WILD-CARD INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Wild-card interview questions are posed to see how you handle off-the-wall situations. An interviewer wants to gauge your ability to maintain composure and not get flustered. These questions also provide the opportunity to assess your sense of humor.

Most importantly, these questions present you with the opportunity to showcase your ingenuity and tailor your response to the company and position. For example

- Q: If you could trade places with any other person for a week, famous or not famous, living or dead, real or fictional, with whom would you trade?
- A: I would trade places with you and give me the job, because I know it's a choice that you would never regret!

Sample Wild-Card Interview Questions¹

- 1. If you could have dinner with anyone from history, who would it be, and why?
- 2. What did you want to be when you were 10 years old?
- 3. What would I find in your refrigerator?
- 4. List 3 words that describe your character.
- 5. List 3 positive character traits you DON'T have.
- 6. If you were a color, what color would you be and why?
- 7. If you had the opportunity to switch to the opposite gender for just a week, would you do it? Why or why not?
- 8. If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who would you like to see play the lead role as you?
- 9. If you could be a superhero, what would you want your superpowers to be?
- 10. If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?
- 11. If you had to be shipwrecked on a deserted island, but all your human needs such as food and water were taken care of, what two items would you want to have with you?
- 12. If you had six months with no obligations or financial constraints, what would you do with the time?
- 13. If you could compare yourself with any animal, which would it be and why?

¹ see http://www.quintcareers.com/interview_question_database/wild-card_interview_questions.html for examples of sample responses.

- 14. If you were a type of food, what type of food would you be?
- 15. If you won \$20 million in the lottery, what would you do with the money?
- 16. If you were a car, what kind would you be?
- 17. Who do you admire the most and why?
- 18. In the news story about your life, what would the headline say?
- 19. If you could be a candy bar, what would you be and why?
- 20. If you were a Star Wars character, which one would it be?