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### Question - 1:

Do you work well within a team?

#### Ans:

Some people are thrown when they are asked this Tool and Die Machinist question when they are applying for a position to work alone. Every company works as a team, so you are a good team player, give an example of when you have worked well within a team.

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### Question - 2:

Are you good at working in a team As Tool and Die Machinist?

#### Ans:

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 - 3:

What position do you prefer on a team working on a project?

#### Ans:

Do not claim to be comfortable with a specific role if you in are in fact not comfortable with it. However, if you have no problem working in certain roles or situations, be sure to discuss this with the interviewer.

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### Question - 4:

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 - 5:

What do you consider ethical spending on an expense account?

#### Ans:

It depends on the role - but the better way to answer this is to ask the interviewer what their expectations are with regards to what the role can expense and then simply state that you'll stay within those parameters

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### Question - 6:

What makes you right for this position?

#### Ans:



This question can be tricky because you need to show your worth As Tool and Die Machinist 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 - 7:**

Where do you see your career in five years As Tool and Die Machinist?

#### **Ans:**

I would like to retire from this company. I would like to make a difference in the company whether in the company or any other position or area of the company As Tool and Die Machinist.

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### **Question - 8:**

Why did you leave your last job As Tool and Die Machinist?

#### **Ans:**

Regardless of why you left your last job make sure to stay positive. Always smile and focus on the positive reason such you were seeking the opportunity to expand your career opportunities, your interest in working with a new firm that provided greater opportunity, you desired to work in a new location, etc. Don't reference previous job problems or differences with management that caused you to leave. If you stay positive, your answer may help you. If you're negative, you will likely decrease your chances of getting the job for which you're interviewing.

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### **Question - 9:**

Do you think you are overqualified for this position As Tool and Die Machinist?

#### **Ans:**

No matter your previous job experience or educational background, be sure to tell the interviewer you have the knowledge and skills to successfully execute the job responsibilities.

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### **Question - 10:**

Why do you want this job As Tool and Die Machinist?

#### **Ans:**

This question typically follows on from the previous one. Here is where your research will come in handy. You may want to say that you want to work for a company that is Global Guideline, (market leader, innovator, provides a vital service, whatever it may be). Put some thought into this beforehand, be specific, and link the company's values and mission statement to your own goals and career plans.

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### **Question - 11:**

Explain what are your strengths As Tool and Die Machinist?

#### **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 - 12:**

If you felt like you were hitting the proverbial "wall" and getting burned out, what would you do to re-energize yourself?

#### **Ans:**

Take a break to rest. Work in smaller increments of time to increase focus with breaks in between. Delegate tasks to those that are willing to help.

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### **Question - 13:**

Have you ever you have been in a position As Tool and Die Machinist where you've had to fire someone? How did you feel about that experience?

#### **Ans:**

Be very thoughtful about your answer. This is a very serious matter for most companies and requires a very serious answer. You need to express that you will do it when it is the right thing to do but you don't want to give the impression that you're callous to the process. Don't forget that firing is not the same as laying someone off - it typically is for the direct benefit of the company.

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### **Question - 14:**

Why was there a gap in your employment As Tool and Die Machinist?

#### **Ans:**



If you were unemployed for a period of time, be direct and to the point about what you've been up to (and hopefully, that's a litany of impressive volunteer and other mind-enriching activities, like blogging or taking classes). Then, steer the conversation toward how you will do the job and contribute to the organization: "I decided to take a break at the time, but today I'm ready to contribute to this organization in the following ways."

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### **Question - 15:**

Explain me what do you know about our company?

#### **Ans:**

Bad Answer: They don't know much about the company. If a candidate is serious and enthusiastic, they should have done some basic research.

Good answer: An answer that shows they've really done their homework and know what the company does, any important current events that involve the company, and the work culture.

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### **Question - 16:**

Tell me about a time when you had to give someone difficult feedback As Tool and Die Machinist?

