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1. Share an experience in which you've successfully learned how to handle a new piece of equipment?
2. Tell me about a recent experience you've had working with your hands.
3. Describe methods you have found effective to inspect product load for accuracy and safely move it around
the warehouse or facility to ensure timely and complete delivery.
4. How do you stay fit in order to perform physical activities that are required in the workplace?
5. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine
which information was relevant?
6. What kind of experience do you have moving levers or controls that operate lifting devices, such as
forklifts, lift beams with swivel-hooks, hoists, or elevating platforms, to load, unload, transport, or stack
material?
7. Name a time when you moved controls to drive gasoline- or electric-powered trucks, cars, or tractors and
transport materials between loading, processing, and storage areas.
8. Share your approach to manually or mechanically load or unload materials from pallets, skids, platforms,
cars, lifting devices, or other transport vehicles.
9. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.
10. Describe an experience in which you successfully controlled the operation of a difficult system. What made you successful?
made you successful?
11. Share an example of when you went above and beyond the "call of duty". (Look for answers that show the
candidate is dependable.)
12. What is the most challenging part of operating or tending automatic stacking, loading, packaging, or
cutting machines?
13. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last

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company.
14. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you
respond?
15. Tell me about a time when you developed your own way of doing things or were self-motivated to finish
an important task.
16. Name a time when your patience was tested. How did you keep your emotions in check?
17. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.
18. How do you balance cooperation with others and independent thinking? Share an example. (Try to
determine if the candidate has a cooperative attitude or is otherwise good-natured.)
19. Share a time when you willingly took on additional responsibilities or challenges. How did you
successfully meet all of the demands of these responsibilities? (Make sure the candidate is a self-starter and
can demonstrate some initiative.)
20. Provide a time when you worked in a rapidly evolving workplace. How did you deal with the change?
(Make sure the candidate is flexible.)