

and provided our employees with a stock-option plan. Essentially, the work that you do for us is work that you do for yourselves. The better the company's profits are, the better our stocks do. If you're looking to pay for your children's school tuition, take that long overdue trip or save up for your retirement, the higher the stock price is the more money you will have once you cash in your options. The key is maintaining our turnover and increasing our profits so that you can have a more comfortable life in the near future.

92. What is the tone of this announcement?

93. What has management reduced to a minimum?

94. What is the result of higher stock prices?

9. We're here in Innsbruck, Austria, for the 23rd Winter Games. Our competitors come from all corners of the planet and each one of them is looking to take home the elusive gold medal. Some of the highlighted events will be downhill skiing, figure skating, curling and our newest event of the year, snowboarding. These sportsmen are all daredevils ready to push their bodies to the maximum of their potential. Whether it's the death-defying speeds of downhill slalom or the graceful expressions of gyrating bodies on a bed of ice, our Winter Games will be nothing short of pure adventure and entertainment. Contrary to other television channels, none of the events will be interrupted by commercial breaks. So our spectators will live each exciting moment, live, as they happen. We are all very anxious to start, so off we go to the first event.

95. Where is the event being broadcast?

96. What are the athletes after?

97. What will not take place during the broadcast?

10. As our company has endorsed the new policy of "casual Friday", there are certain specifications that are entailed. 1. Jeans may be worn but must be without holes or stains. 2. Both men and women must wear sleeved shirts even in the summer. 3. Under no conditions will shorts be allowed. 4. Shoes may include sneakers, loafers or foot-covering sandals. Any other kinds of shoes are not acceptable. Please remember that we have chosen to accept your request for "casual Friday" on the condition that the rules be followed to the letter. Any divergence from policy rules will force us to go back to the old ways. Allowing "casual Friday" to exist is a company choice, not an obligation. For the well-being of one and all we hope that these rules will be heeded. Should you have any questions, please contact Dan in the Human Resources department at extension #32.

98. What is the subject of the announcement?

99. What kind of shoes will not be accepted?

100. What does management suggest that its employees do?

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■ PART 1 CD 2 piste 3

- (A) He's sweeping the street.
(B) The bus is leaking oil.
(C) The paving stones are being washed.
(D) The water is icy.
- (A) The woman is working on the computer.
(B) The women are watching television.
(C) The woman is wrapping a gift.
(D) The woman is reading a newspaper.
- (A) The roots have been upturned.
(B) The roots need dying.
(C) The root of the problem has been found.
(D) The roof has caved in.
- (A) They are all wearing helmets.
(B) The women are of all ages.
(C) A woman is riding a bicycle.
(D) The bicycle tire is flat.
- (A) The doors are all locked.
(B) The locks are on the clocks.
(C) The drawer is full of socks.
(D) The padlocks are different sizes.
- (A) The vehicles are snarled up in traffic.
(B) The cars are stalling.
(C) The drivers are shouting.
(D) The road is slippery.
- (A) The woman is chewing some gum.
(B) The woman has a growth on her chin.
(C) The woman is blowing up a balloon.
(D) The woman is taking a breath test.
- (A) The chairs are facing in the same direction.
(B) The women are brunettes.
(C) The women are wearing short-sleeved shirts.
(D) The women are sitting in the sunshine.
- (A) The parking lot is full.
(B) The motor bicycles are parked haphazardly.
(C) The helmets are on the seats.
(D) The kickstands are faulty.
- (A) The car doors are open.
(B) The hubcaps are missing.
(C) The car is legally parked.
(D) The van may be towed away.

■ PART 2 CD 2 piste 4

11. What is the meaning of this insolence?
(A) It means to have a good day.
(B) We're sorry, ma'am, we didn't mean to hurt your feelings.
(C) We didn't have the means.

