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Question - 1:

What three character traits would your friends use to describe you?

Ans:

Friends would typically use attributes like (assuming you have these): Trustworthy, honest, hardworking, friendly, courageous, nice, diligent, organized and so forth. Not saying you have all of these, but the best way for you to find out is to survey your friends by asking them what they consider your brand to be.

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Question - 2:

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 - 3:

Tell me about a decision you made recently and how you reached it In Medical Librarian?

Ans:

The key is to show that you put a lot of thought (weighing out the pros and cons) but were able to be decisive. Be sure to explain your logic in arriving at the decision.

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Question - 4:

What is your personal mission statement?

Ans:

Is it to conquer the world? Is it to become a CEO? Is it to give back to the community? Is it to inspire others? Define your statement by stating a clear vision of how you want to make an impact on the world with your work.

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Question - 5:

How do you adapt to new working environments In Medical Librarian?

Ans:

It's important that you demonstrate that you can adapt to changing environments quickly. You want to stress that you can manage change. The one thing in life that is constant after all, is change.

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Question - 6:

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 - 7:

Why are you interested in working In Medical Librarian for [insert company name here]?



Ans:

Bad Answer: They don't have a good reason, or provide a generic answer, "I think it represents a great opportunity."

Good answer: One that shows they've done research on the company, and are truly excited about specific things they can do at the job. This not only shows enthusiasm for the work and basic preparation skills, gives you clues about the cultural fit.

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Question - 8:

You are not given the tools you need to be successful. How would you change that In Medical Librarian?

Ans:

State a business case to your manager / leader as to why you need the tools and make the request for them.

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Question - 9:

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement so far and why?

Ans:

Be proud of your achievement, discuss the results, and explain why you feel most proud of this one. Was it the extra work? Was it the leadership you exhibited? Was it the impact it had?

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Question - 10:

Describe a time when you anticipated potential problems and developed preventive measures?

Ans:

The key here is to show that you were proactive. How did you find out about the potential problems? How did you address it quickly?

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Question - 11:

When were you most satisfied in your job In Medical Librarian?

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 - 12:

What do you see yourself doing within the first 30 days of this job?

Ans:

Typically the first 30 days are designed for you to learn as much as possible In Medical Librarian. Work hard to get to know your teammates, how they work together, and how you can make the biggest impact.

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Question - 13:

What is the most irritating thing you've experienced about your co-workers?

Ans:

This question is designed to find out if you get along well on team, with other and whether or not you'll be a fit with the interviewer's organization. It's a trap. Think real hard but fail to come up anything that irritated you about your co-workers. A short positive response is best.

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Question - 14:

Are you currently looking at other job opportunities?

Ans:

Just answer this question honestly. Sometime an employer wants to know if there are other companies you're considering so that they can determine how serious you are about the industry, they're company and find out if you're in demand. Don't spend a lot of time on this question; just try to stay focused on the job you're interviewing for.

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Question - 15:

If you could do it all over again, how would you plan your academic studies differently?

Ans:

Whatever you do, just don't act bitter. A lot of times we wish we could change the past, but focus on the positive reasons and results of the decisions you already made.

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Question - 16:



Give me an example of a time when you set a goal and were able to meet or achieve it?

Ans:

Show that you set great goals and the process and steps you took to achieve it. Details really matter here.

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Question - 17:

How do you propose to compensate for your lack of experience?

Ans:

The first thing you should do is discuss experience you have the interviewer is unfamiliar with. Once that is detailed, tell the person conducting the interview that you are able to learn new tasks and information in a reasonable period of time and possess a strong work ethic. However, only state this if you can live up to these expectations.

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Question - 18:

Explain what are your strengths In Medical Librarian?

Ans:

Bad Answer: Candidate is unprepared for question or only gives generic answers.

This is the most common job interview question - everybody should be expecting it. If they don't seem prepared, or give a fairly stock answer, it's probably a bad sign.

Good answer: The consensus is to go for quality, not quantity here. Candidates should give a short list of strengths, and back each one up with examples that illustrate the strength. Also, they should explain how these strengths will be useful in the job you're applying for, and use this question to say something interesting about themselves.

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Question - 19:

What's your dream job?

Ans:

Along similar lines, the interviewer wants to uncover whether this position In Medical Librarian 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.

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Question - 20:

Why do you want to leave your current company In Medical Librarian?

Ans:

Bad Answer: Complaining about or blaming their former job, boss or colleagues. Also, having no good reason.

Good answer: One that focuses on the positives about why the job they're applying for offers them better learning or career opportunities, chances for advancement, aligns more closely to their long term goals, or is a better fit for them.

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Question - 21:

What are your lifelong dreams?

Ans:

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 - 22:

How do you define arrogance? Are you arrogant?

Ans:

Arrogance is having an attitude of superiority beyond reason. Confidence is believing in yourself without being cocky. You should not be arrogant.

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Question - 23:

How would you describe your approach to Medical Librarian?

Ans:

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

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Question - 24:

How well do you know this industry?

Ans:

Two things businesses need to pay attention to in their industries are what their competition is doing and the customers. You may not always agree with your



competitors but it is important to be aware of what changes they are making. Very well. I have been in the industry for over 6 years.

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Question - 25:

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

Ans:

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 - 26:

What are you most proud of?

