

# Store Manager 7.1 (Americas) Interview Report

**Candidate name:**

Sample Candidate



**Percentile: 55%**

 **Recommended**

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## Instructions

This guide provides interviewers with a standard set of questions that can be used to further evaluate important candidate competencies. Along with the interview questions, you will find instructions for how to best carry out the interview, question probes to help facilitate conversations, and a rating guide to help you score each response.

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### **Prepare for the Interview:**

In order to conduct an effective interview, appropriate preparation needs to take place. It is important to complete the following before interviewing an applicant:

- Become familiar with the competencies associated with the job and choose one or two questions from each competency to ask the interviewee.
- Review the candidate's application or resume and make note of any issues that you need to follow-up on. Some examples of potential issues are gaps in employment or working at a job for less than a year.

### **Greeting and Introduction:**

Now you are ready to meet the applicant. When greeting the applicant, introduce yourself and provide him/her some background information about yourself. Explain the purpose of the interview, for example, 'The purpose of the interview is to determine if there is a match between your interests and qualifications and the position.' Provide the interviewee with a brief overview of the interview structure so that he/she knows what to expect. Here are some tips for structuring the interview:

- Take notes. It will make it easier to evaluate the applicants afterward without forgetting the specific details.
- Tell the applicant that there will be time at the end of the interview for any questions that he/she may have.
- At the end of the interview tell the applicant about the company and the specific job that he/she is applying for.

### **Ask Competency-based Interview Questions:**

Now you are ready to begin asking questions. Begin with questions that you have about the interviewee's application or resume. Ask questions about his/her previous work history or any potential issues that you noticed from the resume. When these are complete, transition into the structured part of the interview by asking questions associated with competencies for the job. Probe the applicant to give you a complete answer by asking Situation, Behavior, Outcome probes.

### **Bring the Interview to a Close:**

When all of the questions are asked, you need to close the interview. Give the applicant specific details including the job duties, hours worked, compensation, and information about the company. Sell the position and company to the applicant by emphasizing job fit, sources for job satisfaction, and opportunity for growth. Finally, close the interview by thanking the candidate for his/her time and by giving him/her a timeline for the application process.

### **Rate the Applicant:**

The last step is to evaluate the candidate. Some tips to help you complete a good evaluation are:


- Review your notes.
- Determine ratings for the applicant on each competency as well as an overall rating by using the anchor scales.
- Determine your final recommendation.

## Management Potential



This is a measure of the potential for managerial success across industry type and functional area. This is characterized by scores that are derived from responses to questions regarding academic and social background, and aspirations concerning work.

 Tell me about a time when you had to work under pressure to complete a task.

 **Situation:** What was the situation? Where were you receiving pressure from (time constraints, supervisor, budget, etc.)?

 **Behavior:** What steps did you take to alleviate the pressure?

 **Outcome:** What was the outcome?

 Looking into the future, tell me about your career goals and aspirations.

 **Situation:** What are your career goals and aspirations?

 **Behavior:** What steps do you plan to take to achieve these goals?

 **Outcome:** What outcome do you hope to achieve by reaching these goals?

 Tell me about a time when you received recognition for your supervisory accomplishments.

 **Situation:** When did you receive recognition for your accomplishments?

 **Behavior:** What did you specifically do to receive recognition?

 **Outcome:** What was the outcome for receiving recognition?

<p><b>Below Average</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Does not work well under pressure and time constraints.</p> <p>Can only work on one task at a time without getting distracted.</p> <p>Does not have a clear vision of plans for the future.</p> <p>Has not received recognition for supervisory tasks.</p> <p>Does not collaborate well with others when working on a team.</p>
<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Sometimes is able to handle pressure situations, while at other times is not able to handle the pressure.</p> <p>Is able to work on multiple tasks a time but at times misses deadlines.</p> <p>Has goals for the future but does not have the desire to advance in their career.</p> <p>Has received some recognition for supervisory accomplishments.</p> <p>Collaborates with others most of the time; may at times have difficulty accepting the ideas of others.</p>
<p><b>Above Average</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Handles pressure very well from all types of sources (time, colleagues).</p> <p>Can balance multiple tasks and completes all deadlines.</p> <p>Has explicit future goals and aspirations; has goals to continuously advance in career.</p> <p>Has received significant recognition for supervisory accomplishments.</p> <p>Collaborates well with others and is a great asset when working on a team.</p>

## Management Judgment



This is a tendency to make good judgments about how to effectively respond to work situations. This is determined by scores derived from the candidate's responses to questions regarding situations one would likely encounter as a manager.

