

Machine Setter Interview Questions

1. Describe a time when you successfully serviced, repaired, or tested a machine or device that operates mainly by mechanical principles.

2. Share an experience in which you oversaw the assembly, fabrication, construction, maintenance, or modification of equipment. How did you communicate to the staff what you wanted?

3. Share your approach to effectively insert shims, adjusted tension on nuts and bolts, or position parts, using hand tools and measuring instruments, to set specified clearances between moving and stationary parts.

4. What kind of experience do you have aligning machines and equipment, using hoists, jacks, hand tools, squares, rules, micrometers, and plumb bobs?

5. Share an experience in which you've successfully learned how to handle a new piece of equipment?

6. Tell me about a recent experience you've had working with your hands.

7. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.

8. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best solution to a problem.

9. Share an experience in which your diligence of inspecting equipment, structures, or materials helped you identify a problem or the cause of a problem.

10. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine which information was relevant?

11. Share an experience in which you successfully installed a difficult piece of equipment. What made the situation so difficult?

12. Tell me about your qualifications for and your experience handling vehicles and/or mechanized equipment.

13. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.

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14. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?

15. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last company.

16. Tell me about the last time you performed routine maintenance on equipment. How did you determine when and what type of work was needed?

17. Provide an example when your ethics were tested.

18. What is the most challenging part of signaling crane operator to lower basic assembly units to bedplate, and align unit to centerline? Have you developed your own system?

19. Name a time when your patience was tested. How did you keep your emotions in check?

20. 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.)