12. Why does our team always lose?
 (A) The belts are too loose.
 (B) The game is too strong.
 (C) The other players are better trained.
13. Is there a pharmacy around here?
 (A) Yes, it's with the golf clubs.
 (B) Yes, it's on the farm.
 (C) No, but the hospital is around the corner.
14. Could I borrow that book when you're finished with it?
 (A) Sure, it's so suspenseful.
 (B) I've got a loan from the bank.
 (C) Burrowing is a thing of the past.
15. When is the next board meeting?
 (A) The board was sawn in half.
 (B) They must meet my wife.
 (C) A week from Friday.
16. Do you like anchovies on your pizza?
 (A) Artichokes are delicious.
 (B) I'm not fond of fish.
 (C) The plaza was decorated.
17. How many miles will you have driven by next week?
 (A) About 350.
 (B) He will drive me home.
 (C) None of them, thanks.
18. Are we going to see the play tomorrow?
 (A) Well, dad did get us tickets.
 (B) They are going to play in the garden.
 (C) Tomorrow is another day.
19. Isn't this the funniest comedy you've ever seen?
 (A) It gives me a funny feeling.
 (B) It's hilarious.
 (C) It's a tragic story.
20. Who left their keys on top of the water cooler?
 (A) The water was rather cool.
 (B) I think it was in the wrong key.
 (C) I think they're Tom's.
21. How long has it been since we last saw each other?
 (A) The saw was in the workshop.
 (B) It must be at least two years.
 (C) He was the last one to play the game.
22. Is there any coffee in the cupboard?
 (A) I saw some there a few minutes ago.
 (B) The cups are in the sink.
 (C) There's nothing better.
23. Steve, did you break the frame?
 (A) No, it was framed.
 (B) No, it just fell to the floor.
 (C) No, the brake was too hard.
24. Does Franz like playing cards?
 (A) You shouldn't have. This card is so touching.
 (B) You must call me. Here's my card.
 (C) He must, he was the rummy champion.
25. Why is the nurse coming by?
 (A) To deliver the mail.
 (B) To nurse his wound.
 (C) To buy some time.
26. Do you think you could mail this letter for me?
 (A) No, I don't know much about computers.
 (B) No, the mail hasn't arrived yet.
 (C) Yes, the post office is on my way.
27. If we buy two sweaters, will we get a discount?
 (A) I think she sweats too much.
 (B) It's sweeter with sugar.
 (C) The prices are non-negotiable.
28. Do you know where I can find a pair of slippers?
 (A) Yes, but you have to be a good skier.
 (B) The slip was left in the office.
 (C) Yes, in the shoe department.
29. Mr. Greenjeans, do you think you could work a little faster?
 (A) It depends on how many it is.
 (B) The sooner the better.
 (C) I'm doing the best I can.
30. Have they been to the mall recently?
 (A) Yes, they were mauled by the cat.
 (B) No, I like malt.
 (C) No, they've been too busy.
31. Will the amusement park be open this summer?
 (A) Yes, and they've got a great new roller-coaster.
 (B) Yes, it is amusing.
 (C) Yes, we'll be off all summer long.
32. How thick was the fog when you landed at the airport?
 (A) The plane arrived on time.
 (B) The airport was very big.
 (C) I couldn't see my hand in front of my face.
33. Have you shown your scab to the doctor?
 (A) No, but I hear the cabs are on strike.
 (B) The light was out.
 (C) Yes, and he said that everything was healing fine.
34. Which is the best means of transport going to Paris?
 (A) They really didn't mean that.
 (B) They meant to be on time.
 (C) I'd take the train.

35. Do you ever wonder why Sue is always late?
 (A) I guess it's just wonderful.
 (B) It's none of my business.
 (C) He's going to sue the company.
36. Does this suit come with a vest?
 (A) Yes, they've invested in it.
 (B) Yes, the suit looks good.
 (C) No, it's a two-piece suit.
37. When does our option to buy run out?
 (A) We have to purchase the apartment by next week.
 (B) The option is yours.
 (C) Oh no, I've run out of milk.
38. Do you prefer shrimps or scallops with your noodles?
 (A) He doesn't care for meat.
 (B) Either is fine.
 (C) None of them.
39. Wouldn't it be better if we took turns working on the switchboard?
 (A) Alright, but I'll turn at the next corner.
 (B) Sure, besides I'm getting rather tired.
 (C) I'm sure the switch is turned on.
40. How long is this recording going to last?
 (A) As long as the records are stored in a warm place.
 (B) As long as there is enough tape.
 (C) As long as the type is big enough.

■ PART 3 CD 2 piste 5

1. **Woman.** Oh my goodness, I can't believe how much snow there is out there!
Man. I know, and guess who is going to have all the fun of shovelling it away?
Woman. Well there's one good thing that's come of it, we don't have to go to work. We can just stay here and relax.
Man. Maybe you can relax, but my not going to work means that I'll have to stay late at the office for two days in a row.
Woman. You can't stay at the office tomorrow; we have tickets to go to the theatre.
Man. We'll just have to cancel? Now are you so happy about the snow?
41. What does the man loathe to do?
 42. What will the man have to do for two consecutive days?
 43. What is the tone of the man's voice?
2. **Man.** I'm so excited, I can't believe we're finally going to Paris.
Woman. You should have seen the look on your face when you opened the envelope and saw the plane

tickets. I wish someone had taken a picture of you at the party.

