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## Question - 1:

Why are you interested in working As Product Development Manager 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 - 2:

What type of people do you not work well with?

### Ans:

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

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## Question - 3:

What kind of work interests you the least As Product Development Manager?

### Ans:

What bores you? What fails to challenge you? What fails to excite you?

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## Question - 4:

When were you most satisfied in your job As Product Development Manager?

### 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 - 5:

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 - 6:

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

### Ans:

Acknowledge their pain - empathize with them. Then apologize and offer a solution to fix the mistake.

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**Question - 7:**

What do you know about our company?

**Ans:**

You always want to make sure that you're pretty familiar with the company that you're interviewing with. Nothing looks worse than a candidate who knows nothing about the company they say they're interested in working for. Find out everything you can about the company, its culture and its goals. You will also want to know how the company is positioned in its market as well as who its major competitors are.

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**Question - 8:**

Did you consider yourself a team player?

**Ans:**

Of course you're a team player - who isn't. But a simple yes probably isn't the response the interviewer is looking for. Be ready to provide specific example of how you've worked as part of a cohesive team to get things accomplished and how you've focus on team performance rather than individual performance. Make sure not to brag as this will make it appear as that you're more concerned about your own performance and accomplishments than those of the team.

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**Question - 9:**

Why are you leaving last job?

**Ans:**

Although this would seem like a simple question, it can easily become tricky. You shouldn't mention salary being a factor at this point As Product Development Manager. If you're currently employed, your response can focus on developing and expanding your career and even yourself. If you're current employer is downsizing, remain positive and brief. If your employer fired you, prepare a solid reason. Under no circumstance should you discuss any drama or negativity, always remain positive.

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**Question - 10:**

How well do you perform under pressure?

**Ans:**

This is a fair question, as potential employers want to know if you're going to be able to get the job done even when things get a little bit stressful. You may say that you thrive under pressure or that you're able to get the job done even when things get a little bit stressful, just make sure to provide some real world examples of your ability to work under pressure in a prior job.

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**Question - 11:**

What do you think about Teamwork?

**Ans:**

I enjoy teamwork and am used to shift work. I think I would adapt well to the role. I am looking for new challenges As Product Development Manager and I know I would learn a lot as cabin crew, not just about people and places, but skills like first aid too, how can I help others with in my limits.

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**Question - 12:**

If you were hiring a person for this job As Product Development Manager, what would you look for?

**Ans:**

Discuss qualities you possess required to successfully complete the job duties.

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**Question - 13:**

What motivates you the most?

**Ans:**

Is it money? Is it career development? Is it recognition? Is it a sense of achievement? Is it to impress your peers? Is it for fame?

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**Question - 14:**

Can you describe your ideal boss/supervisor?

**Ans:**

During the interview As Product Development Manager process employers will want to find out how you respond to supervision. They want to know whether you have any problems with authority, If you can work well as part of a group (see previous question) and if you take instructions well etc. Never ever ever, criticize a past supervisor or boss. This is a red flag for airlines and your prospective employer will likely assume you are a difficult employee, unable to work in a team or take instruction and side with your former employer.

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**Question - 15:**

Tell me about a time when you were forced to make an unpopular decision?



**Ans:**

Not every decision is popular. In fact, almost every decision is bound to make someone unhappy at some point. The key is to demonstrate how it impacted others positively and why you chose it.

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**Question - 16:**

What specific steps do you utilize in solving workplace problems?

**Ans:**

Analyze the problem As Product Development Manager. Discuss possible remedies and resulting outcomes. Decide on the remedy and track results. Re-visit problem if it's not resolved.

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**Question - 17:**

Tell me why do you want this job As Product Development Manager?

**Ans:**

Bad Answer: No solid answer, answers that don't align with what the job actually offers, or uninspired answers that show your position is just another of the many jobs they're applying for.

Good answer: The candidate has clear reasons for wanting the job that show enthusiasm for the work and the position, and knowledge about the company and job.

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**Question - 18:**

Tell me about a decision you made recently and how you reached it As Product Development Manager?

