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Conversation two "Job interview"

(C-Chief Executive; M-Mr Makowski)

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C - ...Now let me ask you a question we ask all our candidates. Why do you want this job?

M - Well, I've done research about various organisations and I learnt that you are a company that really values flexibility and innovation. I also like the idea of managing more people, a role for which I'm really ready.

- C Tell me about yourself.
- M Is there any particular information you'd like me to discuss?
- C What are your qualifications?
- M Well, I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing. I had ten years of sales experience with Siemens in Warsaw. I was promoted in 2000 and I've worked as the Head of the Sales Department since then. I enclosed a detailed track record with my CV.
- C And what's your greatest strength? What do you think you're good at?
- M Greatest strength? I'm efficient, and I know how to get things done.
- C Uh huh. And how do you work under pressure?
- M Quite well, I'd say. Although I usually try to avoid getting into 11th hour situations.
- C Mm, interesting! And a final question. What are your salary requirements?
- M -Well, based on my track record and qualifications, what would be the salary range for the position?
- C I'm sure we can negotiate a compromise on that.
- M I'm sure we can.
- C Do you have any questions?
- M What are the employment conditions?

C - We have a 40-hour working week. You get a basic salary plus a performance-based bonus...

- M And what is the benefits package?
- C We offer medical benefits, employee catering, company social activities fund, a company car and some additional professional insurance.
- M I understand. Thank you very much.
- C Thank you for coming. You'll be hearing from us soon.



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