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Part I

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1----- Greetings and personal information

1	1	Hello	Hi!
	2	What's your name?	sH
	3	Could you spell that please?	A L E X A N D E R
	4	How old are you?	I was born in 1963.
	5	Are you married?	No, I'm not.
	6	Do you have any children?	Of course I don't have any children.
	7	Where are you from?	Argentina
	8	Where do you live?	At present, I live in Austria.
	9	Who do you live with?	I live with my dog.
	10	Do you like where you live?	Yes, I love it. There are things I like and things I don't like, of course. Same as anywhere I guess.
	11	What one thing would you like to change in the world?	I'd force governments around the world to immediately terminate the production and sale of all weapons.
	12	Would you like to live in another country?	Absolutely not! Why would I? In terms of stability, healthcare, culture, environment etc, Vienna is the greatest place to live on earth at this time. I'm very happy there.

2----- Stating preferences

2	1	Which do you prefer? Beer or wine?	Oh, most surely wine. Preferably from Argentina
	2	Tea or coffee?	I think coffee.

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3	Spring or Autumn?	Hmm! Difficult. I like both seasons.
4	The summer or the winter?	Neither. One is too hot, the other is too cold.
5	Traveling by train or by bus?	For me, the train is by far the better way to travel
6	Do you prefer jazz or pop?	It depends on the band.
7	Do you prefer classical music or rock music?	It depends on my mood and where I am
8	Do you prefer spaghetti or noodles?	Noodles by a long shot.
9	Do you prefer rice or potatoes?	I don't like potatoes so it's gotta be rice.
10	Do you prefer surfing the internet or watching TV?	The truth is I don't have a TV....so it would have to be surfing the internet.
11	What's more interesting for you? Fiction or non-fiction books?	I much prefer non-fiction.
12	Where would you prefer to go on holiday? The beach or the mountains?	Actually, I'm happier at home.

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3 ----- Chat up lines

3	1	What do you do?	I'm in between jobs at the moment.
	2	Where are you from?	Earth.
	3	What's your favorite color?	I don't know. Blue?
	4	What's your favourite food?	Sushi.
	5	What's your favourite drink?	Italian white.
	6	Who's your favorite movie star?	Penelope Cruz
	7	Who's your favourite writer?	That guy who wrote Harry Potter.
	8	What kind of music do you like?	I dunno. Maybe Late Baroque.
	9	What kind of books do you read?	Magical Realism. Science Fiction.
	10	What are your turn-ons?	Women who make me laugh.
	11	What are your turn-offs?	Women that are always on their phones or won't stop talking about themselves.
	12	And the big question is: Is there anyone special in your life at the moment?	Ask me that one in a little while.

4 ----- Daily routine

1	What time do you wake up?	I wake up at six o'clock
2	What time do you get up?	I get up at five past six
3	What time do you leave for work?	I leave home at seven o'clock
4	What time do you get to work?	I get to work at seven-thirty
5	What time do you start work?	Quarter to eight
6	What time do you have a morning break?	I have a morning break at about ten fifteen.
7	What time do you have lunch?	From eleven thirty to one pm
8	What time do you finish work?	I finish just before five pm.
9	What time do you leave work?	I like to get away at five o'clock on the dot.
10	What time do you get home?	I get home at five forty five.
11	What time do you have dinner?	I have dinner at around eight
12	What time do you go to bed?	I go to bed any time between 11.30 and 12 though no later than midnight.

5 ----- A night out

1	When was the last time you went out with friends?	It was in August
2	Who did you go with?	They're my friends from college. We meet up every year
3	Where did you go?	We went to an Italian restaurant.
4	What did you wear?	I didn't wear anything special. Just jeans and a teashirt. It's so hot in August.
5	What did you do?	We did what we normally do. Chatted about family
6	What did you eat?	We usually have pizza. Different ones every year. This time it was Mockba Pizza: a four-fish pizza, with sardines, tuna, mackerel, and salmon.
7	What did you drink?	We drank what we usually drink. Beer. It's always beer. Draught beer.
8	Did you meet anyone?	No, we didn't. We were too busy talking amongst ourselves.
9	How did you go home?	I went home by taxi.
10	What time did you get home?	I got home just after midnight.
11	Did you have a good time?	I had a wonderful time.
12	Did you do anything you regret?	Yes, I ate too much. I wish I hadn't eaten that last slice of pizza.

