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#### Question - 1:

Tell me about a time you had to fire a friend?

#### Ans:

Hopefully you've never had to do this, but if you did, talk about how hard it was personally to fire anyone but that you did it objectively.

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### Question - 2:

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 - 3:

What's your dream job?

#### Ans:

Along similar lines, the interviewer wants to uncover whether this position As Hardware Design Engineer is really in line with your ultimate career goals. While "an GGL star" might get you a few laughs, a better bet is to talk about your goals and ambitions-and why this job will get you closer to them.

#### Question - 4:

Do you know anyone that works with our company?

#### Ans:

Sometimes companies have policies relating to the hiring of individuals related to current company employees. If you are related to anyone working for the company make sure you're aware of company policies before you enter the interview. If you have a friend or acquaintance working for the company make sure have good relationship with this individual before mentioning them.

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#### Question - 5:

Describe what a "lot of work" looks like to you As Hardware Design Engineer?

#### Ans:

Ideally you'd like to state that you can take on a lot of work - this shows your work ethic, but at the same time it's okay to tell them that you value work and life balance.

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#### Question - 6:

What motivates you at the work place?

### Ans:

Keep your answer simple, direct and positive. Some good answers may be the ability to achieve, recognition or challenging assignments.

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### Question - 7:

What experience do you have As Hardware Design Engineer?



#### Ans:

The employer would want to know that not only you can do the job but you can make the difference and bring significant contribution - Simple as that.

No doubt that this is your time to perform and present yourself - You have to introduce/sell yourself to the interviewer. Prepare your answer based on your qualification, professional experience and what you've already achieved in your previous jobs. This is your time to express why you think that your professional abilities fit into the job and its requirements.

Top 10 employment experience you'd want to review:

- \* Companies you worked for with dates
- \* The positions you've held
- \* Key projects and responsibilities
- \* Achievements \* Coursework & continues education
- \* Expertise
- \* Tools you used (software, hardware)
- \* Knowledge of languages
- \* Engagement with customers and key industry leaders
- \* Team work you were involved (and your contribution)

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#### Question - 8:

What did you like least about your last (or current) job As Hardware Design Engineer?

#### Ans:

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 - 9:

Do you have any blind spots?

#### Ans:

This question is often meant to trick candidates since acknowledgment of blind spots would indicate they were aware of them. Also, do not disclose bad habits or other personal concerns. Let the interviewer find out about your personal flaws through the course of the interview without directly stating these flaws. View All Answers

#### Question - 10:

How do you keep others informed on work issues?

#### Ans:

Possible methods:

Talking to them, emailing them, sharing best practices in meetings View All Answers

#### Question - 11:

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

#### Ans:

The second secon Acknowledge their pain - empathize with them. Then apologize and offer a solution to fix the mistake. View All Answers

#### Question - 12:

Tell us about a suggestion you have made that has benefited an organization you've worked for?

#### Ans:

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 - 13:

Give me a specific example of a time when you had to conform to a policy with which you did not agree?

#### Ans:

You want to first understand why the policy was put into effect. From there, if you truly disagree with it, explain your position to your management. If they don't change it, then you must accept their decision and continue to work or the alternative decision would be to find a new job. View All Answers

#### Question - 14:

What have you learned from mistakes on this job?

### Ans:

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 - 15:

What five words would be describe you as Hardware Design Engineer?

#### Ans:

The hiring manager requests this of you because she wants to know more about your individual personality. This list can reveal a lot to her about who you are and how you might fit into the workplace. Your answer also gives the manager an indication of your self-perception, which is a good indicator of the type of employee you will be.

Question - 16:

Are you able to relocate if required?

#### Ans:

Be completely honest and thoughtful with this one. You don't want to wake up one to find out that you're moving to a new city or state and it may be a major factor in your eligibility for employment. But again, if you don't want to move then the job probably isn't for you.

## Question - 17:

When were you most satisfied in your job As Hardware Design Engineer?

#### Ans:

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 - 18:

What would your previous employer say is your greatest strength?

