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Interview Questions

1. **Tell me something about yourself:**

I've held a 4.26 GPA throughout high school, and have volunteered at the Portage District Library, and the Bronson Marathon multiple times. I've also taught myself how to program in multiple languages.

2. **Tell me about the work you've been doing**

I have taken the highest courses available to me in school, and I've been pushing myself outside of class to learn how to program in Swift for iPhones, and Arduino to program microcontrollers, which are small programmable chips that can control actual hardware, not just computer programs.

3. **What is your Strongest Asset**

My strongest asset is my ability to solve problems. In problems involving working on something mechanical, I can think of a simple and efficient way that will actually work smoothly, and explain it clearly so that other members of a team will be able to understand what I'm thinking of.

4. **Do you prefer working with others or alone?**

I enjoy working both independently and in a group. In a group, lots of work can be divided among multiple people, or to one large problem that could use the brainpower. Working independently, I can usually work much faster on problems that I don't need outside help with.

5. **Are you familiar with the details of the job?**

Yes, I have been servicing cars for multiple years now, and have been doing at my main hobby. I've learned a lot of tricks along the way, and have also managed to keep myself safe and without a scratch the whole time.

6. **Why are you interested in Firestone?** I'm interested in Firestone because of the quality of work done in the shop. I've seen installations done, and these are done with no visible or running errors. Things are done correctly, not quickly.

7. **Why did you leave your last job?**

I did not have a last job

8. **What are your future career plans?**

In ten years from now, I plan to be the owner of a software company. I've dedicated lots of my own time to learn how to program and will be setting up projects to teach myself more advanced aspects of programming computer applications.

9. **Describe yourself in 5 words:**

I pay attention to details

10. **Why do you think you might like to work for Firestone?**

I want to work for Firestone because I have seen that the work done is top notch. I can match the quality of the work, and keep giving the customers to come back for other work they need done.

11. **What jobs have you held? How were they obtained? why did you leave?**

N/A

**12. What do you know about Firestone?**

I know that firestone has been around for over 40 years and has car care academies to teach the average person how to maintain their own cars, and keep them lasting longer. I also know that you offer emergency avoidance programs for teens, which could save many lives.

**13. What qualifications do you have for this job?**

I've worked on over 40 cars, and done work from an oil change to a full performance exhaust system installation. Every time, I take precautions, and have not had a single problem so far.

**14. What are your ideas on salary?**

I'm willing to be flexible with my salary.

**15. Why do you think you would like this particular type of job?**

I would like this job because I've already been doing the same work willingly in my free time for fun. I love working on cars, or anything else mechanical.

**16. What kind of boss do you prefer?**

I prefer a boss that is fair with what they do, and works hard.

**17. How did previous employers treat you?**

I was treated with respect, and treated like I could handle the tasks at hand. I was not treated like a little kid, and was not attached to a leash.

**18. Do you like routine work?**

I realize that I will have to do it for almost any job, so I'm fine with it.

**19. Do you prefer regular hours?**

I'm flexible with hours

**20. What is your major weakness?**

My major weakness is to not accept that something is as good as it can be. My friends would tell me to step a foot back from something that I've been spending hours to perfect, and looking from a foot away, I'd have no idea the problem was even there. I would keep going to make it absolutely perfect.

**21. What jobs/classes/assignments/have you enjoyed the most?**

I've enjoyed my honors physics and accounting classes the most. In physics, I have had a lot of hands on work, and solved mechanical problems successfully. In accounting, I'm learning a skill that will help me personally, and in a business setting.

**22. How often have you been absent from work of from school.**

I've only missed one day a year for the last two years in high school due to traveling. I've missed a few more classes in the spring due to track meets.

**23. What are your special abilities? Give examples.**

I can solve problems quickly, think of simple solutions, and have excellent public speaking skills.

**24. What job in the company do you want to work toward?**

Over the next few years, I will work as hard as possible toward becoming the president of Firestone.

**25. What kind of work interests you?**

I'm open to any kind of automotive work done here. I can do the mechanical work myself, but I can also handle a group of people working under my supervision.

**26. How about overtime work?**

If I'm able to, I'm easily willing to stay and work overtime.

**27. What have you done which shows initiative and willingness to work?**

During my entire high school career, I haven't ended up with a single missing assignment.

**28. What have you learned from previous work experience?**

I've learned that it is always important to complete work with full effort, even if it does not seem like it is something.

**29. What are the most important considerations for you choosing a job?**

An important part of a job is that I will receive top notch training for my position.

**30. What do you see yourself doing 5 years from now? 10 years from now?**

In the future I see myself as a manager of this branch, and in the future, move to higher corporate positions.

**31. Were you ever fired/quit?**

Never fired or quit.

**32. Why should I hire you?**

Hire me because I'm willing to work hard, and If I can't do something, I'm willing to learn and put in as much as I can to get the job done as well as can be done.

**33. Could you explain this gap in your work history?**

I've never had a gap in work history.

**34. Any questions?**

What can I do now to prepare for the job?