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### Question - 1:

Can you explain why you changed career paths At MSA?

#### Ans:

Don't be thrown off by this question-just take a deep breath and explain to the hiring manager why you've made the career decisions At MSA you have. More importantly, give a few examples of how your past experience is transferable to the new role. This doesn't have to be a direct connection; in fact, it's often more impressive when a candidate can make seemingly irrelevant experience seem very relevant to the role.

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### Question - 2:

How do you handle confidentiality in your work?

#### Ans:

Often, interviewers will ask questions to find out the level of technical knowledge At MSA that a candidate has concerning the duties of a care assistant. In a question such as this, there is an opportunity to demonstrate professional knowledge and awareness. The confidentiality of a person's medical records is an important factor for a care assistant to bear in mind.

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### Question - 3:

How do you think your colleagues at your last job would describe you?

#### Ans:

While your CV will say a lot about your work history At MSA, the interviewer will most likely look for greater detail with questions such as this. Be positive about previous experience, highlighting your own strengths.

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### Question - 4:

How well do you know our company?

#### Ans:

Well, a developed company that is gradually building their reputation in the competitive world.

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### Question - 5:

What did you like least about your last (or current) job At MSA?

#### Ans:

Don't vent or focus on the negative with brutally honest answers such as "My boss was a jerk," or "The company culture was too politically correct," or "They just weren't giving me the opportunity to take my career to the next level." Instead, keep the emphasis on the positive, even though there are sure to be things you weren't happy about.

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### Question - 6:

Did you get on well with your last manager?

#### Ans:

A dreaded question for many! When answering this question never give a negative answer. "I did not get on with my manager" or "The management did not run the business well" will show you in a negative light and reduce your chance of a job offer. Answer the question positively, emphasizing that you have been looking for a career progression. Start by telling the interviewer what you gained from your last job At MSA

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### Question - 7:



What does success mean to you?

**Ans:**

I am punctual, I always have excellent attendance on any job At MSA, 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 - 8:**

Where do you see yourself in five years At MSA?

**Ans:**

If asked this question, be honest and specific about your future goals, but consider this:

A hiring manager wants to know

\* a) if you've set realistic expectations for your career,

\* b) if you have ambition (a.k.a., this interview isn't the first time you're considering the question), and

\* c) if the position aligns with your goals and growth. Your best bet is to think realistically about where this position could take you and answer along those lines.

And if the position isn't necessarily a one-way ticket to your aspirations?

It's OK to say that you're not quite sure what the future holds, but that you see this experience playing an important role in helping you make that decision.

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**Question - 9:**

Why are you leaving the present company?

**Ans:**

According to me we can not grow in the field without taking more responsibilities and risks and also we can't enhance our team leading capabilities, managerial skills without expose to wide range of people.

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**Question - 10:**

Describe a typical work week for this position At MSA?

**Ans:**

Interviewers expect a candidate for employment to discuss what they do while they are working in detail. Before you answer, consider the position At MSA you are applying for and how your current or past positions relate to it. The more you can connect your past experience with the job opening, the more successful you will be at answering the questions.

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**Question - 11:**

Do you have any question regarding this job At MSA?

**Ans:**

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

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**Question - 12:**

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 - 13:**

Explain an occasion when you had to adapt in the face of a difficult situation?

**Ans:**

One of the most useful interview tactics is to remain positive about your work and achievements. This question lets the candidate draw on their own personal history to show how they have been positive and successful in the face of difficulties. Choose a specific occasion to describe, rather than dealing with generic platitudes.

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**Question - 14:**

Have you got any questions?

**Ans:**

This is your final opportunity to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job. Now is not the time to ask questions about holidays, pay or pensions - all these things can be asked later when you get an offer of employment. Now is the time to ask about any reservations that the interviewer may have about your suitability for the role. You will then give yourself one last chance to persuade the interviewer that you are the right candidate for the job.

Example Thank you. I think we have covered everything. Before we finish the interview I would like to take the opportunity to ask if you have any reservations about my suitability for this role?

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**Question - 15:**

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 - 16:**

How would you observe the level of motivation of your subordinates?

**Ans:**

Choosing the right metrics and comparing productivity of everyone on daily basis is a good answer, doesn't matter in which company you apply for a supervisory role.

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**Question - 17:**

What are your salary expectations At MSA?

**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 - 18:**

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 - 19:**

What schedule do you hope to work? Are you willing to work extra hours?

**Ans:**

Be honest. If you really want the job and are willing to work any schedule needed, say so. If, however, you have no intention of working late hours or weekends, simply let the interviewer know the hours that you are available to work. The same applies to extra hours. You are more likely to be hired if you are willing to work any time you are needed. However, saying that you are willing and then complaining about the hours once you start working is a recipe for disaster.

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**Question - 20:**

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 - 21:**

Where do you see yourself professionally five years from now At MSA?

**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 - 22:**

How do you evaluate your ability to handle conflict?

**Ans:**

I pride myself on being a good problem solver. Through my previous job and management positions I have faced numerous conflicts in different situations, and my



experiences have helped me to hone my issue resolution skills. I believe that it is important to get to and address the root of the issue, in a respectable manner.

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### Question - 23:

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 - 24:

Tell me about a time when you successfully handled a situation?

#### Ans:

For this question, the interviewer wants to know what you do in a situation that doesn't have a clear answer. This will help the interviewer know how you respond to unforeseen challenges.

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### Question - 25:

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 - 26:

Tell us about a suggestion you have made that has benefited an organization you've worked for?