#### Ans:

Be prepared for this question. If you have to sit and think about it it's going to appear as if you're not sure or that you've never identified your own value in the work place - not good. You don't have to have a complex response. Keep it simple and honest. For example, several possibilities could be Leadership, Problem solving ability, Initiative, Energy, Work ethic, Innovative, etc., etc.

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#### Question - 19:

Do you consider yourself successful?

#### Ans:

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 - 20:

Tell me about a difficult decision you've made in the last year As Hardware Design Engineer?

#### Ans:

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

#### Question - 21:

Why were you fired?

#### Ans:

OK, if you get the admittedly much tougher follow-up question as to why you were let go (and the truth isn't exactly pretty), your best bet is to be honest (the job-seeking world is small, after all). But it doesn't have to be a deal-breaker. Share how you've grown and how you approach your job and life now as a result. If you can position the learning experience as an advantage for this next job, even better.

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#### Question - 22:

What's been your biggest failure to date?

#### Ans:

Describe your biggest failure and discuss what you've learned from it and ideally how you've been successful since because of that lesson. *View All Answers* 

#### Question - 23:

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



#### Ans:

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

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#### Question - 24:

How do you deal with pressure or stressful situations?

#### Ans:

Choose an answer that shows that you can meet a stressful situation head-on in a productive, positive manner and let nothing stop you from accomplishing your goals. A great approach is to talk through your go-to stress-reduction tactics (making the world's greatest to-do list, stopping to take 10 deep breaths), and then share an example of a stressful situation you navigated with ease.

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#### Question - 25:

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 *View All Answers* 

#### Question - 26:

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

#### Ans:

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 - 27:

How would you estimate the weight of the Chrysler building?

#### Ans:

This is a process guesstimate where the interviewer wants to know if you know what to ask. First, you would find out the dimensions of the building (height, weight, depth). This will allow you to determine the volume of the building. Does it taper at the top? (Yes.) Then, you need to estimate the composition of the Chrysler building. Is it mostly steel? Concrete? How much would those components weigh per square inch? Remember the extra step: find out whether you're considering the building totally empty or with office furniture, people, etc. If you're including the contents, you might have to add 20 percent or so to the building's weight.

#### Question - 28:

What makes a product successful?

#### Ans:

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

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

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

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#### Question - 29:

Describe a time where you've failed and bounced back?

#### Ans:

Share a story to describe this. For example: "I accidentally made the mistake of telling a customer I could deliver on a solution set on a certain date and then later found out our business partner couldn't do it on that time. I learned that I shouldn't rush into important decisions and promises like this and that I should always check with my counterparts first before committing to a statement of work."

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#### Question - 30:

How did you find out about this job As Hardware Design Engineer? 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 - 31:** Have you ever been fired and if yes, why?



#### Ans:

Answer this as positively as possible and try to avoid disparaging the company you had previously worked for. The key is to accept the fact that yes, you were fired, but you've learned from the mistakes that got you there and you're better now because of it. If you haven't been fired, well, then this question's a piece of cake isn't it? *View All Answers* 

#### Question - 32:

What are your presentation skills like As Hardware Design Engineer?

#### Ans:

Make sure you share a story that demonstrates your presentation skills in front of many people. If you are really brave, offer to give a snippet of that presentation to the interviewer. This will definitely be different from what most people do.

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#### Question - 33:

If you could offer suggestions on how to improve our company, what would you say?

#### Ans:

Examine the trends of the company and also where there may be some weaknesses (news articles often document this on public companies or look at their competitors to see how they're positioning it against them.) Then, once you have that knowledge, think creatively on how you could improve upon that weakness for them.

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#### Question - 34:

What type of mentors do you seek out and why?

#### Ans:

Think of your top 3 mentors and what attributes they exhibit that you want to emulate. Common attributes include passion, desire, will, leadership, ability to influence others, intelligence.

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#### Question - 35:

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

#### Ans:

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 - 36:

What do you think of your previous boss?

#### Ans:

Do not belittle or talk badly of your last boss - it will come off as being petty. Instead, talk about the positive lessons you were able to learn from your last boss. *View All Answers* 

#### Question - 37:

Describe your academic achievements?

