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The following pages represent a report based on the results of a psychological assessment. The profile presented below summarizes key results in each area compared against general population norms (indicated by the descriptors Low, Below Average, Average, Above Average, and High) and with norms for high performers in the type of job for which the candidate is applying (indicated by the shaded areas). The candidate's score is indicated by the diamond symbol:

## ALL RESULTS SHOULD REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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Customer Service / Responsiveness					<b>♦</b>							
Emotional Stability / Resilience										<b>♦</b>		
Extroversion				<b>•</b>								
Openness						<b>♦</b>						
Orderliness											<b>♦</b>	
Teamwork							<b>♦</b>					
Tough Mindedness											•	•
Work Drive								<b>♦</b>				
Overall Cognitive Aptitude										•		

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# **Cognitive Aptitude Assessment**

Compared to general adult norms using standardized tests which were validated for a wide range of positions, we estimate John's overall level of general intellectual aptitude to be in the **70-79 percentile** range. His individual aptitude levels are:

Abstract Reasoning 40-49%ile

Numeric Reasoning 60-69%ile

Verbal Reasoning Top 10%ile

John has an above-average level of general cognitive aptitude. He should be able to handle the problem-solving demands of this job in a capable manner.

## **Explanation of Cognitive Aptitude Scores:**

The aptitude scores in this section reflect <u>percentile rankings</u> -- not percent correct on the test. With percentiles, the average is the 50%ile. Half of the people score below this score and half score above it. As another example, if a person scores 80-89%ile on a specific test in this report, it means that they scored as well as or better than 80-89% of the norm group, but not as high as 11-20% of the norm group.

The **Overall Cognitive Aptitude** is an average of the separate aptitude sections given to this candidate.

The <u>lower the Overall Cognitive Aptitude score</u>, we predict that the candidate will have difficulty learning new information and making decisions. For example, if they are well experienced in their occupation, they may be able to continue to perform well practiced tasks adequately, but have difficulty learning new things. As such, they will need additional training time and more support from supervisors. People who produce lower Overall Cognitive Aptitude scores generally prefer tasks that call for specific responses rather than ones requiring insightful solutions. They are also slower in processing information and are often easily overwhelmed by complex problems, especially ones they have not dealt with before.

The <u>higher the Overall Cognitive Aptitude score</u>, the more we predict that the candidate will learn quickly, pick up a lot of new information on their own without needing to be trained, handle a large information load easily, make decisions in an efficient manner, and show a great deal of insight about how to solve new and complex problems.

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# **Personality Assessment**

## Strengths:

- He is usually a person who keeps his word and does what he says he will do, when he says he will do it.
   However, John also shows a fair amount of discretion in how he meets his commitments and when he does so.
- He has good control over his emotions and can handle most forms of job strain. When subjected to normal pressures on the job, John keeps his composure and does not let stress undermine his performance.
- John is fairly introverted in his interpersonal style. He will usually have good concentration for his work and does not mind working quietly on the tasks at hand.
- He is about average in terms of being willing to try new procedures and change his current ways of doing things on his job. John needs to be shown the benefits of change before he is willing to try something new.
- He is very methodical and organized in the way he approaches and carries out tasks and assignments. He will be comfortable keeping track of data and information.
- John works comfortably in situations requiring independence as well as in situations where he must work cooperatively with others. He can adapt well to a job that calls for both individual and team contributions.
- He is tough-minded and unsentimental in his approach to most things. John has an analytical, logical decision-making style.
- John has a fairly strong work ethic. He is usually willing to put in long or irregular hours at work when needed. John is likely to put forth considerable effort to attain job goals.

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## **Developmental Concerns:**

- John may occasionally be unreliable in the way he performs his job. He may sometimes need to be reminded about the need to be more conscientious about doing things as expected.
- He could enhance his level of customer service orientation. John may need to show more concern for customer satisfaction on a consistent basis.
- He could communicate more frequently and effectively with other people. John may need to be more outgoing, expressive, and ready to share information with other employees.
- John could be more open to change and innovation. He could be more inclined to acquire new learning and develop new skills and abilities.
- He could place greater emphasis on group unity, cohesion, and a shared sense of purpose with his fellow employees. John may need to be encouraged to be more actively team-minded, especially in work settings where close cooperation and interdependence are required.
- He may not be considerate enough of the thoughts and feelings of other people. John may lack empathy
  and insight in his transactions with other people. He may sometimes have difficulty relating to or
  understanding people who are tender-minded and feeling-sensitive.

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## **INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

After reviewing the assessment results for this candidate, you may want to conduct a structured interview to further explore and clarify some specific concerns. The interview questions listed below reflect areas of concern raised by the assessment results. You should keep asking questions until you have gained confidence in your assessment of the candidate. You can use some or all of these questions when interviewing the candidate. You will probably want to customize these questions to best fit your style and what you already know about the candidate as well as the job for which s/he is being considered. Most of these are behavioral description items which ask the candidate to describe specific behavior on the job. Some additional probes which you might want to use with individual questions are:

- \* When did this take place?
- \* What factors led up to it?
- \* What were the outcomes?
- \* What did others in the organization say about this?
- \* How often has this type of situation arisen?

#### CONSCIENTIOUSNESS

- Describe a time when you have taken a shortcut or bypassed some steps at work to get something done quicker, better, or more efficiently?
- Flexibility is important in many jobs. Describe a situation where it would be advantageous to bend or ignore a company rule or policy to improve job effectiveness.
- Describe how you deal with situations where the best course of action is not covered by company policies and procedures.
- Describe a situation where you feel that organizational bureaucracy or red tape made your job difficult or significantly slowed you down.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

- No matter how hard you try, some customers are rude, annoying, or impossible to please. Describe the
  most difficult customer you have had to deal with and what efforts you made to accommodate him or
  her.
- Describe a situation where you went above and beyond your job description to make a customer satisfied. [Probes: What did you do? What was the outcome? How often has this type of thing happened in the last year?]
- Tell me about a time when you had to reconcile competing demands from the customer with company demands or needs.
- Tell me about a time when a customer gave you a difficult problem to solve.
- There are limits to how far an employee should go to try to satisfy customer demands and requests.
   Describe the criteria you use to decide when that limit has been reached.

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## **EXTROVERSION**

- Describe a situation when your ability to communicate made a difference in the outcome of a project, assignment, or task at work.
- Tell me how much time you would ideally like to spend each day in meetings and discussion groups on the type of job for which you are applying.
- All of us have different styles of interacting and communicating with other people. Describe a situation
  where your style did not mesh well with that of another employee. [Probe: How did your styles differ?
  What problems did this lead to? What adjustments did you make?]
- Give me an example of a presentation that you have made where the audience was not particularly interested in the topic. What did you do? What were the results?

#### **ORDERLINESS**

- Tell me about a time when you organized the elements or parts of a project into a larger whole and came up with an integrated system.
- Describe how you use details to make plans and develop long-term strategies.
- Tell me about a time when you were so focused on details that you got bogged down and spent too much time on a task or assignment.
- Describe your approach to doing long-range planning and strategic development on your job.

## **TOUGH-TENDER-MINDED**

- Describe a time when you made an important decision based primarily on an objective analysis of facts and data. (Compare the candidate's answer on this question with answers to the next question in terms of level of detail and enthusiasm.)
- Describe a time when you made an important decision based on your personal feelings, values, and intuition.
- Describe a situation where you dealt with an employee (or peer) who was consistently negative in meetings or when interacting with other employees. What did you do? What were the results?
- Describe a time when someone at work responded emotionally to something you said or did. How did you respond? What was the result?

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