

Questions 186-190 refer to the following memo, article, and e-mail.

MEMO

From: Jan Albertson
To: All Public Relations Department Staff
RE: Rebranding
Date: Tuesday, July 8

As you may have heard, the proposal to rebrand the company was officially approved at yesterday's board meeting. It was decided that the name change shall be completed as soon as possible. You need to develop a transition plan to ensure that all internal and external communications are ready to be updated. In addition, I would like a team to be formed to create the new company's logo, which will be unveiled to the public at the same time as the

official renaming. I look forward to an initial progress report by next Monday, July 14.

Hickox to Get New Name for New Identity

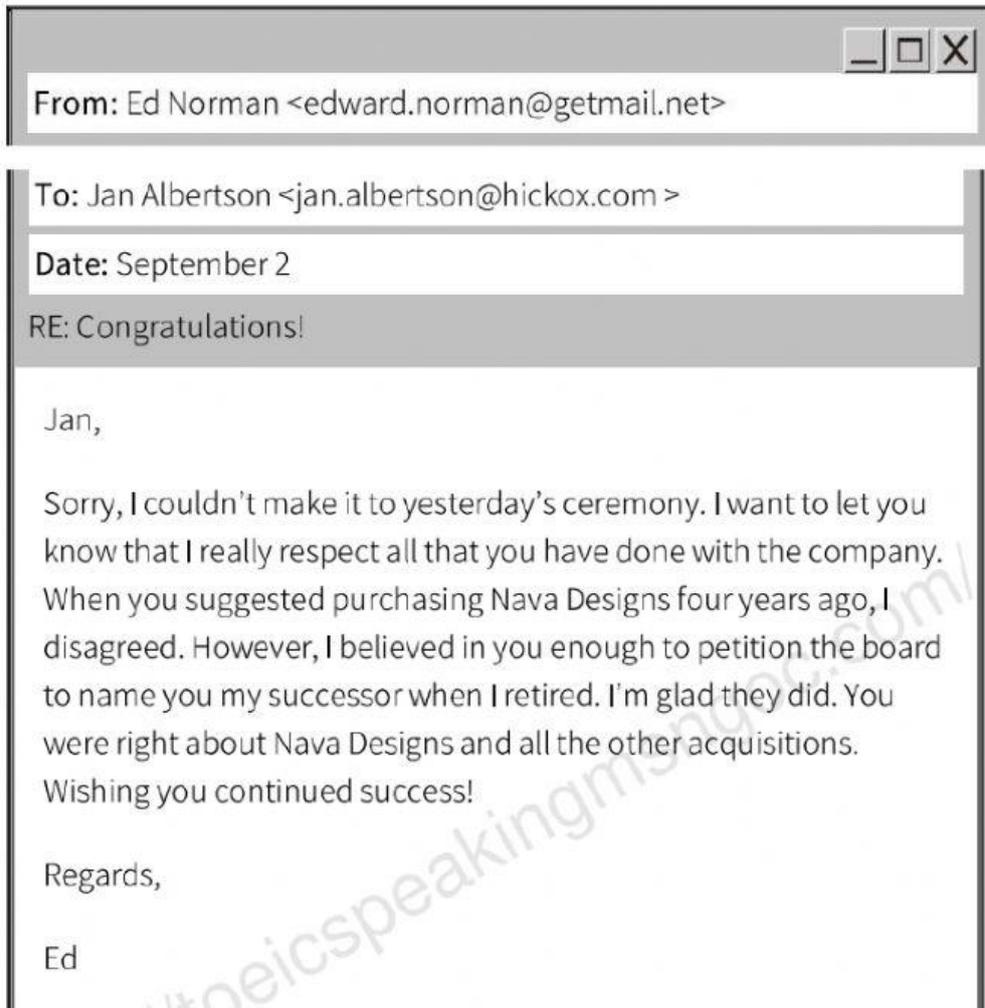
by Veronica Garcia

SEAGRAM (August 12) – As of the last day of this month, Hickox Industrial Manufacturing, Inc. will be no more. The company will announce the official name change to Hickox Technologies during a ceremony at its Seagram headquarters on September 1.

The company's CEO, Jan Albertson, explained, "The new name better reflects the evolution of our company from a major manufacturer to a diversified technology company."

Since taking the top leadership position at Hickox three years ago, Mr. Albertson has aggressively acquired smaller, specialized firms with strong growth potential. He targeted software programmers, robotics designers, and research labs to give Hickox a competitive edge in the twenty-first century economy.

Hickox was founded in 1955 as a designer and manufacturer of precision industrial equipment. It is currently the third largest employer in Bacon County.



186. What date was the logo supposed to be made public?

- (A) July 8
- (B) July 14
- (C) September 1
- (D) September 2

187. In the article, the word “edge” in paragraph 3, line 4 is closest in meaning to

- (A) blade
- (B) location
- (C) advantage
- (D) voice

188. In the article, what is NOT mentioned about Hickox?

- (A) The company will open a new headquarters.
- (B) The company is located in Bacon County.
- (C) The company changed leaders three years ago.
- (D) The company has been buying other companies.

