



1. If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

A professional football player for Barcelona FC, left back position. Football has brought me fun and exciting days in life. It is a beautiful game after all. Being a professional with what you want to do is more of a privilege than being a job. Imagine playing and doing practices with your favorite past time sport. That would be an insane feeling.

Football players' salaries are no joke as well on that level especially if you are on a big club like Barcelona FC. Sponsorships would be flooding at your doorstep by the day you wore that shirt on.

It will also be a great feeling to see kids looking up to you as their inspiration to do better in sports and life. Athletes are not just pros but also figures that lots of people look up to. Giving them great performances and making them happy is an awesome feeling for sure.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

I experienced a lot of stressful situations in my past workplace. It's not just mentally but also physically since we are doing blue-collar jobs. There are times where we experience life and death situation with the tasks that we do. Overcoming them is a must for us to accomplish the task given.

We have this one job order before that we need to climb on the highest part of our funnel area (an area where all the exhaust pipes of all machineries are led up to) to change a specific damaged pipe. That pipe is 8 inches in diameter, and it is very thick, around 1.5 inches thick. We need to replace it since the inside is already full of cavities.

During the operation the waves are strong, so our vessel is rolling (sideways movement) hard. There's only two of us, me and the motorman. We use a harness in climbing up the funnel; in every connection we see we lock our harness in. We strapped ourselves in the said area and started removing the damaged pipe.

By the time the pipe was removed a sudden hard roll from the waves hit our vessel resulting in us losing balance on the path walk and also dropping the pipe down. I found myself dangling at 30 feet high with only the harness holding me. Panic struck when I saw the pipe falling thinking there might be a person who would get hit with it. Thankfully none.



I was just thinking that I have the harness that holds me and my coworker that is near me, that is all I need. I stayed focused to resolve the sudden problem. And eventually I pulled myself up to safety.

3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did you enjoy most and why?

For me the job I enjoy the most is machinery maintenance of my assigned machinery, because I am responsible for the well-being of that machinery. Every problem and maintenance will be under me. Making reports and doing the inventory for every spare part would also be made by me. I enjoy diagnosing problems with our machinery. It felt like I am a doctor, and patient is the machinery itself.

Even though the responsibility was huge for my age at that time. It doesn't faze me because I love what I do. And I am determined to be better for the assigned job to me. I also enjoy ordering spare parts and sending emails to our contractors. I met a lot of professionals from other countries through this task.

The task I find the most challenging is when we have emergencies. Like, when one of our generators broke down and it was evening just got out of shift then we just suddenly received an alarm letting us know that one of our generators is not working. The fatigue and lack of rest just moves from day to day afterwards.

4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?

I believe they would say that I am a fast learner and hardworking colleague. They would also say that I am young and have a lot of potential. Thus, they would always tell me to study and read more so that I could fill that potential and become a better engineer someday.

They don't see me as someone who is a malinger at work and I would always volunteer first for every job order given to us. I believe they would also say that I am a very helpful person. I tend to finish my job then go help others finish theirs as well.

With my managers, I believe they would say that I am a professional and can handle myself in various situations. Can do jobs efficiently and without problems. I also showed them how independent I am at work. They also said that I need more training and lessons for me to become a great worker. That's why I don't stop learning.



5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

Graduating Marine Engineering as Magna Cum Laude under the Norwegian Shipowner's Association Cadet Program is my biggest accomplishment that I am most humbly proud of. From our training to our academic requirements, everything requires a lot of effort.

We have semi militaristic training; we woke up at 4 AM in the morning and do calisthenics which is really demanding at first since it is composed of Navy Dozens and several fitness routines. Our day at school is programmed and planned for us to adapt to our future lifestyle. That includes our seniors which act as trainers and sometimes our own trials to overcome.

We have a maintaining grade of 90 or above (depending on the company) that we need to meet every end of our school year. It molded me to be studious and as well curious of the future career I am in.

With all the sweat, blood and tears I shed in the program, it became my biggest accomplishment.