle both client and staff situations that require them to be calm under pressure to clearly think of solutions to complex problems. Most importantly they must be able to articulate the vision to the team and inspire them to work together to collectively achieve that goal

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Question - 39:

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

Ans:

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 - 40:

In what areas do you think you will need guidance?

Ans:

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 - 41:

Why should we select you not others?

Ans:

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



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Question - 42:

What negative thing would your last boss say about you?

Ans:

"He/She wouldn't say anything bad, but he/she may point out I could improve in a certain area, and I've taken steps to become better at those skills"

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Question - 43:

Describe to me the position At Barnardos you're applying for?

Ans:

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 - 44:

What types of personalities do you work with best?

Ans:

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 - 45:

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

Ans:

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

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Question - 46:

Do you think you have enough experience At Barnardos?

Ans:

If you do not have the experience they need, you need to show the employer that you have the skills, qualities and knowledge that will make you equal to people with experience but not necessary the skills. It is also good to add how quick you can pick up the routine of a new job role.

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Question - 47:

Do you think a leader should be feared or liked?

Ans:

Liked. You want to work harder for people that inspire and motivate you. Fear only lasts for so long.

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Question - 48:

What general trends do you see in our industry?

Ans:

Examine what's happened in the industry in the last 5 - 10 years and how it's evolved and then look at what both the company and analysts are saying about the future of that industry in which that company competes in. Read trade magazines / online sources in that industry as well to make sure you stay up to date on trends.

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Question - 49:

Does your boss know you're here today?

Ans:

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

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Question - 50:

What do you think is your greatest weakness?

Ans:

Don't say anything that could eliminate you from consideration for the job. For instance, "I'm slow in adapting to change" is not a wise answer, since change is par for the course in most work environments. Avoid calling attention to any weakness that's one of the critical qualities the hiring manager is looking for. And don't try the



old "I'm a workaholic," or "I'm a perfectionist.

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Question - 51:

What are your salary expectations At Barnardos?

Ans:

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

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

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Question - 52:

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

Ans:

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 - 53:

Do you work well under pressure?

Ans:

Yes.. When it comes down to the wire, the best thing I can to remain focused, have some flexibility, and understand priorities.. Giving them attention in the order they are needed.

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Question - 54:

Why should the we hire you as this position At Barnardos?

Ans:

This is the part where you link your skills, experience, education and your personality to the job itself. This is why you need to be utterly familiar with the job description as well as the company culture. Remember though, it's best to back them up with actual examples of say, how you are a good team player.

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Question - 55:

How have you changed in the last five years?

Ans:

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 - 56:

How do you decide what to delegate and to whom?

Ans:

Identify the strengths of your team members and their availability based on the priorities they have on their plate. From there, invest the tasks upon each member based on where you think you'll get the best return.

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Question - 57:

When was the last time something upset you at work? What did you do?

Ans:

Almost everyone has an emotional moment related to work at some point - you're not alone. The key is to learn why you reacted that way and to focus not on the problem but HOW to resolve it. Another key component is to be aware of your emotional response so that you can learn to control it in the future in a calm way.

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Question - 58:

How do you plan to go by an example for your subordinates?

Ans:

Sticking to the rules by yourself, working hard and not mind participating on basic tasks is a good answer.

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Question - 59:

Have you got any questions?



Ans:

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 - 60:

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

Ans:

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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Question - 61:

What were the responsibilities of your last position At Barnardos?

Ans:

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 - 62:

What's your salary history?

Ans:

When you are interviewing for a new job, it is common practice for the company to ask you about your salary history. I typically want to know what the candidate's base salary is, if they receive any bonus, the average bonus amount, and any additional compensation or perks, such as 500k matching, stock grants or stock options, paid time off and how much they are required to pay towards their medical premiums.

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Question - 63:

What do you expect to be earning in 5 years At Barnardos?

Ans:

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 - 64:

Are you planning to continue your studies and training At Barnardos?

Ans:

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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