

## **QUESTIONS TO ASK AN EMPLOYER**

- 1. What are the top 3 priorities for the position in the first 6 months?
- 2. What would success look like in the first year?
- 3. What is the current budget that accompanies this position?
- 4. How many direct reports will this position have?
- 5. What is the career path for the position?
- 6. What members of the management team have direct sales field experience?
- 7. Does the company executive team participate in any type of team buildingexercises?
- 8. What would be the top 3 reasons the last person failed in the position?
- **9.** What is the culture at the company?
- 10. Based on my background how do I match up to what you are looking for?

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- 11. Does the company provide any higher education opportunities?
- **12.** Where does this position sit in the organizational chart?
- **13.** What is your management style?
- **14.** What's the mission of the company?
- **15.** What is the vision of the company?
- **16.** Is there a written strategic 5-year plan in place?
- 17. Are there currently any legal issues at the company?
- **18.** Have you ever been subject to an FTC investigation?
- **19.** How are decisions made at the company?
- **20.** Who makes decisions?

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- **21.** What does the decision-making tree look like?
- **22.** How much decision-making autonomy is normal?
- 23. Does the company use outside consultants and if so what type?
- **24.** How often does the senior management team meet?
- **25.** Do you have a field advisory board?
- **26.** What is the tenure of the senior management team?
- **27.** How often do you introduce new products?
- **28.** What is your internal meeting cadence?
- **29.** How often does the founder visit the field?
- **30.** Is there a formalized review process in place?

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- **31.** How often are KPI review meetings taking place?
- **32.** When was the last time someone in this position was promoted?
- **33.** How are budgets established and prioritized?
- **34.** What type of leadership development training is offered to the field?
- **35.** Is this position allowed to attend DSA events?
- **36.** What is your technology stack look like?
- **37.** Is there a Quality Management System in place?
- **38.** Who does the position report to?
- **39.** Do you have any hesitancy about hiring me?
- **40.** Any compensation plan changes planned?

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- **41.** When was the last compensation plan review?
- 42. What are the management skills and experiences you're looking for in an ideal candidate?
- **43.** What digital media platforms are performing best?
- **44.** Do you have any live streaming capabilities?
- **45.** What number of your products are made in the USA?
- **46.** What makes your company unique?
- **47.** What are the next steps?
- **48.** Who owns the company?
- **49.** Can I answer any final questions for you?
- **50.** Can I expect to hear back from you?

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