6 ----- Have you ever.....#1 Talking about your job

1	Have you ever responded to an email in English?	I write emails in English every day.
2	Have you ever written a letter or fax in English?	No, I haven't. Never.
3	Have you ever attended a conference in English?	Yes, I attended a conference in English in London
4	Have you ever given a speech in English?	Yes, I have. I gave a speech at my friend's wedding.
5	Have you ever listened to a talk in English?	Yes, quite a few times. I often listen to Ted talks with subtitles.
6	Have you ever spoken to your boss in English?	No, I haven't. My boss only speaks Japanese.
7	Have you ever given a presentation?	Yes. Two or three times a year I give presentations on our department's latest developments.
8	Have you ever spoken in English on the phone?	No, I haven't. I prefer to use email.
9	Have you ever had a Skype convo in English?	No. I prefer Zalo.
10	Have you ever participated in a video conference in English?	Yes. The design department speaks to Tokyo once a month.
11	Have you ever written a report in English?	Yes, I have to write daily reports.
12	Have you ever entertained any foreign businesspeople?	Yes. My colleagues and I once took a group of Japanese engineers to a karaoke bar.

7 ----- Social Networking

1	Do you use any social networking sites?	Yes, I use several...LaceMook...Eternagram, Pratter, Wop Phat.
2	Which one do you use the most?	I use LaceMook more than the others.
3	How often do you check in to this site?	I am there every day.
4	What kind of things do you do there?	Waste time generally. All very narcissistic. I upload photos of food I've prepared. Put up selfies of myself doing stupid things.
5	Do you have an honest profile on it or do you use a fake name?	Oh I'd never use my real name. Everyone knows who I am anyway
6	How much personal information do you share? What kind of information?	No personal info. All I share are my deepest feelings about the nihilistic state of this planet.
7	How many friends do you have on your preferred social media site?	I'm not sure. In the tens of thousands perhaps....I never check.
8	Have you met any of these people face-to-face?	No, never. I have no need to meet them. I like them to respect my digital anonymity and vice versa.
9	Have you ever had a problem there? What kind of problem?	No, not really. It was down once, however, and I couldn't connect.
10	Do you have any concerns about privacy when using social media?	None whatsoever. I use an alternative search engine to Gagle and I insist on using a VPN for added security.
11	What's the nicest or most interesting thing that's happened to you on social media?	Any time a follower clicks the like button, my brain spurts out a cocktail of happy chemicals. That's nice. Addictive even.
12	What's the worst thing?	Oh that's easy. The worst thing is the invasion of privacy. The targeted ads. I'm a very private person so I don't like that.

8----- Favourite things

1	What's your favourite Vietnamese dish?	Oh Spring Rolls, definitely.
2	What's your favourite foreign food?	I'm crazy about Sri Lankan curries and pizzas. They make me happy.
3	What's your favourite fruit?	My favourite fruit? I absolutely adore mango.
4	What's your favourite vegetable?	Oh definitely carrots.
5	What's your favourite soft drink?	I don't really have a favourite soft drink. But I do drink a lot of orange juice.
6	What's your favourite alcoholic drink?	Oh definitely wine. Preferably Australian.
7	What's your favourite sport?	My favourite sport is Catch the Carrot: excellent for developing reflexes coordination and speed.
8	What's your favourite computer game?	Catch the Carrot again. It teaches me about nutrition and healthy foods
9	What's your favourite song?	I can't say. I have too many. Anything by Abba I love.
10	What's your favourite movie?	My absolute favourite is "Titanic". I loved it.
11	What's your favourite book?	My favourite book is The Little Prince.
12	What's your favourite play?	I love anything by Shakespeare. Especially The Tempest.

