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Question - 1:

Describe your work style as Architect?

Ans:

Describe the positive aspects of your work style if possible, including: work ethic, attention to detail, interpersonal skills, skill sets (analytical or otherwise), leadership abilities, communication skills.

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Question - 2:

What is mansard?

Ans:

A two-pitched roof with a steep lower slope that typically rises to a more gently sloped upper portion. The space formed by the mansard roof allows for additional living space.

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Question - 3:

What is doric?

Ans:

The Doric order, the earliest type of classical Greek architecture, has a simple yet powerful capital design.

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Question - 4:

How have you achieved your success as Architect?

Ans:

Discuss stories of how you've progressed over the years to achieve success. People relate best to stories.

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Question - 5:

What is gambrel?

Ans:

A roof shape characterized by a pair of shallow pitch slopes above a steeply pitched slope on each side of a center ridge.

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Question - 6:

What is palladian?

Ans:

Neo-classical architecture in the style modeled after the Italian architect Andrea Palladio aka Andrea di Pietro Della Gondola.

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Question - 7:

What is facade?

Ans:

The exterior faces of a building, often used to refer to the wall in which the building entry is located.

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**Question - 8:**

What are your lifelong dreams as Architect?

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 - 9:

What is spire?

Ans:

A cone shaped roof element with a steep point.

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Question - 10:

What is clapboard?

Ans:

One of a series of boards used for siding. It is usually installed horizontally and the board is most often tapered in cross-section.

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Question - 11:

What is terracotta?

Ans:

Fired ceramic clay used in architectural wall elements or ornaments.

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Question - 12:

What is spandrel panel?

Ans:

The panel formed by the bottom of a window and the head of a lower window.

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Question - 13:

What is brick header?

Ans:

A brick oriented with the smaller end exposed on the face of the wall and smaller dimension vertical; typically placed over window and door openings.

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Question - 14:

What is transom?

Ans:

A small window placed above a door or window.

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Question - 15:

Do you know post and beam construction?

Ans:

A simple building framing system that uses a series of vertical posts and horizontal beams.

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Question - 16:

What is corinthian?

Ans:

The most ornate and recent of the Greek classical order. The capital's design is heavily ornamented.

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Question - 17:

Do you know hip roof?

Ans:

A roof that slopes inward from all four exterior walls.

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**Question - 18:**

What is turret?

Ans:

A small tower at the corner of a building.

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Question - 19:

What is ogee cap?

Ans:

A molding with an S-shaped cross section used on top of a baseboard or other structure.

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Question - 20:

What is dependency?

Ans:

A subsidiary building connected to the main building, often one of a symmetrical grouping.

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Question - 21:

What is pier?

Ans:

A square or rectangular masonry or wood pier which supports a building and carries the weight of it down to the ground.

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Question - 22:

What is verge board?

Ans:

Decorative boarding (also called bargeboard) along a projecting roof eave. It is often carved or scrolled, and is highly ornamental.

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Question - 23:

What is rosette?

Ans:

A bas-relief ornament (sometimes painted) in the form of a stylized flower.

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Question - 24:

What is double hung window?

Ans:

A window with top and bottom sashes that slide past each other vertically.

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Question - 25:

What is shed roof?

Ans:

A roof with a single slope and rafters spanning from one wall to the other.

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Question - 26:

What is gable?

Ans:

The wall that encloses the end of a gable roof; triangular gable end below a roof overhand.

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Question - 27:

What is chimney pot?

Ans:

A decorative terra cotta chimney extension usually placed above a brick or stone chimney.

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**Question - 28:**

What is veneer?

Ans:

A thin decorative finish typically made of brick, stone or stucco.

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Question - 29:

What is parapet?

Ans:

The portion of wall that projects above the adjacent roof.

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Question - 30:

What is entablature?

Ans:

The horizontal band of elements above the column capitals in classical architecture.

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Question - 31:

What is chamfer?

Ans:

A 45-degree bevel cut at an outside corner of a building element, often seen in wood, stone or brick.

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Question - 32:

What motivates you to work as Architect?

