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SUGGESTED: WORTH A REVIEW

64/100

Mid

Script: Low

Evidence: full interview

EN: Advanced

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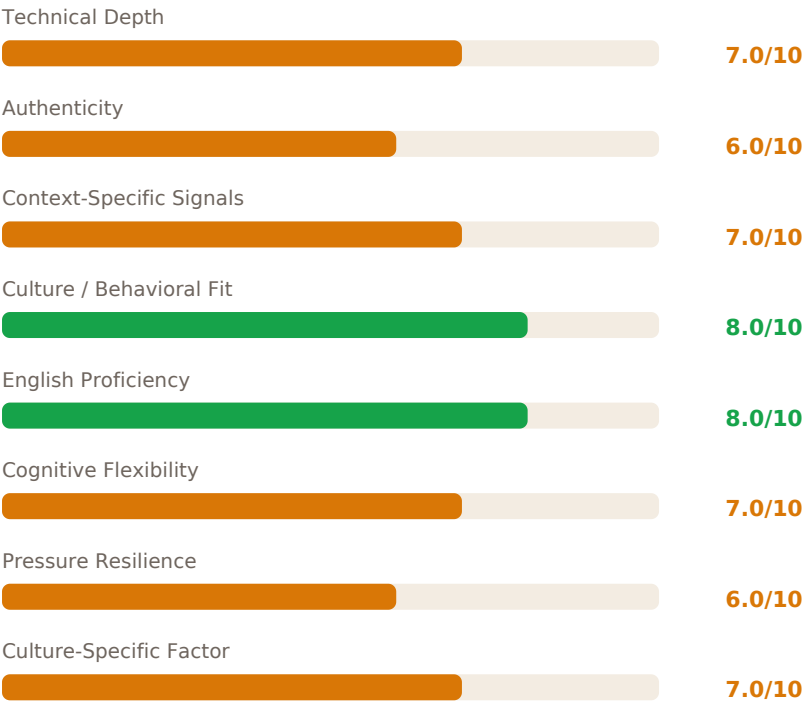
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SCORE BREAKDOWN



DIMENSION SCORES



HOW EACH DIMENSION WAS SCORED

Technical Depth 7.0/10

Her reconciliation process is concrete and held up under a wrinkle. She described the tracker's columns, a three-way invoice/order/delivery check, and added a sum-check after her own error. Spreadsheet use appears to be logging rather than formulas or advanced Sheets work: "I log any unresolved discrepancy in a notes column so finance can see it."

Authenticity 6.0/10

Her stories carry plausible, unpolished detail and she owned a real error with figures. However, her opening scope claims narrowed each time they were probed. She first said she handled calendars and "all the travel booking", then said two assistants manage the diaries and "a travel agency did most of the actual booking." The narrowed version is credible, but the pattern of opening broad is worth noting.

Context-Specific Signals 7.0/10

She has six claimed years covering most of the job description: meeting logistics, Google Workspace. Her direct calendar and travel ownership is smaller than first presented, and nothing logistics specific came up. Her Monday-to-Friday routine maps closely to the role: "Fridays are for reconciling the week's orders and getting the next week's calendars ready."

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Culture / Behavioral Fit 8.0/10

She consistently escalates spending decisions to the person who owns the spend and keeps colleagues informed, which suits a collaborative team of 12. She also fixed a process gap jointly with an assistant: "we agreed that any change to attendee numbers goes to me in writing."

English Proficiency 8.0/10

Her spoken English is fluent, structured and natural, with complex sentences and no errors observed. Written English was not directly tested. One example: "a price change is a spending decision and not just a tracker update."

Cognitive Flexibility 7.0/10

She handled the supplier-price wrinkle and the costlier-flight hypothetical with consistent reasoning about authority and urgency. Her boardroom prioritisation was sensible: "moving external visitors is harder to explain than rearranging an internal meeting."

Pressure Resilience 6.0/10

She resolved a same-morning catering shortfall and flagged a Tuesday deadline appropriately. She admitted initial defensiveness, though the evidence of pressure is modest in scale: "I got the extra meals added before the meeting started."

