



Interview Questions: The Future



Q. What are you looking for in your next job? What is important to you?

A. You can start your answer with this question: Tell me, Mr./Mrs. Interviewer, what is the normal career path at (company name) for someone with my skills and experience?

(You can then answer the question using what they have told you to help).

What is important to you? Two things are very important to me. One is being professional at work; the second is doing something that helps people.



Q. What are your goals for the next five years / ten years?

A. The best way to answer is to talk about the job you are applying for.

Don't talk about goals like going to college or having a family, they are not relevant and could put the employer off. Examples of good answers are:

- My long-term goals involve growing with a company where I can learn, take on new tasks, and help the company to develop.
- Once I gain more experience, I would like to look at taking on more responsibility.
- What is the usual career path for someone with my skills and experiences?



Q. How do you plan to achieve those goals?

A. As a follow-up the interviewer will often ask how you plan to achieve your goals. A good answer to this question will be about what you are going to achieve and how you are going to achieve it. Examples of good answers are:

- I plan on learning more skills by doing night classes.

- I noticed that you provide in-house training for employees and I would be interested in doing training that would be relevant.
- I will continue my development by taking part in conferences, attending seminars, and continuing my studies.



Q. What wages do you need to earn- both short-term and long-term?

A. Before you start talking pay (and salary negotiations) with an employer, you need to find out how much the job (and you) are worth. You will need to take the time to find out about wages so, you can get what you're worth and a job offer that's realistic and reasonable.

Salary Negotiations

Once you know what you should be earning, how do you go about getting it? Start by being patient. When interviewing for a new job, do your best not to bring up wages until the employer makes you an offer. If you're asked, say that they are open to ideas based on the position and the overall package.



Q. What will you do if you don't get this position?

A. When you're applying for an internal position within your company, you may be asked what you will do if you don't get the job. The interviewer wants to know how this will affect you.

Best Answer

I am committed to this company so if I didn't get the job, I will work with and support whoever does. However, I do feel that my experience in the department and with the team would make me the best candidate.