Man. This is the best surprise that anyone could have given me for my 40th birthday! The tickets must have cost a fortune.

Woman. Well 40th birthdays don't come around that often. Anyway, we all chipped in so it wasn't that expensive. Besides, you're worth it.

Man. You're the best friends that anyone could have. Now I just have to decide whom to take with me. Maybe I'll take the boss.

Woman. What? I thought you were going to take me!

Man. I am, but you should have seen the look on your face when I suggested taking someone else.

44. Where is the man going on his trip?

45. Who paid for the plane tickets?

46. Why was the man given the trip to Paris?

3. **Man.** Now, at the next corner, I would like you to park behind the red sports car.

Woman. You'll have to be patient with me because I still haven't got used to parking. It's the hardest thing to do.

Man. Take your time, Ma'am. Up to now you've been doing well. You were able to do a 3-point u-turn, you didn't have any trouble going in reverse and you did just fine making right and left hand turns.

Woman. This is the seventh time I'm taking this exam. The last time I went up on the curb and the time before that there was a snow storm the night before and the road was so slippery.

Man. Well they say that seven is a lucky number, let's hope that's true for you.

47. What is taking place in the dialogue?

48. What has the woman not done so far?

49. What is the tone of the man's voice?

4. **Man.** Have you heard about management's new policy? We have to hand in our vacation dates two months in advance.

Woman. You're joking? I couldn't plan that far ahead even if I wanted to. I take my vacations according to the amount of work I have.

Man. I know what you mean. After all, in this business you have to be available when people are ready to buy and sell their properties. Our best season is usually in the spring when people want their gardens to be in bloom so they look more attractive to get a higher price.

Woman. That's right, and in the summer you can show houses much longer because the sun sets so late. In the fall people move because of career changes and in the winter I'm stuck with family obligations due to the holiday season.

Man. So in other words, we can never get away from

our desks. I'll have to talk with the boss and see if this policy is etched into stone.

50. What do the speakers do?

51. Why is the spring a bad time for them to get away?

52. What will the man ask the boss about the policy?

5. **Man.** I'm sorry, but these long chairs are taken.

Woman. Well they don't look taken and besides, your name isn't on them.

Man. Oh please, I just went to have a quick swim. I clearly left my sun tanning lotion, my glasses and my book. I've sat by the same palm tree everyday since I've been here.

Woman. Well I can see the ocean, I can see the sand, but the closest palm tree I can see is 20 yards from here.

Man. Oh my gosh, I'm so sorry! I can't see a thing without my glasses. I guess you can sit down, but before you do, could you point me toward the palm tree because I have to find my glasses.

53. Where is the dialogue taking place?

54. What did the man not leave on his long chair?

55. What does the man ask the woman to do?

6. **Man.** The fall is my favourite season of the year. The trees are an explosion of color – green, red, yellow. It's still warm during the day, but at night you have to put on a sweater.

Woman. Oh, I like summer when you can enjoy long days, have barbeques on the weekend and bask in the warm weather.

Man. Well the summer is nice, but it's just too hot for me.

Woman. Well the fall is too sad for me. The trees start losing their leaves and I have to go back to school to sign up for my new classes.

Man. I suppose we'll just have to find a compromise and plan our wedding for the spring or the winter.

56. Which season does the man prefer?

57. Why doesn't the woman like the fall?

58. What are the man and woman planning for?

7. **Woman.** Hello, Pete's Pizza, can I help you?

Man. Yes, I'd like to order a pizza to go. I'm home alone and I can't get to the shop.

Woman. Before I take your order, we don't take credit cards or out-of-state checks if we deliver. We only accept cash and travellers' checks. If you're fine with that, I'll be happy to take your order.

Man. Well if I can prove that I'm a state resident, will you accept a local check?

Woman. Well if you want to pay with a local check, you'll have to provide two pieces of ID, confirming the same address.

Man. That will be fine; I'd like a whole pizza with mushrooms, ham, sausage and extra cheese, please.

59. Why is the man telephoning?

60. What does he have to provide in order to pay with a local check?

61. What does he not want on his pizza?

8. **Man 1.** Have you heard the news? Our company is being bought out by foreign investors.

Man 2. Oh no! Do you have any idea what nationality they are?

Man 1. No, I don't, but I hear that they are very stiff competitors. They run their company like a military camp – nothing but discipline.