Culture-Specific Factor 7.0/10

Her collaborative behaviour shows in how she coordinated with the assistants rather than overriding them. When probed on feedback that stung, she reused the catering story rather than giving a fresh example, which limits the evidence. Example: "I went to them directly rather than making the change behind their backs."

KEY STRENGTHS

- ✓ **Sound bookkeeping controls:** For basic spreadsheet bookkeeping she logs discrepancies rather than adjusting them, and she disclosed her own error with both figures: "told the office manager and finance straight away, including the original figure, the corrected one."
- ✓ **Clear sense of spending authority:** She routed both the price change and the flight upgrade to the owner of the spend while flagging urgency: "I wouldn't approve it on my own even though it's under budget."
- ✓ **Fixes processes after failures:** After the catering shortfall she changed the process instead of just fixing the incident: "I added a headcount line to the meeting checklist."

CONCERNS & GAPS

- ! **Scope inflates first, narrows on probing:** Her calendar and travel ownership both shrank under follow-up: the assistants own the diaries and the agency does the booking. Her core organisational experience for three directors may be lighter than her CV implies. Ask for an example where she alone managed a director's calendar end-to-end.
- ! **\$400/month saving unverified:** The interview ended before she explained how she calculated the saving. Ask her to walk through the baseline she compared against.
- ! **Reused story for the feedback question:** She recycled the catering incident instead of giving a separate example of hard feedback, which leaves limited evidence on how she takes critique.
- ! **Written English and Microsoft 365 untested:** The role needs clear written English. Her spoken English is strong, but no writing sample was assessed. She showed no Microsoft 365 use, only Google Workspace.

CONTRADICTIONS DETECTED

WARNING

Travel ownership

she said early on "I also handle all the travel booking for the team", but later said "a travel agency did most of the actual booking and handled the flights and hotel" and "The director makes that call, not me." The two can only both be true if "handle" means coordinating rather than booking or approving. Ask her to clarify how much of the travel work is hers.

AUTHENTICITY SIGNALS

- ◆ **Response naturalness:** Natural
- ◆ **Script suspicion:** Low

◆ **Specificity:** 78/100

◆ **Ownership density:** 70/100

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NOTABLE QUOTES

"a price change is a spending decision and not just a tracker update"

"I log any unresolved discrepancy in a notes column so finance can see it, rather quietly adjusting the figures"

"Looking back, the assistant was right that the meeting group's numbers were my responsibility to check"

RECRUITER INSIGHTS

- She lives about 20 minutes from the office, is fine with the hybrid schedule and is available in two weeks.
- Her direct ownership of travel and director calendars is narrower than her opening claims, so verify it with her Harbourview reference.
- The interviewer's live signals logged 7 strong answers and no evasive or scripted ones, consistent with this transcript.

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE HIRING TEAM

In the next interview, start by asking her to finish the \$400/month saving explanation, including the baseline she used. Then test how much calendar and travel work she owns independently, since both claims narrowed under questioning. A short written task, such as a supplier email or meeting summary, would cover the untested written-English requirement.

TOPICS TO PROBE IN THE NEXT INTERVIEW

- ☐ Baseline and calculation behind the \$400/month saving
- ☐ Independent calendar and travel ownership, plus a written communication sample

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FULL CONVERSATION — SOFIA MARIN / ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT / 2026-10-21

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INTERVIEWER

Hi Sofia, I'm Valeria from HireSignal. Thanks for making the time today. Before we get into your background, this role is hybrid, with three days a week in the office. Where are you based these days, and would that schedule work for you?

SOFIA MARIN

Hi Valeria, thanks for having me! I'm based about 20 minutes from the Northwind office, so commuting is easy. The hybrid schedule with three days in the office works well for me, and I'm able to start within two weeks if that timing suits you.

INTERVIEWER

That sounds very manageable, and two weeks is good to know. Before we get into the details of your work, roughly how many years have you been doing administrative work, and which tools do you spend most of your day in, Google Workspace, Microsoft 365, or a mix of both?

SOFIA MARIN

I've been doing administrative work for about six years, four as an Office Administrator at Harbourview Property Management and two before that at Lakeside Dental Group. I spend most of my day in Google Workspace, especially Google Calendar for the directors' schedules and Google Sheets for the office budget tracker. I also handle all the travel booking for the team.

