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### Question - 1:

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 - 2:

Think about the changes you have seen and tell me how you handle change?

#### Ans:

You can cite personal life changes, work place changes, career changes, technology change, industry change. The key is to discuss how seeing or experiencing that change has helped your development. For example, the recent changes in social media has broadened my horizons and helped me learn new forms of efficient marketing.

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### Question - 3:

Can you tell me a little about yourself?

#### Ans:

This question seems simple, so many people fail to prepare for it, but it's crucial. Here's the deal: Don't give your complete employment (or personal) history At DTE Energy. Instead give a pitch-one that's concise and compelling and that shows exactly why you're the right fit for the job. Start off with the 2-3 specific accomplishments or experiences that you most want the interviewer to know about, then wrap up talking about how that prior experience has positioned you for this specific role.

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### Question - 4:

Do you know anyone working with this organization?

#### Ans:

It would be great if you did - then you could potentially use them as a referral if they thought highly of you.

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### Question - 5:

Name five characteristics that describe you?

#### Ans:

Here are a few you could choose from:

Hard working, strong willed, persistent, intelligent, adept, amicable, friendly, collaborative, eager, humble.

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### Question - 6:

What do you consider to be your greatest strength?

#### Ans:

There isn't any right answer. Just make sure to make your response positive and true. A few good examples include: Your ability to solve complex problems, Your ability to work well on a team, Your ability to shine under pressure, Your ability to focus in chaotic situations, Your ability to prioritize and organize, Your ability to cut through the fluff to identify the real issues, Your ability to influence other positively. If your strength relates to the position in question that will be more beneficial - but again be honest, don't create a strength for yourself just because you think it will sound good.

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**Question - 7:**

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 - 8:**

What are the goals you've set for yourself?

**Ans:**

You could discuss your goals with regards to these categories: Career goals, impact you want to leave on society, financial goals, academic goals, charitable goals.

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**Question - 9:**

Explain yourself in one line?

**Ans:**

When you respond, keep in mind the type of position you are interviewing for like DTE Energy based job, the company culture, and the work environment. Your answer should help show the interviewer why you're a match for the job and for the company.

Sample answers are:

- \* I'm a people person. I really enjoy meeting and working with a lot of different people.
- \* I'm a perfectionist. I pay attention to all the details, and like to be sure that everything is just right.
- \* I'm a creative thinker. I like to explore alternative solutions to problems and have an open mind about what will work best.
- \* I'm efficient and highly organized. This enables me to be as productive as possible on the job.
- \* I enjoy solving problems, troubleshooting issues, and coming up with solutions in a timely manner.

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**Question - 10:**

Can you describe your ideal boss/supervisor?

**Ans:**

During the interview At DTE Energy 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 - 11:**

What is your greatest strength At DTE Energy?

**Ans:**

This is your time to shine. Just remember the interviewer is looking for work related strengths At DTE Energy. Mention a number of them such as being a good motivator, problem solver, performing well under pressure, being loyal, having a positive attitude, eager to learn, taking initiative, and attention to detail. Whichever you go for, be prepared to give examples that illustrate this particular skill.

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**Question - 12:**

What have you learned from mistakes on this job?

**Ans:**

Candidates without specific examples often do not seem credible. However, the example shared should be fairly inconsequential, unintentional, and a learned lesson should be gleaned from it. Moving ahead without group assistance while assigned to a group project meant to be collaborative is a good example.

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**Question - 13:**

What relevant work experience do you have in this career field At DTE Energy?

**Ans:**

Talk about specific work related experience for the position you're interviewing for. Make sure the experience is relevant. Don't talk about previous experience that is not related to the position in question. If you don't have specific career related experience speak about prior experience that has helped you develop the specific knowledge and skills required for the position you are applying for.

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**Question - 14:**

What do you do in your spare time?

**Ans:**

If you want to show your fun side, discuss your extracurricular activities. If you want to show your ambition, discuss the work / school projects you do in your spare time.

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**Question - 15:**

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 - 16:**

Why did you select the University \_\_\_\_\_?