Man 2. Well we could do with a bit more discipline around here. It's no wonder that our company has been doing poorly. Just look at the home office's turnover. It's a shambles. Everyone just loafs around doing nothing and all the while the company continues to pay their salaries without anyone being sanctioned. Maybe things will change for the better around here.

Man 1. Jane in marketing has told me that no one here will get laid off, but the axe is going to fall in the home office, and I think that they deserve it.

62. What are the men discussing?

63. What can be said about the home office?

64. What will happen to the employees of the home office?

9. **Man.** Do you have any idea why we haven't been paid yet?

Woman. I think that they have a problem with their software program in the accountant's office.

Man. I think that's ridiculous. What did they use before computers were invented? In the good old days they had things called paper spreadsheets.

Woman. It's true, but the new accountant is a twenty-something-year-old woman who has just gotten out of college and she only knows how to work on computers.

Man. I guess we just have to be patient and adjust to this new technology. But I hope the delay won't last too long, I've got bills that need to be paid.

65. Why is the man complaining?

66. What does the man miss?

67. How old is the new accountant?

10. **Man.** Can you believe it. The school has run out of paper again?

Woman. What? This is the second time this month. Part of Jackie's job profile is ordering paper on time. If she can't even do a simple task like that, I think she should be let go.

Man. You're being a bit hard on her. She just got married and her mind is surely on other things. She's been good up to now. Let's give her another chance.

Woman. Alright, if you say so. But how are my students going to print out their term papers without paper? I'm really flabbergasted.

68. What is needed in the school?
 69. What is the tone of the man's voice?
 70. How does the woman react to the situation?

■ PART 4 CD 2 piste 6

1. Whenever you feel sick and tired of all the nasty insects in your garden, when you no longer can stand seeing your rhododendrons being eaten up by gnats, it's time to call "Elmo's Exterminating Experts." We are the number one extermination company state-wide that deals with eliminating those pesky pests. How have we earned our great reputation? Just by doing our job. We get rid of ants, moles, gnats and fleas, and we do it without harming either your flowers or vegetables. We use flora-friendly products that simply make your plants repulsive to insects. Once they've tasted our protective coating the bugs simply stop eating the plants and move on to other terrain. There are no negative effects on the human respiratory system and vegetables remain safe for consumption. So why not give us a try by calling us at 555-6767 and find out why we have the greenest thumbs in the business.

71. What does "Elmo's Exterminating Experts" do?
 72. How do they protect plants?
 73. What are the side effects on humans?

2. Where's the best place in town to get a great steak dinner, wonderful service and a show that will keep you humming tunes for days? Come to "David's Delectable Dinner-Theatre." We have a fantastic menu with a wide variety of international dishes. From pot-roast to pot au feu, you can eat like a king or queen in a casual atmosphere. You'll never want for anything, as our professional staff of waiters and waitresses are at your beck and call. But the best part of coming to David's is that you get stage productions that are the next best thing to a Broadway show. People rave about our marvellous extravaganzas for miles around. For just \$120.00 you get a full dinner, a beverage and a fantastic show. However, if you only want to see our show, you can buy tickets starting at \$50.00. In either case, whether you come for dinner and the show or just dinner you'll have a memorable evening. We also have special group rates for parties of 10 or more. If you're planning a birthday party, an office outing or just want to come with your friends, "David's Delectable Dinner-Theatre" is the place to be.

74. What kind of food is served?
 75. What is the mood in "David's Delectable Dinner-Theatre"?
 76. What is provided for \$60.00?

3. Our speaker today is Dr. Richovsky, whose book *The Role of Love at the Court of Louis XVI* was a bestseller this year, and has won multiple literary prizes in the

non-fiction category. Love is a subject that affects us all, and Richovsky's description of love and how it was expressed in the 18th century is fascinating. It is a thought provoking work filled with anecdotes of how men and women articulated their feelings for one another through poetry, music or painting. The magic of the book is that it transcends time and makes us all think about the idea of love, and what it really means to us. The events may have taken place in the past but the emotions are as real today as they were then. As Valentine's Day is just around the corner, his book would be a perfect gift for the one you love.

77. What is the purpose of the announcement?
 78. When do the events in the book take place?
 79. What makes the work interesting?

