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1. Share an experience in which you measured finished workpieces to ensure conformance to specifications.
2. Share an experience in which your diligence of inspecting equipment, structures, or materials helped you
identify a problem or the cause of a problem.
3. Share an experience in which you've successfully learned how to handle a new piece of equipment?
4. Tell me about a recent experience you've had working with your hands.
5. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best
solution to a problem.
6. What have you found to be the best way to monitor the performance of your work and/or the work of
others? Share a time when you had to take corrective action.
7. Describe a time when you successfully serviced, repaired, or tested a machine or device that operates
mainly by mechanical principles.
8. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the
candidate has open lines of communication.)
9. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you
respond?
10. Share an experience in which you conducted a test of a product, service, or process and successfully
improved the quality or performance.
11. Name a time when you identified strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions to problems. What was
the impact?
12. Share an experience in which you listened to and identified a problem with a machine. How did you
resolve the problem?
13. Provide an experience in which you mounted and/or installed tools, attachments, fixtures, and workpieces

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on machines.
14. Describe your experience using hoists and cranes.
15. Provide an experience in which you manually adjusted machines or machine controls.
16. Share an experience in which you effectively modified a cutting program to account for a problem
encountered during operation.
17. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your company?
company:
18. Share an effective approach to working with a large amount of information/data. How has your approach
affected your company?
19. Provide an experience in which you accurately calculated machine speed and feed ratios and the size and
position of cuts.
20. Describe an experience in which you successfully controlled the operation of a difficult system. What
made you successful?
21. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last
company.
22. Describe an experience in which you effectively set up and operated computer-controlled machines or
robots.
23. Share an effective method you have used to ensure that workpieces are properly lubricated an cooled
during machine operation.
24. Provide your experience entering commands into machines.
25. Share an example of when you went above and beyond the "call of duty". (Look for answers that show the
candidate is dependable.)

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26. Share an experience in which you transferred commands from servers to computer numerical control
modules, using computer network links.
27. Share an experience in which you conferred with supervisors and/or programmers to resolve a machine
malfunction.
28. 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.)
29. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine
which information was relevant?
30. 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?