#### Ans:

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?

#### Question - 38:

What are three positive character traits you don't have?

#### Ans:

List three attributes that you aspire to attain / build in the next few years - and then explain how you would develop those.

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#### Question - 39:

How well do you multi-task?

#### Ans:

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 As Hardware Design Engineer and the reason it because I'm good at prioritizing my work emails.

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#### Question - 40:



How would you feel about working for someone who knows less than you As Hardware Design Engineer?

#### Ans:

The reality is, the majority of the time someone is in a management/leadership position is because of their experience and past success. So they probably possess at least a unique set of knowledge from you. So you'll want to learn from them as much as possible. If it's not the case, then discuss how you would look for mentors in different departments to help your personal career development.

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#### Question - 41:

How do you think I rate as an interviewer?

#### Ans:

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 - 42:

What aspect of supervision do you find the most difficult?

### Ans:

Managing different personalities and keeping them focused on the goal at hand.

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#### Question - 43:

Give an example of a time you successfully worked As Hardware Design Engineer on a team?

#### Ans:

On the whole I prefer to stick to doing what I'm told rather than setting myself up to fail by doing things off my own bat. But there was this one time when I suggested to my boss at the pizza parlor that she try offering an 'all you can eat' deal to students to boost trade on Mondays. She thought it was an interesting idea but nothing ever came of it.

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#### Question - 44:

Tell me about the last time you had to work with someone inside or outside of your department to accomplish a goal?

#### Ans:

Show that you were communicative with that person and that you were able to collaborate effectively in sharing ideas and work tasks. They want to see that you can be a team player.

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#### Question - 45:

What techniques and tools do you use to keep yourself organized As Hardware Design Engineer?

#### Ans:

Utilizing a calendar, having a notebook with your "to do" list, focusing on your top 3 priorities each and every day, utilizing a systematic way of storing documents on your computer (like box.net)

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#### Question - 46:

How do you handle stressful situations?

#### Ans:

By remaining calm, weighing out all my options and executing a plan to get the situation resolve .

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#### Question - 47:

What are your salary expectations As Hardware Design Engineer?

#### 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 - 48:

Rate yourself on a scale of 10?

#### Ans:



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 - 49:

What would you do if our competitor offered you a position As Hardware Design Engineer?

#### Ans:

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

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### Question - 50:

What type of work environment do you prefer?

#### Ans:

Ideally one that's similar to the environment of the company you're applying to. Be specific.

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#### Question - 51:

What were the responsibilities of your last position As Hardware Design Engineer?

#### 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 - 52:

Explain me about a time when you reached a goal within a tight deadline?

#### Ans:

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 - 53:

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

#### Ans:

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 - 54:

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 - 55:

What does quality work mean to you?

#### Ans:

Quality work to be is about doing work to the require or set standard, which is very important when it comes to warehouse operations. *View All Answers* 

Question - 56: What are three positive things your last boss would say about you?

#### Ans:

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 - 57:

What schedule do you hope to work? Are you willing to work extra hours?

#### Ans:

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.

#### Question - 58:

How would you observe the level of motivation of your subordinates?

#### Ans:

Choosing the right metrics and comparing productivity of everyone on daily basis is a good answer, doesn't matter in which company you apply for a supervisory role.

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### Question - 59:

Do you like to start personal relationships with other employees?

#### Ans:

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 - 60:

What problems have you encountered at work?

#### Ans:

Wow, do we have problems! Where do I begin? Well, most of the problems are internal, just people not working well with each other. I have one person on our team who is a real problem, but it seems like management is afraid to do anything about it. So we all end up having to do extra work to cover for this person, who just doesn't work. We all say that he's retired in place. I think he's just holding on until retirement in a couple years. But he's a real problem. I complain about it--a lot--but nothing ever seems to get done. I've even written negative reviews about the person, hoping he will get canned, but it doesn't happen. I can't wait for him to retire.

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#### Question - 61:

What was the most important task you ever had?

#### Ans:

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.

Question - 62:

Are you aggressive?

#### Ans:

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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