#### **Ans:**

By asking this question, your interviewer hopes to learn whether you can communicate effectively, address issues in the workplace and motivate others during difficult times. Giving negative feedback requires honesty, thoughtfulness and tact. Answering this question well can help show an interviewer that you would be a good fit for a managerial position or a position that involves working closely with others.

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### **Question - 17:**

What is your typical way of dealing with conflict? Give me an example?

#### **Ans:**

First, find out what the root of the problem is. Second, determine the best steps to remediation with the best possible outcome. Third, take action to put remediation plans in place.

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### **Question - 18:**

What has disappointed you about a previous job?

#### **Ans:**

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 - 19:**

Describe your management style?

#### **Ans:**

Try to avoid specific classifications, whatever it may be. Organizations usually prefer managers who can adapt their skills to different situations.

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### **Question - 20:**

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 - 21:**

What's been your biggest success to date?

#### **Ans:**

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 - 22:**

Describe your vision of your perfect dream job?

#### **Ans:**

Ideally, the role you're applying for either is that dream job or will help you get to it. If it's going to help you get there, describe the elements of that job role that you are passionate about so that it ties to the vision of what your dream job is. Be honest and talk about the type of work environment, management team / leadership, coworkers, culture, vision and products/services you'd like your dream job to entail.



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**Question - 23:**

Describe yourself in three words?

**Ans:**

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

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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:**

How long do you envision yourself staying with this company?

**Ans:**

Understand that companies invest a lot of money into hiring the right staff. You want to emphasize that you are in it for the long run and you want to develop a career there and that it's not just a "5 month stepping stone" type of a job. You should be thinking how you're going to grow with that company. After all, don't you want to invest your energy and time with a company that is going to continue to be successful and one that will help you grow?

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**Question - 26:**

What is your biggest regret to date and why?

**Ans:**

Describe honestly the regretful action / situation you were in but then discuss how you proactively fixed / improved it and how that helped you to improve as a person/worker.

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**Question - 27:**

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 - 28:**

What classes did you enjoy most in college and why?

**Ans:**

Think back to the classes that either resonated with your passion or truly helped you to develop skills that you believe will help you in your career. Talk about those.

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**Question - 29:**

How do you feel about technology at the workplace in general?

**Ans:**

It's a great enabler for us to collaborate better as a team, for us to reach customers more efficiently and frequently and I believe it can help any company become more efficient, leaner, and more productive.

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**Question - 30:**

How do you inspire others to be better?

**Ans:**

First, the key to inspiring others is 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 - 31:**

What is your greatest failure As Tool and Die Machinist, 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 - 32:**

What role do you see technology playing in this role?

**Ans:**

Technology is important to almost every job today but it's not meant to be abused. I believe it's important to increase productivity and not for personal use.

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**Question - 33:**

How has school prepared you for this job role?

**Ans:**

Think back to how you've interacted with your peers to develop social skills, how you've worked with classmates on projects to develop teamwork and collaborative skills, how you've developed discipline through studying, how the courses have helped your creativity, and how the classes you've taken have impacted your analytical / problem solving / reasoning skills.

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**Question - 34:**

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 - 35:**

Have you ever mentored anyone before? If yes, describe the situation?

**Ans:**

Describe a time where you've helped someone else. Mentor ships can be informal so as you've helped someone over a period of time that can certainly count. The key is to highlight how you utilized certain skills/attributes like coaching, teaching, patience, communication skills, and so forth to mentor that person.

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**Question - 36:**

Are You a 'People' Person?

**Ans:**

Although it may be phrased a little differently, the gist of this question is clear:

Do you like being around people? If you don't, being a medical assistant isn't a good fit for you. After all, you'll be working directly with patients throughout the day. It helps a lot if you sincerely like interacting with them. While answering this question, make sure to mention that you like helping people too. This will drive home the point that you are a talented medical assistant and would be a valuable part of the team As Tool and Die Machinist.