**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 - 19:**

What can you offer me that another person can't?

**Ans:**

This is when you talk about your record of getting things done. Go into specifics from your resume and portfolio; show an employer your value and how you'd be an asset.

You have to say, "I'm the best person for the job As Product Development Manager. I know there are other candidates who could fill this position, but my passion for excellence sets me apart from the pack. I am committed to always producing the best results. For example..."

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**Question - 20:**

How do you believe you would benefit our organization?

**Ans:**

This is a great question that provides you the opportunity to put your best foot forward, to tell the interviewer why he or she should consider hiring you for the job. Make sure you're well prepared for this question as you won't likely get a second chance to really shine.

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**Question - 21:**

Give me an example of a time when you were able to successfully communicate with another person even when that individual may not have personally liked you (or vice versa). How did you handle the situation? What obstacles or difficulties did you face? How did you deal with them?

**Ans:**

First, the key is to state the differences in personality to give the interviewer some background. Second, you want to discuss how that was affecting the situation. Third, show how you were able to adapt to the way the person wanted to be communicated with to achieve your goals

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**Question - 22:**

Why do you want to work in this industry As Product Development Manager?

**Ans:**

Make sure you research the industry first. Then find at least 3 core things about that industry that you're passionate about (for example: how their solutions impact clients, their culture, the leadership, etc)

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**Question - 23:**

What other companies are you interviewing with?

**Ans:**

Companies ask this for a number of reasons, from wanting to see what the competition is for you to sniffing out whether you're serious about the industry. "Often the best approach is to mention that you are exploring a number of other similar options in the company's industry." It can be helpful to mention that a common characteristic of all the jobs you are applying to is the opportunity to apply some critical abilities and skills that you possess. For example, you might say "I am applying for several positions with IT consulting firms where I can analyze client needs and translate them to development teams in order to find solutions to



technology problems.'

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**Question - 24:**

How important is the vision of the company to you?

**Ans:**

It should be very important if you want a long standing career. Remember, you're investing your time, energy and earnings potential into a company so you want to make sure it's a sustainably successful company that will grow with you over the long haul.

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**Question - 25:**

Describe to me a time where you had to make a hard decision As Product Development Manager?

**Ans:**

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

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**Question - 26:**

How would you impact the company?

**Ans:**

Consider first the role that you're applying for and then think of 3 ways where you could potentially impact the company's bottom line and top line. Then consider how you impact the company in a creative manner (how do you help productivity, the development of new products, marketing etc - of course this part is specific to the role you're applying for)

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**Question - 27:**

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 - 28:**

What do you already know about our company?

**Ans:**

Good reputation of a large home grown company that has various departments and product.

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**Question - 29:**

Tell me about the last time you missed a goal or deadline?

**Ans:**

Unless you're a completely perfect person, chances are you've messed up before on a goal/deadline. If so, discuss how you fell short and what you would have done in retrospect to achieve it.

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**Question - 30:**

How did you find out about this job As Product Development Manager? 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:**

What does success mean to you?

**Ans:**

I am punctual, I always have excellent attendance on any job As Product Development Manager, I have a keen eye for both large and small details, and I am always finding ways to improve a process and shorten the length of time it takes to complete a project.

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**Question - 32:**

Explain a time when you did not get along with your coworker?



**Ans:**

I used to lock heads with a fellows. We disagreed over a lot of things - from the care of civilians to who got what shifts to how to speak with a victim's family. Our personalities just didn't mesh. After three months of arguing, I pulled her aside and asked her to lunch. At lunch, we talked about our differences and why we weren't getting along. It turns out, it was all about communication. We communicated differently and once we knew that, we began to work well together. I really believe that talking a problem through with someone can help solve any issue.

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**Question - 33:**

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 - 34:**

What is the most important quality a supervisor should have?

**Ans:**

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

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**Question - 35:**

Why should I hire you As Product Development Manager?

**Ans:**

To close the deal on a job offer, you MUST be prepared with a concise summary of the top reasons to choose you. Even if your interviewer doesn't ask one of these question in so many words, you should have an answer prepared and be looking for ways to communicate your top reasons throughout the interview process.

