

2nd Chance - March 2010 Newsletter

Interviews...love 'em or leave 'em?

Who wouldn't leave them if we could? Let's face it, it's probably safe to assume interviews are not on most people's "Fav 5" list! The good news? ...the more prepared you are the easier it is to love 'em or at the very least like 'em!

Below are a few questions to challenge your interview smarts.

Just a taste of what you might need to know so be sure to meet with our staff to help you master these tough questions and much more!



Question: True or false: being the most qualified candidate for the position just about guarantees you will get the job.

Answer: The answer is False. Often the person who looked best on paper falls flat in the interview and is not offered the job. Remember, being the most qualified gets you the interview; you need to prepare before hand and do the rest once you're there.

Question: When the interviewer asks you the question, "tell me about yourself," she really wants what in response?

- A. a 10-minute detailed story of your life, from birth to present
- B. a concise narrative of your personal and professional background and goals and how they relate to the job at hand
- C. a short narrative of your personal life

Answer: The answer is B. This question gives you the chance to sell yourself specifically to the position. The interviewer wants a snapshot of you -- as described by you -- in about two minutes or less. The interviewer wants to know the part about you that makes you an ideal candidate for the job at hand, so be prepared to discuss how your education and experience relate to the job opening.

Question: The best thing to do in an interview when you get a question that stumps you temporarily is:

- A. sit there and just stare at the interviewer
- B. keep saying, "good question, good question"
- C. respond with, "I just really can't answer that"
- D. paraphrase the question while giving yourself time to think



Answer: The correct answer is D. The first three are all not great choices because they show that you are unprepared for that question -- and perhaps the entire interview. You need to respond, and you need to do so in a positive and constructive manner. Does even the most experienced interviewee get stumped? Of course, and that's where you need to have a strategy to gain a little more time to compose an answer.

Adapted from the Quintessential Careers website @ http://www.quintcareers.com/job_interviewing_quiz.html



"I'm a great believer in luck,
and I find the harder I work the more I have of it"
Thomas Jefferson



Remember!

**Set your clock
ahead 1 hour on
Sunday March
15th, 2010!**



**"I'd like mornings better if they started later"
Author Unknown**