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**Question - 37:**

What will your ramp time be before you become a meaningful contributor?

**Ans:**

Companies want staff that can ramp quickly, but also want people who are realistic. So take into consideration how intense the job is and then give a good answer. For example, if you have simple responsibilities that don't require a huge development curve, then your ramp time will probably be shorter. If it's a complex set of skills that you need to develop, then your ramp time could be longer - the key is you have to explain why you believe that ramp time should be.

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**Question - 38:**

What can you tell me about team work as part of the job As Tool and Die Machinist?

**Ans:**

There is usually a team of staff nurses working in cooperation with each other. A team of nurses has to get along well and coordinate their actions, usually by dividing their responsibilities into sectors or specific activities. They help each other perform tasks requiring more than one person.

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**Question - 39:**

How do you deal with conflict in the workplace As Tool and Die Machinist?

**Ans:**

When people work together, conflict is often unavoidable because of differences in work goals and personal styles. Follow these guidelines for handling conflict in the workplace.

\* 1. Talk with the other person.



- \* 2. Focus on behavior and events, not on personalities.
- \* 3. Listen carefully.
- \* 4. Identify points of agreement and disagreement.
- \* 5. Prioritize the areas of conflict.
- \* 6. Develop a plan to work on each conflict.
- \* 7. Follow through on your plan.
- \* 8. Build on your success.

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### **Question - 40:**

What did you major in and why?

#### **Ans:**

Tell them your major and the motivations behind why you chose it and how it's helped to prep you for this potential job.

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### **Question - 41:**

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 - 42:**

Where do you see yourself professionally five years from now As Tool and Die Machinist?

#### **Ans:**

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 - 43:**

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 - 44:**

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.

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### **Question - 45:**

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 - 46:**

What would your first 30, 60, or 90 days look like in this role As Tool and Die Machinist?

#### **Ans:**

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 - 47:**

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 - 48:**

Give me an example of when you competed hard and won?

**Ans:**

You can reference many different areas here when discussing a story of where you won in competition: Work experience (ideal), sports, clubs, classes, projects.

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**Question - 49:**

What are your salary expectations As Tool and Die Machinist?

**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 - 50:**

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 - 51:**

What kind of salary do you need As Tool and Die Machinist?

**Ans:**

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 - 52:**

How would you rate your communication and interpersonal skills for this job As Tool and Die Machinist?

**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 - 53:**

What's a time you exercised leadership?

**Ans:**

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 - 54:**

How would your friends describe you?

**Ans:**

My friends would probably say that I'm extremely persistent - I've never been afraid to keep going back until I get what I want. When I worked as a program developer, recruiting keynote speakers for a major tech conference, I got one rejection after another - this was just the nature of the job. But I really wanted the big players - so I wouldn't take no for an answer. I kept going back to them every time there was a new company on board, or some new value proposition. Eventually,



many of them actually said "yes" - the program turned out to be so great that we doubled our attendees from the year before. A lot of people might have given up after the first rejection, but it's just not in my nature. If I know something is possible, I have to keep trying until I get it.

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**Question - 55:**

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 - 56:**

Why are you leaving your current job?

**Ans:**

This is a toughie, but one you can be sure you'll be asked. Definitely keep things positive-you have nothing to gain by being negative about your past employers. Instead, frame things in a way that shows that you're eager to take on new opportunities and that the role you're interviewing for is a better fit for you than your current or last position. For example, "I'd really love to be part of product development from beginning to end, and I know I'd have that opportunity here." And if you were let go? Keep it simple: "Unfortunately, I was let go," is a totally OK answer.

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**Question - 57:**

Do you think you have enough experience As Tool and Die Machinist?

**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 - 58:**

Are you planning to continue your studies and training As Tool and Die Machinist?

**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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**Question - 59:**

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 - 60:**

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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