**Tell me about a time when you demonstrated your ability to be a reliable supervisor.**

**Situation:** What was the situation?

**Behavior:** How did you demonstrate that you were reliable?

**Outcome:** What was the outcome?

**Tell me about a time when you encountered a performance problem with an employee and how you handled it.**

**Situation:** What was the situation? What was the performance issue?

**Behavior:** What did you do to handle the issue?

**Outcome:** What was the outcome when you handled the issue?

**Tell me about a time when you were supervising others and had to delegate responsibilities for a task.**

**Situation:** Who were you supervising?

**Behavior:** What steps did you take to delegate responsibility?

**Outcome:** What was the outcome?




<p><b>Below Average</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Does not demonstrate patience when working with others.</p> <p>Is not able to handle performance problems in a private and professional manner.</p> <p>Takes on all tasks without delegating to others; delegates all tasks to others.</p> <p>Is inconsistent and unreliable in his/her actions.</p> <p>Is not open to speaking about issues with others; isolates self from establishing relationships within the workplace.</p>
<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Sometimes is patient, but at other times gets frustrated when working with others.</p> <p>Usually handles performance problems in a professional manner; at times handles issues in public.</p> <p>Is able to delegate tasks, but sometimes delegates too many or too few.</p> <p>At times is seen as inconsistent and unreliable, but most of the time is reliable.</p> <p>Will occasionally open up with others and listen to their issues.</p>
<p><b>Above Average</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Exhibits patience in work situations.</p> <p>Is able to handle performance issues in a private and professional manner.</p> <p>Finds an effective balance between delegating and completing tasks without help.</p> <p>Is consistent and reliable in his/her actions.</p> <p>Is open and understanding when dealing with others; is available for others when they need someone to talk with.</p>

## Responsibility






This component measures the tendency of a person's responsibility for his/her own actions and a commitment to performing assigned tasks. This trait is characterized by: reliability; proactive involvement in work; and a dedication to complete even the most mundane tasks.




 Tell me about a time when you had to complete many routine and dull tasks for a significant time period.

-  **Situation:** What were the mundane tasks?
-  **Behavior:** How did you stay committed to these tasks?
-  **Outcome:** Did you complete all the dull tasks?

 Describe a situation where you had to prioritize levels of a project and develop and follow a project plan.

-  **Situation:** What project were you working to complete?
-  **Behavior:** How did you prioritize and plan?
-  **Outcome:** What was the outcome of the project?

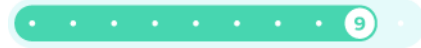
 Tell me about a time when you worked with numerous deadlines, meetings, and appointments. Describe how you handled these tasks.

-  **Situation:** What was the situation?
-  **Behavior:** How did you manage all your responsibilities?
-  **Outcome:** What was the outcome?



<p><b>Below Average</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Avoids working on routine or mundane tasks.</p> <p>Appears unreliable to complete certain tasks.</p> <p>Has problems properly planning for difficult or mundane projects.</p> <p>Will likely procrastinate with work that is viewed as dull or not interesting and will fall behind in completing it in a timely manner.</p> <p>Is easily distracted out of boredom.</p>
<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Works on mundane or boring tasks on a limited basis.</p> <p>Sometimes has difficulty planning for projects that contain boring work.</p> <p>Occasionally procrastinates on work that is viewed as difficult.</p> <p>Assigns work that is not stimulating to coworkers if possible.</p> <p>Has trouble completing difficult or mundane tasks in a timely fashion.</p>
<p><b>Above Average</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Approaches work in an orderly and efficient manner.</p> <p>Motivated to fulfill work obligations regardless of the difficulty or dullness of the tasks.</p> <p>Accomplishes work on time without procrastinating.</p> <p>Carefully plans for all work tasks or projects that require planning.</p> <p>Is not easily distracted from work.</p>

## Achievement



This component measures the tendency to set and accomplish challenging goals, while persisting in the face of significant obstacles. This trait is characterized by: working hard; taking satisfaction and pride in producing high-quality work; and being competitive.

Tell me about a time when you set a challenging goal and had to go through numerous obstacles to achieve this goal.

- Situation:** What was the goal? What were the obstacles?
- Behavior:** What actions did you take to mitigate the problems created by the obstacles?
- Outcome:** Did you accomplish the goal with quality work and in a timely fashion?