Ans:

Describe what makes you passionate about the work. It could be the company's vision, the product, your desire to succeed, the clients, your peers and so on. They key is to first understand what internally motivates you to do your job and then to emphasize that in a positive way

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Question - 33:

What is pediment?

Ans:

The triangular gable end of a classical building, or the same form used elsewhere in the building.

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Question - 34:

What is frieze?

Ans:

The flat, middle portion of an entablature (sometimes decorated).

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Question - 35:

What is casement?

Ans:

A single window sash hinged on one side that swings open.

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Question - 36:

What is sidelights?

Ans:

Narrow windows flanking an entry door.

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Question - 37:

What is oriel?

Ans:

A bay window cantilevered out from a facade that starts above the ground level.

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**Question - 38:**

What is eaves?

Ans:

The projecting overhang at the lower edge of a roof.

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Question - 39:

What is canopy?

Ans:

A projecting roof structure that shelters an entrance.

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Question - 40:

What is window hood?

Ans:

A projecting shelf-like decorative element over a window.

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Question - 41:

What is rough-hewn?

Ans:

Lumber left exposed in construction that looks hand-cut and is heavily textured.

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Question - 42:

What is ionic?

Ans:

The Ionic order from the Greek classical styles distinctive by the volutes (spiral scroll-like ornaments) used in the capital's design.

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Question - 43:

What is cresting?

Ans:

A repetitive metal ornament installed at a roof ridge or parapet.

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Question - 44:

How do you stay up to date with industry as Architect?

Ans:

Discuss how you stay up to date by reading industry specific sites, magazines, and Google / yahoo news. Also make sure you stay up to date by reading the current news on the company's website.

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Question - 45:

What is vitrolite?

Ans:

Panels formed of clear glass with color glass laminated to one side and used as a wall veneer.

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Question - 46:

What is sash?

Ans:

The part of a window frame that holds the glazing, usually moveable or fixed.

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Question - 47:

Do you know what is motif?

Ans:

A theme or predominant feature of a design.

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**Question - 48:**

What is dormer?

Ans:

A small structure that projects from a sloping roof, with a window in the façade face.

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Question - 49:

What is brackets?

Ans:

Applied ornamental elements often used at a cornice or to flank windows and doors.

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Question - 50:

What is your ideal working environment as Architect?

Ans:

Describe your ideal working environment. Do you like flexibility with work hours? Do you like working in a cubicle or independently? Do you like to be micro managed or empowered? Do you like to work on your own or in a team? Do you like being driven by metrics in your role? How much responsibility do you want?

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Question - 51:

What is X bracing?

Ans:

A pair of diagonal braces or struts from corner to corner forming an "X."

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Question - 52:

What is quoin?

Ans:

A large rectangular block of stone or brick (sometimes wood) used to accentuate an outside corner of a building; typically in a toothed form with alternate quoins projecting and receding from the corner.

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Question - 53:

Explain me half-timbered building?

Ans:

A building constructed with timber frame filled with plaster or brick.

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Question - 54:

What is cornice?

Ans:

The projecting moldings that form the top band of an entablature or wall.

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Question - 55:

What is belt course?

Ans:

Also know as a stringcourse. A projecting horizontal molding separating parts of a wall surface in a façade.

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Question - 56:

How much time do you need to join the organization as Architect?

Ans:

You should be able to join it right away, barring plans you've already made (family travel, vacation, other obligations). The key is to simply be open in communication of what's already committed on your schedule. Most companies are accommodating. If they are not, weight the importance of joining that company vs. your plans.

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Question - 57:

What is balustrade?

Ans:



A railing composition composed of upper and lower rails, balusters and pedestals. Materials used can range from stone to brick, wood and sheet metal.

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Question - 58:

What is cupola?

Ans:

A small structure projecting above a roof that provides ventilation and can serve as a "look-out."

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Question - 59:

What is neo-colonial?

Ans:

Residences built after 1955 with allusions of the colonial revival architectural style.

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Question - 60:

Describe yourself in three words as Architect?

Ans:

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

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