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1. Provide an example of a time when you were able to demonstrate excellent listening skills. What was the situation and outcome?
2. How do you ensure that loan agreements are complete and accurate?
3. Name a time when your advice to management led to an improvement in your company or otherwise helped your employer.
4. Describe an experience in which you identified the educational needs of your students and successfully developed a way to teach/train them.
5. Provide an example of a time when you successfully organized a diverse group of people to accomplish a task.
6. What is the key to success when communicating with the public.
7. Describe a time when you successfully provided personal assistance to a coworker or patron.
8. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.
9. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the candidate has open lines of communication.)
10. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.
11. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your company?
12. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?
13. Would you consider analyzing data or information a strength? How so?
14. Share an effective approach to working with a large amount of information/data. How has your approach affected your company?

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15. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you respond?
16. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine which information was relevant?
17. Name a time when you identified strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions to problems. What was the impact?
18. Please share an experience in which you presented to a group. What was the situation and how did it go?
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. 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?
21. Share an experience in which your ability to consider the costs or benefits of a potential action helped you choose the most appropriate action.
22. Provide an example when you were able to prevent a problem because you foresaw the reaction of another person.
23. Provide an experience in which your ability to actively find ways to help people improved your company or your own work ethic.
24. How would you rate your writing skills? (Ask for an example that demonstrates great writing skills.)
25. Provide an example when your ethics were tested.
26. Provide a time when you dealt calmly and effectively with a high-stress situation.
27. Provide an experience that demonstrates your ability to manage time effectively. What were the challenges

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and results?
28. Please share an experience in which you successfully taught a difficult principle or concept. How were you
able to be successful?
29. Share an experience in which you used new training skills, ideas, or a method to adapt to a new situation
or improve an ongoing one. (Look for the candidate's ability to learn.)
30. Provide a time when you worked in a rapidly evolving workplace. How did you deal with the change?
(Make sure the candidate is flexible.)