INTERVIEWER

Six years across two quite different offices gives you a good range. Let's start with Harbourview. What does a normal week look like for you there, from Monday morning onward, between the directors, the front desk and everything else that lands on your plate?

SOFIA MARIN

Monday usually starts with checking the directors' calendars in Google Calendar and sorting out anything that changed over the weekend, then I go through the front desk voicemail and emails so visitors and tenants get answers first thing. Through the week I handle meeting logistics, rooms, catering and dial-ins, reorder supplies with our suppliers, and keep the office budget tracker in Google Sheets up to date. Fridays are for reconciling the week's orders and getting the next week's calendars ready so nothing catches us off guard on Monday.

INTERVIEWER

That's a nicely run week. I'm curious about those Fridays. Can you walk me through how you reconcile the week's orders in your Google Sheets tracker, step by step, from where the information comes from to what you do when a number doesn't match?

SOFIA MARIN

Sure. On Friday morning I pull the week's order confirmations and supplier invoices from my inbox and compare each line against the tracker. The tracker has columns for supplier, item, unit cost, monthly total and budget left, so I check the unit cost and quantity against what was actually delivered, then update the monthly total and the remaining budget for that category. If a number doesn't match, I first check the invoice against the original order and the delivery note, and if it's a price difference I contact the supplier to confirm before changing anything. I log any unresolved discrepancy in a notes column so finance can see it, rather than quietly adjusting the figures.

INTERVIEWER

That's a clear process, and logging it instead of quietly adjusting is a good habit. Let me put a wrinkle in it. Say a supplier calls back and insists the higher price is correct, it's still under budget, and one of the directors needs that order to arrive by Tuesday. What do you do next, and who, if anyone, do you loop in before it goes through?

SOFIA MARIN

If the supplier insists on the higher price, I wouldn't approve it on my own even though it's under budget, because a price change is a spending decision and not just a tracker update. I'd ask the supplier for the revised quote in writing, record the discrepancy in the notes column, and loop in the office manager or whichever director signed off on the original order, with the numbers laid out so they can decide quickly. Given the Tuesday deadline, I'd flag that urgency at the same time so they can make a call that day rather than letting it sit. Once someone with authority approves it, I'd confirm the order with the supplier, update the tracker, and make sure finance can see the change.

INTERVIEWER

That's a careful way to handle it, especially getting the urgency in front of someone the same day the three needed you at once, say a calendar clash or a travel change landing while you were setting up a meeting for the other. What happened, and how did you decide which one came first?

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This happened with two directors who had both booked the boardroom for the same afternoon. I kept the meeting with outside guests, since moving external visitors is harder to explain than rearranging an internal meeting, and moved the internal one to the small room. I told both assistants before lunch so neither director was caught off guard, and I updated the calendars straight away.

INTERVIEWER

That's a sensible call. Moving external guests is much harder to explain. One detail I want to make sure I picture right: you mentioned telling both assistants before lunch. I'd understood that you look after the three directors' calendars yourself. Who were those assistants, and how does the work split between you and them day to day?

SOFIA MARIN

I should clarify that: I look after the directors' calendars and meeting logistics, but the two assistants were the ones who manage their own day-to-day diaries and the directors' requests. I'd been coordinating with them on room bookings and meeting logistics, so when the boardroom clash happened I went to them directly rather than making the change behind their backs. Day to day, they handle incoming requests from their directors and anything time-sensitive, and I handle the room bookings, catering, dial-ins and the Google Calendar entries that everyone sees, so we both know who's doing what.

INTERVIEWER

That helps, thanks. It sounds like a sensible split. Earlier you mentioned you handle all the travel booking for the team, so I'd like to hear about the most recent trip you arranged for one of the directors. Starting from when they got home and working backwards, what did that trip involve, and where did the two assistants come into it, if at all?

SOFIA MARIN

The most recent one was a two-day trip to our client site for one of the directors. Working backwards from their return, I was the one who confirmed the dates and approved the final itinerary, but a travel agency did most of the actual booking and handled the flights and hotel. The director's assistant sent over their preferred flight times and let me know when the schedule changed, so I passed those details to the agency and checked the confirmations before they went out.