189. Why did Mr. Norman write to Mr. Albertson?

- (A) To provide an excuse
- (B) To criticize a decision
- (C) To offer praise
- (D) To make a recommendation

190. What most likely was Mr. Norman's former career?

- (A) Newspaper reporter
- (B) City official
- (C) Industrial engineer
- (D) Corporate executive

Questions 191-195 refer to the following announcement, e-mail, and letter.

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audio version (downloadable)	\$75

To: Roman Codrescu <rcodrescu@masondixon.com>

From: Eric Majors <emajcrs@masondixon.com>

Subject: Global Interest offer

Date: April 18

Attachment: subscription_form

Hi, Roman.

I am returning the subscription form for the Global Interest offer. Thanks for taking the time to explain the different subscription options when I picked the form up from your office. I decided to go with the least expensive one that lets me access the older content on its Web site. When I find writers I really appreciate, I like to go back and read their previous articles. I would like to start my subscription as soon as possible. Please let me know the quickest way to do that.

Best,

Eric

Subscriber #9037324

Eric Majors
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April 29

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Sincerely,

Harris Polanski
Subscriber Services Representative
Global Interest Magazine

191. What is NOT indicated about Global Interest magazine?

- (A) It is available in a form for listeners.
- (B) It is published on a regular basis.
- (C) It is sold in dozens of countries.
- (D) It allows readers to see past issues.

192. What is suggested about Mr. Codrescu?

- (A) He works on the seventh floor.
- (B) He subscribes to Global Interest.
- (C) He writes for a news publication.
- (D) He is Mr. Polanski's supervisor.

193. How much will Mr. Majors most likely be charged for his subscription to Global Interest?

- (A) \$30
- (B) \$50
- (C) \$65
- (D) \$75

194. What is suggested about Mr. Majors?

- (A) His employer is located in Lincoln.
- (B) He will pay for his subscription online.
- (C) His job requires him to follow local news.
- (D) He works for a media company.

195. In the letter, the word "prompted" in paragraphs 2, line 3 is closest in meaning to

- (A) rushed
- (B) assured
- (C) decided
- (D) asked

Questions 196-200 refer to the following article, e-mail, and menu.

Smart Balance Offers Healthy Meals

By Mark Swenz

Portland, OR (November 18) - Public schools have had to revise their menus to encourage students to eat a more balanced diet. Namely, they have cut down on carbohydrates and refined sugar and replaced them with healthier foods. But have you ever

thought about encouraging healthy eating in the workplace?

Privately owned catering company Smart Balance says that employees eating a balanced diet are just as important as it is for students, and that's why it created office-oriented meal plans that include plenty of protein, fruit, and vegetables. Too often, catered food is high in fat and carbohydrates, which can leave employees feeling sluggish.

"Tired employees are not as productive as they can be," said Smart Balance founder Freda Hiens. "In order to have enough energy, employees need to eat a balanced diet." The cost of more balanced meals is often comparable to standard catered fare as well.

Smart Balance, which began in Hiens' own personal kitchen, received funding from investors that topped \$500,000. Today, its regular clients include several local corporations such as Maxmay, Chico's, and AdWorld.

To: Freda Hiens <freda@smartbalance.net>

From: Dale Lee <dlee@appleshoebox.com>

Subject: Menu Request

Date: December 18

Hi, Freda.

Apple Shoe Box will be having a holiday party for our 2,000 employees next week. We have a few workers who have listed that they prefer not to eat meat, so we would like to request a sample menu featuring meat-free options. When you prepare it, please include four or more appetizers. My partner loves cheese, so it would be great if you prepared one to suit his tastes. Three entrées should be enough. Please include the meatless entrée that you made for the Maxmay event last year. It was delicious!

Thank you.

Dale Lee

Apple Shoe Box

Holiday Party Menu

Appetizers

Sunrise Kale Salad*
Chicken-Bacon Wraps
Spaghetti Squash Cups
Baked Cheese Sticks

Main Courses

Wild Rice Stuffed Squash*
Spaghetti with Meatballs

Roasted Chicken
Grilled Fish

*For vegetarian

196. According to the article, what is suggested about Smart Balance® meals?

- (A) They help employees stay active at work.
- (B) They are tastier than regular meals.
- (C) They are easy to prepare.
- (D) They are free of fat and carbohydrates.

197. In the article, the word “comparable” in paragraph 3, line 3 is closest in meaning to

- (A) superior
- (B) essential
- (C) similar
- (D) relevant

198. What is indicated about Ms. Hiens?

- (A) She started her company in her home.
- (B) She catered for Mr. Lee in the past.
- (C) She will attend the holiday party.
- (D) She cooks all the food herself.

199. What dish is most likely for Mr. Lee's partner?

- (A) Sunrise Kale Salad
- (B) Chicken-Bacon Wrap
- (C) Spaghetti Squash Cups
- (D) Baked Cheese Sticks

200. What is suggested about Smart Balance's Wild Rice Stuffed Squash?

- (A) It was made for a regular customer.
- (B) It will not appeal to Mr. Lee.
- (C) It is one of the most popular dishes.
- (D) It includes some dairy products.