**Ans:**

Discuss the academic program, the extracurricular program(s), the school spirit, the quality of your peers, and the professors.

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**Question - 17:**

Describe a time when you put your needs aside to help a co-worker understand a task. How did you assist them? What was the result?

**Ans:**

The key is to show that the mentoring of a co-worker was first a higher priority than the task you had at hand (remember, you want to show that you focus on highest priority tasks first). Then, describe in detail how you helped them not only complete the task but learn to do it on their own. You want to teach them HOW to fish and not to simply fish for them.

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**Question - 18:**

What kind of work interests you the most?

**Ans:**

You can talk about what you're passionate about. What motivates you. What excites you.

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**Question - 19:**

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 At DTE Energy. 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 - 20:**

Tell me about a time when you had to think strategically?

**Ans:**

There was a time when I was told I had to get rid of 20% of my people. I had to determine which persons I needed the most by determining who could do what. I had to put aside personal feelings so that I could keep a working crew to handle the same workload with less people.

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**Question - 21:**

Are you able to relocate if required?

**Ans:**

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

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**Question - 22:**

How do you feel about this company's vision?

**Ans:**

First find out where the company envisions itself in 3-5 years. If you can't find the vision of the company, that's probably a big question mark on the company itself. Once you do, identify how those company's visions align to your personal values and goals and then articulate how tightly correlated that is to the interviewer. For example - this company wants to be the #1 provider of green technology in the world and I feel strongly about that vision because we've got a chance to collectively impact the world to become a greener society and save our clients at the same time!

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**Question - 23:**

What other companies are you interviewing at?

**Ans:**

Be open and share if you are indeed interviewing elsewhere, but do it in a humble way. This way you don't seem arrogant and the interviewer knows your skills are valued by other companies. This also tends to make them want you more as they know they are competing for your services.



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**Question - 24:**

Why should I hire you At DTE Energy?

**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 - 25:**

How articulate are you in expressing your ideas?

**Ans:**

One of the best ways to answer this question is clearly articulate three points that demonstrate how articulate you are (and in a sense show that in a live setting) - for example: "I would say I'm articulate because one, I typically gather my thoughts before speaking, two, I organize my thoughts well, and three I'm concise when making a point.

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**Question - 26:**

How well do you multi-task?

**Ans:**

Multi-tasking is an important part of most jobs. You want to show that you're good at it but not overwhelmed with it. So discuss just a few things you can multi-task well on - for example: "I'm good at multi tasking between work email and working on projects At DTE Energy and the reason it because I'm good at prioritizing my work emails.

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**Question - 27:**

Did the salary we offer attract you to this job?

**Ans:**

The interviewer could be asking you this question for a number of reasons. Obviously, the salary is an important factor to your interest in this job, but it should not be the overriding reason for your interest. A good answer to this question is, "The salary was very attractive, but the job itself is what was most attractive to me."

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**Question - 28:**

What does "collaboration with teammates" mean to you?

**Ans:**

Drinking at the water cooler together is not the best example. Think of how you can collaborate with teammates to generate new ideas, to create initiatives to impact the business' success for the better (specifically in the department that you're applying for). For example, if you're applying to marketing, collaboration could mean discussing new ways of social media advertising to reach an audience of over a million people to strengthen the brand awareness of the company.

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**Question - 29:**

What type of extracurricular activities are you a part of?

**Ans:**

Discuss the clubs / activities you were in, share a personal story about why you enjoyed it and then describe how it's helped shape you to be who you are today. For example, I enjoyed rock climbing because it taught me the value of practicing hard at a sport to become skilled in it. I bring this same diligence to my work approach today as well.

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**Question - 30:**

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 - 31:**

Have you ever been fired and if yes, why?

**Ans:**

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



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**Question - 32:**

Describe a time when you had to help a coworker out that did not directly benefit you?

**Ans:**

There should be many times where you've assisted others At DTE Energy. If you haven't, think of how you would in the future. You can discuss charitable causes, how you mentored someone, and so on.

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**Question - 33:**

What differentiates you from the competition?