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**Question - 36:**

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

**Ans:**

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

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**Question - 37:**

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?

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**Question - 38:**

What do you know about our competition?

**Ans:**

Make sure you do your research on their competitors. You can find this by going to yahoo finance and click on their competitors (if they are public). From there research the news on them and go to their websites to understand their positioning on solutions and vision. You can also research local regional companies that are their competition (if it's a smaller private company on a regional scale) by simply typing in similar product offerings in the Google search followed by the city. Make sure you know their competitor's vision, products, culture, and how they are differentiated against their competition (and if they're not, how they could be)

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**Question - 39:**

Give me a few examples of how you're results oriented?

**Ans:**

Make you give an example where you discuss details and metrics. For example, I was a tutor in my last job and mentored 5 students on their SAT test taking skills and raised their scores by 15% on average after a 3 month teaching stint.

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**Question - 40:**

Why do you want to join our company?

**Ans:**



This is a question that is aimed at finding out whether you know enough about the company and the basic market. The best way to answer this question is to do some research on the company and highlight its positive points.

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**Question - 41:**

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 - 42:**

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 - 43:**

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 - 44:**

Why should we hire you as this position As Product Development Manager?

**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 - 45:**

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 - 46:**

There's no right or wrong answer, but if you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?

**Ans:**

Just be honest about where you'd like to be - you never know - you may end up bonding with the interviewer with the location. However, you want to stress that you want to work out of the location that you're interviewing for.

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**Question - 47:**

Describe to me the position As Product Development Manager you're applying for?

**Ans:**

This is a "homework" question, too, but it also gives some clues as to the perspective the person brings to the table. The best preparation you can do is to read the job description and repeat it to yourself in your own words so that you can do this smoothly at the interview.

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**Question - 48:**

How do you decide what to delegate and to whom?

**Ans:**

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

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**Question - 49:**

What general trends do you see in our industry?

**Ans:**





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

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**Question - 50:**

What types of personalities do you work with best?

**Ans:**

In the past, I have found it difficult to work with others who see themselves as better than others, who can take criticism, and who refuse to work with others. I have found it challenging to work with them b/c I am a team oriented person who feels the importance of working together over the needs of the individual especially in a learning environment.

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**Question - 51:**

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 - 52:**

What kind of salary do you need As Product Development Manager?

**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 - 53:**

If you had to choose one, would you consider yourself a big-picture person or a detail-oriented person?

**Ans:**

Both are important. You need to stress that. However, if you could only choose one, ask yourself As Product Development Manager - do you like to be "in the weeds" with your work, or do you want to be the one painting the vision?

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**Question - 54:**

What do you look for in terms of culture -- structured or entrepreneurial?

**Ans:**

A good answer is to discuss the importance of having both elements in a company As Product Development Manager. Structure is good to maintain a focus on priorities and making sure people are productive but having an entrepreneurial spirit can help cultivate new ideas that can truly help the company.

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**Question - 55:**

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 - 56:**

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.

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**Question - 57:**

How would you motivate your team members to produce the best possible results?

**Ans:**

Trying to create competitive atmosphere, trying to motivate the team as a whole, organizing team building activities, building good relationships amongst people.

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**Question - 58:**

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 - 59:**

How much time do you need to join the organization As Product Development Manager?

**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 - 60:**

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

**Ans:**

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

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**Question - 61:**

What are your salary expectations As Product Development Manager?

**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 your 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 - 62:**

What do you know about the company?

**Ans:**

Any candidate can read and regurgitate the company's "About" page. So, when interviewers ask this, they aren't necessarily trying to gauge whether you understand the mission-they want to know whether you care about it. Start with one line that shows you understand the company's goals, using a couple key words and phrases from the website, but then go on to make it personal. Say, "I'm personally drawn to this mission because..." or "I really believe in this approach because..." and share a personal example or two.

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**Question - 63:**

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 - 64:**

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 - 65:**

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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