Tell me about a time when you had to take initiative to complete a project in a team setting.

- Situation:** Why did you have to take initiative?
- Behavior:** What strategies did you use to take lead of the project to ensure completion?
- Outcome:** Did you complete the project? What was your team's reaction to your ambitious behavior?

Describe an ambitious goal that you have met and the plan that you used to complete the goal.

- Situation:** What was the goal? Why did you set such a challenging goal?
- Behavior:** How did you develop the plan? What did you do if you were off course with the plan?
- Outcome:** What was the outcome?

<p><b>Below Average</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Only sets aggressive goals when absolutely necessary and when the motivating factor is an outside influence (e.g., supervisor).</p> <p>Gives up easily or transfers work to a peer when faced with challenging obstacles.</p> <p>Avoids peer competition when completing work.</p> <p>Does not work with a sense of urgency when needed and disregards time pressures for completing work.</p> <p>Lacks initiative, intensity, and/or drive to complete quality work.</p> <p>Is not concerned with recognition for hard work or goal achievement.</p>
<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Generally sets moderately challenging goals, but needs outside motivation to set extremely challenging goals.</p> <p>Usually works through challenging obstacles, but will sometimes give up if the challenge appears to be too daunting.</p> <p>Displays a moderate degree of competitiveness if an environment is suited for peer competition.</p> <p>Will work with a sense of urgency if an outside source suggests to do so.</p> <p>Has initiative or intensity to provide quality work occasionally.</p> <p>Usually completes difficult work out of necessity and not for recognition of quality work.</p>
<p><b>Above Average</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Sets ambitious goals and is motivated to achieve goals by intrinsic factors.</p> <p>Perseveres through all obstacles when attempting to complete a goal.</p> <p>Very competitive in applicable work situations.</p> <p>Works with a sense of urgency when faced with time pressures.</p> <p>Approaches work with a high amount of intensity.</p> <p>Enjoys being recognized for hard work and achievements.</p>

## Willingness to Learn

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This component measures the tendency to learn from experience. This trait is characterized by: being open to new experiences, seeking both positive and negative feedback, looking back on past experiences and considering alternate courses of action, and finding patterns and order in complex information.

 Tell me about a time when you were willing to challenge a commonly accepted way of completing work.

 **Situation:** What was the accepted method? What did you see as deficient in this method?

 **Behavior:** What actions did you take to change the way things were done?

 **Outcome:** Did you implement the change into your daily routine?

 Tell me about a time when you received negative feedback regarding your work.

 **Situation:** What were you working on? What was the feedback?

 **Behavior:** Did you incorporate the feedback into your work? Why or why not?

 **Outcome:** How did your work change as a result of the accepting/not accepting the feedback?

 Describe a problem you've encountered that involved interpreting data that was difficult to understand.

 **Situation:** What was the problem? Describe the data that you had to examine in order to understand the problem.

 **Behavior:** How did you use the data to inform your approach to solving the problem?

 **Outcome:** Were you able to interpret and use the data successfully?

<p><b>Below Average</b></p>	<p>1 2</p>	<p>Cannot identify deficiencies in accepted method. Does not accept responsibility for enacting change. Fails to implement meaningful change.</p> <p>Cannot identify an instance of receiving negative feedback. Does not change their behavior based on feedback. Unwilling to hear or accept negative feedback. Does not accept personal responsibility for negative feedback.</p> <p>Fails to identify patterns in data that enable problem solving. Does not rely on past experience to help understand the present problem. Unable to process the information quickly.</p>
<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Can identify deficiencies in accepted method but they are sometimes superficial or have little impact. Accepts responsibility for enacting change after being told to do so. Can implement change for a short period of time but may find it difficult to sustain it.</p> <p>Identifies some examples of receiving negative feedback but may identify criticisms that could be viewed as a compliment (e.g., I care too much, I work too hard, I am too much of a perfectionist). Chooses parts of feedback to incorporate into work. Accepts negative feedback but may rationalize past behavior or minimize feedback.</p> <p>Identifies patterns in data that enable problem solving but may struggle with more complex sets of information. Calls upon past experience to help understand the present problem. Works through the problem at an acceptable pace.</p>
<p><b>Above Average</b></p>	<p>4 5</p>	<p>Is able to identify impactful deficiencies in accepted method. Takes full responsibility for enacting change. Implements and commits to long term change.</p> <p>Identifies a genuine example of negative feedback. Makes lasting changes to their behavior based on feedback. Seeks follow up feedback after implementing changes. Accepts full responsibility for changing their behavior.</p> <p>Is able to identify patterns in data that enable problem solving. Relies on past experience to aid with the present problem and applies those experiences precisely and effectively. Works through the problem quickly but accurately.</p>

## Shows courtesy\*



This measures the extent to which the candidate is patient, polite and respectful.