**Ans:**

Think about what you bring to the table that you truly believe is unique - the easiest way to do is to think of your own personal stories that demonstrate your work ethic, skills, and dedication. Most people have some or all of those skills, but the unique stories are what make people stand out in interviews.

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**Question - 34:**

What motivates you to succeed?

**Ans:**

Your interviewer will likely want to know the reasons why you will remain motivated to do your best during your employment with the company At DTE Energy. Perhaps you are interested in being challenged, but you may also have interest in being recognized for your hard work in the form of the number of sales you can attain. A great example answer for this question is "I always do my best in everything, including my job. I take pride in my success, and I also want the company for which I work to be successful. Being affiliated with a company that is known for its excellence is very important to me."

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**Question - 35:**

What are you most proud of?

**Ans:**

You should be proud of all your achievements At DTE Energy! 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 - 36:**

If selected for this position At DTE Energy, can you describe your strategy for the first 90 days?

**Ans:**

This depends on the job role. Make sure you break it down into

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**Question - 37:**

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 - 38:**

Why do you want to work in this industry At DTE Energy?

**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 - 39:**

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 - 40:**

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 - 41:**

How do you handle your anger?

**Ans:**

I don't get angry very easily but in the rare occasion that I do, I hold it in and act as though nothing is wrong.

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**Question - 42:**

What are some of the things that you and your supervisor disagree upon and how do you resolve them? What do you do when you are pressed for a decision?

**Ans:**

The key is that you openly communicate your thoughts to your supervisor to explain your position and try to come to a mutual decision together. Also be sure to listen to his/her thoughts so that you can potentially compromise. When you're pressed for a decision, make sure you've put thought into the reasons as to how you arrived at it and then decisively make it.

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**Question - 43:**

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 - 44:**

Do you like to start personal relationships with other employees?

**Ans:**

Well, the right answer is yes and no. Good personal relations can improve the overall performance of a team. But on the other hand, you should not let your emotions to affect your decisions in work.

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**Question - 45:**

How do you act when you encounter competition?

**Ans:**

This question is designed to see if you can rise the occasion. You want to discuss how you are the type to battle competition strongly and then you need to cite an example if possible of your past work experience where you were able to do so.

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**Question - 46:**

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 - 47:**

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 - 48:**

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 - 49:**

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 - 50:**

Tell me one thing about yourself you wouldn't want me to know?

**Ans:**

Talk about a trait that you would consider a weakness. No need to talk about your deepest darkest secrets here.

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**Question - 51:**

How much time do you need to join the organization At DTE Energy?

**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 - 52:**

What do you think we could do better or differently?

**Ans:**

This is a common one at startups. Hiring managers want to know that you not only have some background on the company, but that you're able to think critically about it and come to the table with new ideas. So, come with new ideas! What new features would you love to see? How could the company increase conversions? How could customer service be improved? You don't need to have the company's four-year strategy figured out, but do share your thoughts, and more importantly, show how your interests and expertise would lend themselves to the job.

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**Question - 53:**

Tell me something about your family background?

**Ans:**

First, always feel proud while discussing about your family background. Just simple share the details with the things that how they influenced you to work in an airline field.

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**Question - 54:**

What's a time you exercised leadership?

**Ans:**

Depending on what's more important for the 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 - 55:**

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 - 56:**

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 - 57:**



What would you do if our competitor offered you a position At DTE Energy?

**Ans:**

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

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**Question - 58:**

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 - 59:**

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 At DTE Energy. 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 - 60:**

What is your greatest weakness At DTE Energy? What are you doing to improve it?

**Ans:**

I believe my biggest weakness At DTE Energy 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 - 61:**

Are you planning to continue your studies and training At DTE Energy?

**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 - 62:**

Do you have good computer skills?

**Ans:**

It is becoming increasingly important for medical assistants to be knowledgeable about computers. If you are a long-time computer user with experience with different software applications, mention it. It is also a good idea to mention any other computer skills you have, such as a high typing rate, website creation, and more.

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**Question - 63:**

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 At DTE Energy - 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 - 64:**

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 - 65:**

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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