Ans:

You should be proud of all your achievements In Medical Librarian! 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 - 27:

What is the most important lesson / skill you've learned from school?

Ans:

Think of lessons learned in extra curricular activities, in clubs, in classes that had a profound impact on your personal development. For example, I had to lead a team of 5 people on a school project and learned to get people with drastically different personalities to work together as a team to achieve our objective.

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Question - 28:

How do you handle conflicts with people you supervise?

Ans:

At first place, you try to avoid conflicts if you can. But once it happens and there's no way to avoid it, you try to understand the point of view of the other person and find the solution good for everyone. But you always keep the authority of your position.

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Question - 29:

What types of situations do you consider "unfixable"?

Ans:

Most situations are "fixable" - the ones that are not are typically related to business ethics (someone is cheating the company, someone is stealing, etc)

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Question - 30:

How would your former employer describe you?

Ans:

In all likelihood, the interviewer will actually speak with your former employer so honesty is key. Answer as confidently and positively as possible and list all of the positive things your past employer would recognize about you. Do not make the mistake of simply saying you are responsible, organized, and dependable. Instead, include traits that are directly related to your work as a medical assistant, such as the ability to handle stressful situations and difficult patients, the way you kept meticulous records, and more.

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Question - 31:

How important is a positive attitude to you?

Ans:

Incredibly important. I believe a positive attitude is the foundation of being successful - it's contagious in the workplace, with our customers, and ultimately it's the difference maker.

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Question - 32:

What is your greatest failure In Medical Librarian, and what did you learn from it?

Ans:

When I was in college, I took an art class to supplement my curriculum. I didn't take it very seriously, and assumed that, compared to my Engineering classes, it would be a walk in the park. My failing grades at midterm showed me otherwise. I'd even jeopardized my scholarship status. I knew I had to get my act together. I spent the rest of the semester making up for it, ended up getting a decent grade in the class. I learned that no matter what I'm doing, I should strive to do it to the best of my ability. Otherwise, it's not worth doing at all.

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**Question - 33:**

How did you find out about this job In Medical Librarian? 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 - 34:

What makes you a good manager?

Ans:

Describe how you manage people, time, money and energy in the most effective manner to achieve the best return of that investment.

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Question - 35:

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 - 36:

What do you feel you deserve to be paid?

Ans:

Do your research before answering this question - first, consider what the market average is for this job. You can find that by searching on Google (title followed by salary) and globalguideline.com and other websites. Then, consider this - based on your work experience and previous results, are you above average, if yes, by what % increase from your pay today from your perspective? Also - make sure if you aim high you can back it up with facts and your previous results so that you can make a strong case.

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Question - 37:

How meticulous are you with details?

Ans:

Being detailed is important for many types of job roles. Typically you want to highlight how you've done that in previous roles. Example: "Being meticulous is important to me. In my last job, I had to count the money in the register as a cashier to make sure it matched to the receipts down to the last penny." This was to ensure there wasn't any "wrongdoing" at the company by any of the cashiers and I was always accurate in my reports.

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Question - 38:

Why are you interested in this type of job In Medical Librarian?

Ans:

You're looking for someone who enjoys working with the elderly, or a caring, sociable, and nurturing person.

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Question - 39:

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.

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Question - 40:

What type of personalities do you work best with and why?

Ans:

Think of which personalities you work best with (do you like outgoing, collaborative, personable working relationships and so forth?)

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Question - 41:

How long will it take for you to make a significant contribution?

Ans:

First define significant contribution - once you do that - lay out a timeline plan in which you think you can achieve that.

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**Question - 42:**

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 - 43:

What is your desired salary In Medical Librarian?

Ans:

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 - 44:

Give an example of a time you successfully worked In Medical Librarian 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 - 45:

Do you think you have enough experience In Medical Librarian?

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 - 46:

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 - 47:

What is your greatest weakness In Medical Librarian? What are you doing to improve it?

Ans:

I believe my biggest weakness In Medical Librarian is wanting to help anyone I can help. What I mean is I am willing to take on task that are not my job. I want to learn all I can. However, that has helped me get promoted or even asked to help in times of need in other department. I have been know as the "go to person" when help is needed.

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Question - 48:

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 - 49:

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 - 50:

How good are you at problem solving?

Ans:

Describe the problem first and then discuss how you were able to fix it.

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Question - 51:

What were the responsibilities of your last position In Medical Librarian?

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:

What are your salary expectations In Medical Librarian?

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 - 53:

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

Ans:

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

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Question - 54:

Why should the we hire you as this position In Medical Librarian?

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:

Do you have any question regarding this job In Medical Librarian?

Ans:

Never ask Salary, perks, leave, place of posting, etc. regarded questions. Try to ask more about the company to show how early you can make a contribution to your organization like. "Sir, with your kind permission I would like to know more about induction and developmental programs?" OR Sir, I would like to have my feedback, so that I can analyze and improve my strengths and rectify my shortcomings.

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Question - 56:

How would you rate your communication and interpersonal skills for this job In Medical Librarian?

Ans:

These are important for support workers. But they differ from the communication skills of a CEO or a desktop support technician. Communication must be adapted to the special ways and needs of the clients. Workers must be able to not only understand and help their clients, but must project empathy and be a warm, humane presence in their lives.

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Question - 57:

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 - 58:

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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Question - 59:

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 - 60:

What is your biggest achievement?

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.

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Question - 61:

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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