Tell me about the last time you were in a situation that required you to have a lot of patience.

**Situation:** What were the circumstances? What was testing your patience?

**Behavior:** How did you handle the situation? What did you do?

**Outcome:** How was your approach received?

Tell me about a time you had a disagreement with a peer about an important work matter that would impact your team's work output.

**Situation:** What was the disagreement?

**Behavior:** Were you able to resolve the disagreement in a polite and patient manner?

**Outcome:** How did the final outcome of the disagreement influence the team's work?

<p><b>Below Average</b></p>	<p>1 2</p>	<p>Did not show patience or courtesy when interacting with someone who was difficult to get along with.</p>
<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Responded with patience and courtesy to a challenging individual, but it took great effort to do so.</p>
<p><b>Above Average</b></p>	<p>4 5</p>	<p>Responded in the most courteous and friendly manner to someone who was difficult to please.</p>

## Maintains good working relationships\*



This measures the extent to which the candidate puts effort into developing good relationships with others.

**Tell me about a time when you found it a challenge to build and maintain a good working relationship with a peer or a colleague.**

- Situation:** What was the situation? How was it difficult working with this person?
- Behavior:** How did you react to the other person's behavior? What did you do to work with this person effectively?
- Outcome:** How did it turn out?

**Tell me about a time when you established an effective working relationship with someone.**

- Situation:** What was the nature of the relationship? Why was the relationship so effective?
- Behavior:** What did you do to develop and maintain the relationship with this individual?
- Outcome:** How did it turn out? What common goals did this relationship allow you both to achieve?

<b>Below Average</b>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p>	Did not seek to improve or maintain strong relationships with others at work.
<b>Average</b>	<p>3</p>	Maintained strong relationships with others in immediate work group.
<b>Above Average</b>	<p>4</p> <p>5</p>	Built strong work relationships both within and outside of immediate work group.

## Analyzes information\*



This measures the extent to which the candidate identifies key factors and integrates information to understand data or situations.

Give me an example of when you needed to find the connections between information from different sources.

**Situation:** Why was it important for you to find these connections?

**Behavior:** How did you identify these connections?

**Outcome:** What connections did you identify?

Tell me about a time when you had to analyze a large amount of info to draw conclusions about a problem or issue.

**Situation:** What was the problem or issue?

**Behavior:** How did you analyze this information?

**Outcome:** Were you able to resolve the problem or issue based on your analysis?

<p><b>Below Average</b></p>	<p>1 2</p>	<p>Overlooked key pieces of information or clear connections; drew conclusions that were obvious, simplistic, or flawed.</p>
<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Identified and combined key information from a few sources; found important links, but failed to identify more complex, underlying connections.</p>
<p><b>Above Average</b></p>	<p>4 5</p>	<p>Drew clear conclusions by finding, analyzing and combining a great deal of complex information.</p>



## Uses time efficiently\*



This measures the extent to which the candidate manages own time and delivers work on schedule.

Give me an example of a time when you had to finish a project with a tight deadline.

**Situation:** What did the project entail? Why were you working under a tight deadline?

**Behavior:** How did you ensure that you completed your work on time?

**Outcome:** Did you meet your deadline? What might you have done differently?

Tell me about a time when you misjudged the time needed to complete a project effectively.

**Situation:** What did the project entail? At which point did you realize there was a problem?

**Behavior:** What actions did you take to best manage your time?

**Outcome:** What was the outcome of the project? Did you deliver your work on time?

<b>Below Average</b>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p>	Did not manage time well, prioritize and deliver work on time.
<b>Average</b>	<p>3</p>	Managed time well on a particular task, was able to prioritize to deliver work on time.
<b>Above Average</b>	<p>4</p> <p>5</p>	Demonstrated effective use of time management skills; delivered work on time to high quality standards.

## Works to high quality standards\*



This measures the extent to which the candidate completes every task with a high degree of quality.

Give me an example of a situation when you had to define quality standards for a project.

**Situation:** How did you define quality standards?

**Behavior:** How did you ensure that the quality standards were met? What did you do when you noticed a violation of quality standards?