#### Ans:

This is another opportunity to show the interviewer what you're capable of so make sure to be prepared for this type of question. Have an example ready and make sure its an example of a suggestion you've made that was accepted and that have positive influence. If you can come up with an example that relates to the position you're applying for that would be even better.

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### Question - 27:

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 - 28:

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 - 29:

Explain me about a problem or disagreement you had with previous supervisor?

#### Ans:

This question is trap. It is meant to see whether or not you'll speak poorly of an employer. No one wants to hire someone who's going to speak poorly of them down the road. Stay upbeat and positive - and most of all don't say anything negative about a previous employer.

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### Question - 30:

Tell us something about yourself?

#### Ans:

Bad Answer: Candidates who ramble on about themselves without regard for information that will actually help the interviewer make a decision, or candidates who actually provide information showing they are unfit for the job.



Good answer: An answer that gives the interviewer a glimpse of the candidate's personality, without veering away from providing information that relates to the job. Answers should be positive, and not generic.

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### Question - 31:

Tell me why do you want this job At MSA?

#### 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 - 32:

If you were given more initiatives than you could handle, what would you do?

#### Ans:

First prioritize the important activities that impact the business most. Then discuss the issue of having too many initiatives with the boss so that it can be offloaded. Work harder to get the initiatives done.

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### Question - 33:

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 - 34:

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

#### Ans:

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

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### Question - 35:

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 - 36:

Describe your work style?

#### 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 - 37:

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 - 38:

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 - 39:

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



**Ans:**

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

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**Question - 40:**

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 - 41:**

If someone had to say something negative to you, what would they say?

**Ans:**

Again, be honest about sharing a story here about someone who may not have gotten along with you in the office here and explain how you were able to fix that relationship or change your attitude/action to be a better person / coworker.

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**Question - 42:**

Do you value recognition or pay more? Why?

**Ans:**

Either preference is fine, but just remember you have to be able to explain why. If you say recognition, then back that up by describing how achievement really carries weight with you and how you like to feel valued in the work that you do because it validates that you're helping your teammates / customers and so forth. If you choose money, you can also explain that is important to you as validation and you can highlight how money is important to you because of your goals (financial security, providing for your family, and so forth). The key is to be authentic with your answer. However, if you say you value pay more because you're greedy - know that doesn't align usually to most company's values/vision.

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**Question - 43:**

If you could offer suggestions on how to improve our company, what would you say?

**Ans:**

Examine the trends of the company and also where there may be some weaknesses (news articles often document this on public companies or look at their competitors to see how they're positioning it against them.) Then, once you have that knowledge, think creatively on how you could improve upon that weakness for them.

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**Question - 44:**

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 - 45:**

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 - 46:**

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 - 47:**





How important is a positive attitude to you?

**Ans:**

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

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**Question - 48:**

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 - 49:**

Describe to me a time where you had to make a hard decision At MSA?

**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 - 50:**

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 - 51:**

Why should we give you this job At MSA when someone else is equally qualified?

**Ans:**

Describe how you're unique, but make sure you tie it to the job responsibilities and how you would impact the company. For example, "I believe my unique programming skills and experience in developing over 18 best selling iphone apps will help the company develop high quality applications faster than my competitors"

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**Question - 52:**

What do you expect to be earning in 5 years At MSA?

**Ans:**

Discuss how you expect yourself to be excellent at your job. Thus, it would be reasonable to expect pay that is based on the merit of your work.

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**Question - 53:**

Describe what a "lot of work" looks like to you At MSA?

**Ans:**

Ideally you'd like to state that you can take on a lot of work - this shows your work ethic, but at the same time it's okay to tell them that you value work and life balance.

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**Question - 54:**

What techniques and tools do you use to keep yourself organized At MSA?

**Ans:**

Utilizing a calendar, having a notebook with your "to do" list, focusing on your top 3 priorities each and every day, utilizing a systematic way of storing documents on your computer (like box.net)

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**Question - 55:**

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 MSA - 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 - 56:**

What is your greatest achievement outside of work At MSA?

**Ans:**

This is a great opportunity for you to discuss how you've given back to the community, how you've achieved in a competitive extracurricular activity (think sports or clubs), how you've mentored others, and so forth.

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**Question - 57:**

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 - 58:**

What do you like to do for fun?

**Ans:**

Be open to sharing hobbies and activities that you enjoy. Make sure you're genuine about it and don't list off things you don't really like because if they ask you a follow up question it'll be harder for you to answer.

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**Question - 59:**

If selected for this position At MSA, 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 - 60:**

Why did you choose your major in college or tech school?

**Ans:**

People usually choose their major based on their passions or the career path they want to head towards.

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**Question - 61:**

How do you take "No" for an answer?

**Ans:**

You want to be persistent enough to understand why someone is saying no so that you could potentially convince them otherwise with a sound reason. However, if they are still saying "no" to you, then you need to humbly accept their position and move on.

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**Question - 62:**

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 MSA. 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 - 63:**

What does "thinking outside the box" mean to you?

**Ans:**

It means not doing things exactly the same way as everyone else. You've got to challenge the status quo and bring something new to the business.

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**Question - 64:**

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 - 65:**

What specific steps do you utilize in solving workplace problems?

**Ans:**



Analyze the problem At MSA. 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 - 66:**

Who has been an inspiration for you?

**Ans:**

Cite your role models (possible examples could be your parents, people successful in the industry, world leaders, etc)

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