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PRACTICE TEST 1

SECTION 1

R = Receptionist
W = Woman
P = Police Officer

R:	Good evening, City Police Station. Can I help you?	
W:	Oh hello, I'd like to report a stolen briefcase, please.	*Example*
R:	Just a minute and I'll put you through.	
	Repeat	
P:	Lost property. Can I help you?	
W:	Oh, yes. I've had my briefcase stolen.	
P:	OK … I'll take some details … Tell me what it looks like, first of all.	
W:	Well … it's a soft leather one, you know, not a heavy box-type like a man's.	
P:	Mmm … and how does it close?	
W:	It's got buckles at the front ... two of them They're gold-plated ones.	*Q1*
P:	Fine … Was it locked?	
W:	No, I'm afraid not.	
P:	Never mind. Any distinguishing features?	
W:	Pardon?	
P:	Any marks or badges on it that make it stand out?	
W:	Only the brand name.	
P:	And where's that?	
W:	It's on the back … at the bottom in the left-hand corner. It's Sagi. Oh and there's a scratch … it's quite bad but small … directly above the brand name. I did it recently putting it on my bike.	*Q2*
P:	Right, got that. So, what did you have inside the briefcase?	
W:	Well all my papers from college. It's so frustrating but, thank goodness for computers, I haven't lost them completely!	
P:	Yes, you're lucky.	
W:	I had my wallet in my pocket so I didn't lose that but there were also my pens which I got for my birthday and a novel I was planning to read on the train.	*Q3*
P:	Right. Where exactly did you lose the briefcase?	
W:	Well … I couldn't believe it. I was standing on the platform … it was right next to me.	
P:	You were holding it?	
W:	I'd just put it down on the floor but I could almost feel it beside me. I was watching for my tram because sometimes it comes early and then next time I looked, my briefcase wasn't there.	*Q4*
P:	And what time was this?	
W:	Ah … it was … it must have been about 5.20 … no a bit later. I'd say 5.30	*Q5*

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because it was just getting crowded and the train normally comes at about twenty-five to six.

P: Right, if you'll just give me some personal details ...
W: Yes.
P: What name is it?
W: I'm Mary Prescott.
P: Can you spell that?
W: Yes, it's P-R E-S-C-O-T-T. *Q6*
P: And your address?
W: Flat 2, 41, Fountain Road, Canterbury. *Qs 7 and 8*
P: Fountain Road.
W: Yes, number 41.
P: And have you got a contact telephone number?
W: Yes, it's 7-5 double 2-3-9.
P: 7-5-double 239. Fine. One last question — what would you say the value of your briefcase is? *Q9*
W: Including the contents?
P: Yes, Just a rough estimate is fine.
W: I'm not sure. Well, the briefcase itself is quite new; I bought it last month for £40. I suppose about £65. The contents are worth about 20 or 25 pounds at least. *Q10*
P: That's fine. Well, if you could come down to the station tomorrow, you can sign this form and have a look at what we've got here.
W: OK, thanks. 'Bye.
P: Goodbye.

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