**Outcome:** How did defining quality standards help you achieve project objectives? Did you receive any feedback?

Tell me about a time when you had to compromise quality standards.

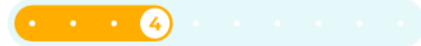
**Situation:** What was the situation? Why did you have to compromise the quality standards?

**Behavior:** What did you do to redress the issue?

**Outcome:** What was the result? What would you do differently next time to maintain high quality standards?

<p><b>Below Average</b></p>	<p>1 2</p>	<p>Did not recognize the importance of delivering quality work; was prepared to compromise standards.</p>
<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Was able to clearly define and deliver to quality standards.</p>
<p><b>Above Average</b></p>	<p>4 5</p>	<p>Was able to set high quality standards or address situations where standards had been compromised.</p>

## Complies with rules and regulations\*



This measures the extent to which the candidate adheres to rules, guidelines and procedures.

Tell me about a time at work where you have respected set rules or processes.

**Situation:** What was the situation you were in? What were the processes?

**Behavior:** What did you do to ensure you respected the set process?

**Outcome:** What was the outcome?

Describe a time when you have had to consider the implications of not following rules or regulations.

**Situation:** What action had you or your peers taken?

**Behavior:** What did you do after the action had been taken?

**Outcome:** How do you plan to learn from this situation?

<p><b>Below Average</b></p>	<p>1 2</p>	<p>Viewed rules as guidelines rather than requirements.</p>
<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Adhered to rules consistently.</p>
<p><b>Above Average</b></p>	<p>4 5</p>	<p>Followed rules strictly; may have missed opportunities for increased efficiency.</p>

## Adapts to change\*



This measures the extent to which the candidate accepts and adapts to changes without difficulty.

Describe how you have handled any big changes in your business area during the past year or so.

**Situation:** What was the situation? Did the changes affect your team structure?

**Behavior:** How did you deal with the challenge?

**Outcome:** What was the outcome of the way you handled the changes?

Give me an example of an emergency which you have needed to address quickly.

**Situation:** What was the situation? What was the timeframe for addressing the emergency?

**Behavior:** How did you deal with the emergency?

**Outcome:** How did the situation turn out? Were you successful?

<p><b>Below Average</b></p>	<p>1 2</p>	<p>Felt pressured when required to alter one's usual approach to work.</p>
<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Adjusted well to change and maintained normal productivity at work.</p>
<p><b>Above Average</b></p>	<p>4 5</p>	<p>Felt energized by change; adjusted easily to changes in the environment.</p>

## Controls emotions\*



This measures the extent to which the candidate keeps negative emotions under control.

Tell me about a time when your calmness and composure made a difference in getting something accomplished.

**Situation:** What made the situation frustrating?

**Behavior:** What specific actions did you take to keep your emotions under control?

**Outcome:** What were the results of your actions?

Tell me about a time when you had to deal with a particularly upset or angry person.

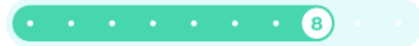
**Situation:** Why was the person upset or angry?

**Behavior:** What actions did you take to calmly resolve the situation?

**Outcome:** If you were in a similar situation again, what would you do differently?

<b>Below Average</b>	 	Was not able to effectively control emotions in stressful situations.
<b>Average</b>		Controlled emotions when under stress but struggled to maintain the same level of productivity or focus.
<b>Above Average</b>	 	Reacted calmly and confidently when faced with a crisis; did not let emotions affect productivity or focus.

## Works energetically\*



This measures the extent to which the candidate keeps busy at work and enjoys taking on new responsibilities.

Give me an example of a project or assignment which required extra hard work.

**Situation:** Tell me about the project. Why did it require extra effort?

**Behavior:** How did you handle the project? In what ways did you put in extra effort to get the job done?

**Outcome:** How well did the project or assignment turn out?

Tell me about a time when you did something that required extra effort, without being directly asked to do so.

**Situation:** What was the work or task? How did this require extra work or additional responsibility?

**Behavior:** What did you do? Did you have any choice about doing the work or task?

**Outcome:** What was the outcome?

<p><b>Below Average</b></p>	<p>1 2</p>	<p>Showed little or no initiative to complete work beyond what was assigned; seemed unlikely to volunteer for new challenges without direction or prompting.</p>
<p><b>Average</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Went beyond the routine demands of the job, took the initiative to complete work that was not formally part of the job.</p>
<p><b>Above Average</b></p>	<p>4 5</p>	<p>Proactively completed work that needed to be done.</p>