

Re: Test questions? (off topic)

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"Jeff Cochran" <jcochran.nospam@naplesgov.com> wrote in message
news:40a98f20.341950759@msnews.microsoft.com...

- > *"Users can not print to any network printer. The network printers are*
- > *setup as TCPIP printers on a Windows Server. Other network functions*
- > *on the server are working normally. What is the first thing you*
- > *should do to resolve the situation:"*
- >
- > *The answer may very well be "Plug the switch all the network printers*
- > *are attached to back in and unplug the coffepot like you meant to."*

It is also misleading. TCP/IP Printers don't use Servers (not counting the obvious card in the Printer). While Shared Printers (shared from a server) aren't considered TCP/IP Printers since they are only TCP/IP Printers from the sharing Server's perspective. Yet this question says "TCPIP printers on a Windows Server" which leaves the person not knowing what is really meant by the thing.

- > *And the killer that would make me walk is any OSI model question.*
- > *When I see questions about the OSI model, I know the employer has no*
- > *clue about the job they're hiring for. Except for network analysts*
- > *and engineers I have yet to find anyone who uses the OSI model in*
- > *real-world scenarios.*

Not sure I'd agree here unless the questions focus on the upper layers. But a ton of questions people write into these group for their problems wouldn't even be a problem to begin with it they had a good understanding of the relationship of the lower four Layers

- > *test like this is used as an exclusion. But, there's really only one*
- > *type of applicant you want to hire after giving this test anyway.*
- > *That's the one who comes back and says "I've written answers for most*
- > *of these, but let's discuss what you'd do and why you do it that way*
- > *so I can get a feel for what you're looking for in me performing your*
- > *job functions."*

My thoughts exactly. I would ask the interviewer if the guy who wrote the

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test worked there. If he did, I would hand the test back and tell them that if the guy who wrote the test would be willing to do it as an "oral exam" where I would have the opportunity to question him about the "context" of the questions, and then give "oral" answers that can cover variances in situations, then that would be fine. Otherwise there isn't any point in taking a test because it would not accurately reflect my abilities.

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