INTERVIEWER

That makes sense. A lot of offices use an agency for the actual bookings. You mentioned checking the confirmations before they went out. Has one ever come back from the agency with something wrong in it? What was it, and what did you do next?

SOFIA MARIN

Yes, once. The agency sent a confirmation for a return flight that had the wrong date, one day off from what we'd agreed. I caught it when I checked the itinerary against the dates the director's assistant had sent me, so I called the agency straight away, asked them to correct the booking, and got the revised confirmation in writing before it went to the director. I also let the assistant know about the change so their calendar and the director's plans matched.

INTERVIEWER

That's a good catch, and getting it in writing before it reached the director is the right order. You mentioned earlier that you approved the final itinerary. Say the director wanted a later flight that cost noticeably more than the agency's first option. Walk me through who actually makes that call, and what your part in it looks like.

SOFIA MARIN

The director makes that call, not me. My part is to get the options from the agency, lay out the price difference and what the later flight would change in the schedule, and send that to the director, or to their assistant if the director prefers to go through them. Once the director decides, I approve the itinerary with the agency and check the new confirmation before it goes out. If the extra cost is significant, I'd also log it in the budget tracker so finance can see the change.

INTERVIEWER

That's clear, and it fits how you described the supplier price change: the decision goes to whoever owns the spend, and you make sure it's visible. Let's go back to that split with the two assistants. Tell me about a time something fell through the gap between what they handled and what you handled. What got missed, and what changed afterwards?

SOFIA MARIN

A gap did open up once, around a catering order for a board meeting. The assistant had told the directors' group the room was confirmed, but I hadn't been told the headcount had gone up, so the order I placed was short by about six meals. I found out with the extra meals added before the meeting started. Afterwards, we agreed that any change to attendee numbers goes to me in writing, even if it's just a quick message, and I added a headcount line to the meeting checklist so it's confirmed before any order goes in.

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INTERVIEWER

That sounds like a stressful morning, and the headcount line is a neat fix. In that story the missing piece came from the other side. Can you think of a time the slip was clearly yours, something you got wrong in the budget tracker or a booking, and walk me through how you found out and what you said to the people affected?

SOFIA MARIN

A clear one was a supplier invoice I entered in the budget tracker with the monthly total in the wrong column, which made the category look about \$250 more under budget than it really was. I found it a few days later when I was reconciling the Friday figures and the monthly total didn't match the sum of the invoices. I corrected the entry, then told the office manager and finance straight away, including the original figure, the corrected one, and the reason for the difference, because the number had already been shared in a budget summary. I also added a check to my Friday routine where I sum the invoice lines against the monthly total before I close the sheet.

INTERVIEWER

That's a solid habit. Summing the lines against the total catches exactly that kind of slip, and telling people with both figures in hand makes the correction easy to trust. Since you work so closely with the office manager, the assistants and the directors, has any of them given you feedback that stung a bit at the time but turned out to be right? What was it, and what did you do differently afterwards?

SOFIA MARIN

Yes, the headcount issue from the catering order was one of those. At the time it felt like I'd been blamed for something I hadn't been told, and I was a bit defensive about it. Looking back, the assistant was right that the meeting group's numbers were my responsibility to check before ordering, not something to assume would reach me. So now I confirm attendee numbers with the assistant before any order goes in, and I added the headcount line to the checklist so it's never left to memory.

INTERVIEWER

That's an honest answer, and noticing your own defensiveness takes some reflection. I'd like to go back to something we haven't touched yet: your time at Lakeside Dental. You handled invoicing support and supply inventory there. What's one thing from that job that still shapes how you run the budget tracker or supplier orders at Harbourview today?

SOFIA MARIN

Something from Lakeside that still shapes my work is that we ran supply stock on a fixed reorder schedule rather than ordering whenever someone noticed a shortage. That's why, when I consolidated our supply orders at Harbourview to one supplier and ordered twice a month, it felt natural to set a steady rhythm and check stock against it before each order. That routine is a big part of how we saved about \$400 a month.

INTERVIEWER

That's a useful habit to carry over. A fixed rhythm takes a lot of the guesswork out. The \$400 a month caught my attention. How did you actually work that figure out, and what did you compare it against to know the saving was real?