Extension Specialist Interview Questions

1. Provide an example of a time when you were able to demonstrate excellent listening skills. What was the
situation and outcome?
2. Describe research you have conducted. How did you publish your findings?
3. What is the most challenging part of budgeting for you?
4. Name a time when your advice to management led to an improvement in your company or otherwise helped
your employer.
5. Please share with me an example of how you helped coach or mentor someone. What improvements did
you see in the person's knowledge or skills?
6. Provide an example of when you set expectations and monitored the performance of subordinates. What
guidance and direction did you find most effective?
7. Describe an experience in which you identified the educational needs of your students and successfully
developed a way to teach/train them.
8. In your experience, what is the key to developing a good team? (Look for how they build mutual trust,
respect, and cooperation.)
9. Provide an example of a time when you successfully organized a diverse group of people to accomplish a
task.
10. What is the key to success when communicating with the public.
11. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.
12. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the
candidate has open lines of communication.)
13. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.

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14. What are some long-range objectives that you developed in your last job? What did you do to achieve
them?
15. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your company?
16. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?
17. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best
solution to a problem.
18. Would you consider analyzing data or information a strength? How so?
19. In your experience, what is the key to ensuring your company was compliant with all laws, regulations and
standards that were applicable to your area of responsibility?
20. Share an effective approach to working with a large amount of information/data. How has your approach
affected your company?