4. Currently the temperature is 95°F and the winds are coming from the South so it looks to be another scorcher. This is the fourteenth day in a row that the temperatures have climbed above 100°F before noon, so our meteorologists have confirmed that this is the heat wave of the decade. We expect the heat to rise sharply this afternoon and there will be no clouds in sight. Please remember that we are going through a very serious drought, so washing cars or watering gardens is strictly forbidden at this time. Make sure that children and the elderly are properly hydrated. Stay indoors as much as possible and refrain from doing any exerting physical activities. This has been the weather update brought to you by "Elmo's Eskimo Pies" the best ice-cream pies that money can buy.

80. How long has the heat wave lasted?
 81. Why is it forbidden to wash cars?
 82. What should be avoided at this time?

5. "Todd's Toddler Toys" are the latest products that are child-friendly and most of all safe. Their earnings have skyrocketed this year as they have taken the infant toy market by storm. What is the secret of their success? Education! "Todd's Toddler Toys" bring out the fun of learning numbers and the ABCs. By the time your toddlers go to kindergarten they can read simple words and count to ten. Finding the right way to teach 2-3 years olds is always a challenging task for parents. But with Todd's Toys, putting children on the right track has never been easier. Our magazine therefore awards them our prize for best new company of the year, and we fully endorse their products. We hope that this company will go public very soon. Their stocks promise to soar.

83. What has happened to "Todd's Toddler Toys"?
 84. What do the toys teach young children?
 85. What does the magazine predict for the company?

6. You have reached the offices of Goldstein, Klein and MacMurry. If you know your party's extension, please push 1 now. If you don't know your party's extension

and want to set up an appointment, please push 2 now. If you're calling about a dental estimate, please push 3 now. If you're calling about any insurance claims, please push 4 now. If you're calling about a loose filling or severe tooth ache, push 5 now. All other subjects, please call back during our office hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Should you be calling about an emergency, please go to your local hospital. This recording will not take any messages so please hang up at the end. Thank you for calling and have a nice day.

86. What service is provided by the company?
87. What number should you push if you're calling about insurance?
88. What must you do at the end of the recording?

7. This is a flash announcement for you lucky shoppers who are in the store today. All items in the produce department will be 50% off if bought within the next 20 minutes. Moreover this exceptional reduction is cumulative with our buy-1-get-2 pineapples and mangos. All discounts will automatically be taken off by our cash registers when you go to pay. So hurry with your shopping, before your time is up. We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Maria Hernandez as being voted employee of the year. If you happen to run into Maria, give her a big smile, she deserves it. We're Publicum's, a family supermarket where super savings are in store.

89. What items will be half the original price?
90. How long will the flash sale last?
91. Why has Maria Hernandez been named?

8. Alright guys and gals, this is your last day of training before the big game. Although the competition is stiff, we can win this one. We've faced every challenge this season and now we're in second place. Our time has come to be number one in our league. We've bought new rackets to improve your backhand and forehand strokes. Our coach has worked out our playing strategy to the last detail. The weather promises to be in our favor, we've already trained on clay courts, and you're the best sportsmen we've ever had. What more can we ask for? This is our chance to win the doubles' trophy.

Let's go out there and do it, and then we can jump over the net with pride.

92. What can be said about the competition?
93. What kind of terrain are they going to play on?
94. What sport is being practiced?

9. Tonight's concert is coming to you live from Munich to celebrate this year's Oktoberfest. The pieces that you'll be hearing tonight are an interesting array of eclectic music. Moreover, this evening's musicians reflect the variety of selections as they all come from a hodgepodge of nationalities. A Swede will play a lullaby by Brahms, a Spaniard will play a fugue by Bach on the organ and a Dutchman will play one of Liszt's rhapsodies. It promises to be an international harmonious evening. All other programs have been given a rain check in order to provide our listeners with this once in a lifetime concert. We hope that you enjoy this evening's performances. Our regularly scheduled program for today will be broadcast tomorrow.

95. What describes the kind of music that will be heard?
96. Where does the musician playing Liszt come from?
97. What has happened to the regular program?

10. Recent statistics have shown that one out of every 10 people has suffered from indigestion this year. Let's face it, the food that we're eating is much too rich for our own good. Dieticians and doctors have been urging us to eat more healthily at regular hours. Yet we continue munching on potato chips and sugared doughnuts at any time of the day. With the advent of the computer many of us have become couch potatoes and remain idle most of the day. In essence, we're filling up our bodies but not spending any energy. So we are faced with increasing cases of poor digestion and obesity. It is high time that we started thinking about what is good for us, even if that means sacrificing those tasty little morsels that we've become so accustomed to.

98. Why do people suffer from indigestion?
99. What is the cause of people's inactivity?
100. What do we have to give up on?