9----- Your last holiday

1	Where did you go for your last holiday?	We went to a town in Australia called Coober Pedy.
2	How did you get there?	We went there by train. The Ghan.
3	How long were you there?	We were there a total of 5 days.
4	Where did you stay?	We stayed in a hole in the ground. Hah! Actually, it was a 5-star hotel.
5	What cool or interesting places did you visit?	We flew by helicopter to the most sacred rock in Australia. Uluru. A stunning place. A World Heritage site u:lə'ru:/ ,
6	How was the weather?	
7	And what was the food like?	It was all weird but delicious. The roast goanna and steamed witchetty grubs were excellent. Kangaroo was nice too.
8	What did you drink?	We drank several delightful Australian craft beers.
9	What about the locals?	You couldn't meet a friendlier people. They call themselves Aussies.
10	What did you enjoy most about your trip?	My birthday is in October so my husband bought me a gorgeous black opal pendant.
11	Any bad experiences?	None at all. All wonderful.
12	Did you have many opportunities to speak English?	Of course. But some of those Australians are really difficult to understand. What a weird accent!

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10----- Talking about Family and where you live. (Alternative)

1	1	Hello	Hi!
	2	What's your name?	Doraemon
	3	Could you spell that please?	D O N A L D D U C K
	4	How old are you?	I was born in 1934.
	5	Are you married?	Yes, my wife's name is Minnie.
	6	Do you have any children?	No, but I have 3 nephews. Huey, Dewey, and Louie.
	7	Where are you from?	America
	8	Where do you live?	California
	9	Who do you live with?	I live alone
	10	Do you like where you live?	So so. There are things I like and things I don't like. Same as anywhere I guess.
	11	What would you like to change?	I'd get the government to make the corporations pay more tax.
	12	Would you like to live in another country?	Yes. Austria. Vienna. In terms of stability, healthcare, culture, environment, amongst many other factors

11 ----- PART 2: GOOD BOY BAD BOY

1	What school do you go to?	You don't want to know. I think it's the worst school in the country.		
2	How do you get to school?	My mother usually takes me in the family Cadillac though I sometimes ride my unicycle.		
3	What time do your classes start and finish?	We start at 6am. Much too early! And we finish at 6pm. Much too late!		
4	Are you ever late in the morning?	I'm often late. Either because I oversleep or my mother can't get the car started.		
5	What happens if a pupil is late for school?	Anyone late for school gets a three-hour after-school detention, is forced to recite Shakespeare and has to pay a \$10 fine.		
6	Do you have to wear a uniform or can you wear what you like?	Everyone has to wear a grey blazer, a grey v-necked pullover, grey shirt, grey shoes, grey socks. We even have to wear a grey tie! I mean REALLY. We do,		

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		however, get to wear underpants in the colour of our choice.		
7	What do think of the idea of wearing a school uniform?	It's the stupidest idea. Absolutely ridiculous. Horrid!		
8	What's your favourite subject?	I hate every subject. Not one of them is any good. They're all totally useless.		
9	How much homework do you do every day?	As little as possible to be honest. A max of ten minutes.		
10	Who's your favourite teacher?	Favourite teacher! Hugggh! I'll tell you who I hate the most. Mr. Peabody. Our Maths teacher. I know more about Algebra than him.		
11	What do like most about your school?	I like the holidays most. When I'm not there.		
12	What do you dislike about your school?	At the beginning of each lesson we have to recite the mantra: " I aspire to maintain an inquiring mind, a calm disposition and an attentive ear so that in this class and in all classes I can fulfill my true potential. " I hate it.		

12----- Talking about where you live

1	Where do you live?	I live in Tuscany in Central Italy. About 76 kilometers from Florence.
2	Do you live in a house or a flat?	Neither. I live in a castle which dates back to the XVIIIth century.
3	Is it a big place or a small place?	With 750m2 (square meters) of living space over three levels, I'd say it was quite large.
4	How many rooms are there? What are they?	There are 23 rooms which include 6 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms, a games room, living and dining rooms, a private home cinema and so on.
5	What's your favourite room? Tell me why?	My favourite room is the games room. There are over 1000 games that can be played here. From 3D VR, AR, MR hologrammatic role playing games to cards and good old monopoly. I even have a pool table.
6	Which room do you spend most of your time in?	I spend 80% of my free time in the games room. Games are both my work and my hobby.
7	What do you do in this room?	I work and play. Games are my life. My life is nothing but a game.
8	Is your house in the center of town or in the suburbs?	It's set in a private estate sitting at the heart of 6 acres of land with private swimming pool, a tennis court and wonderful countryside views.
9	Can you describe your neighbourhood? Is it noisy or quiet?	Oh, it's very quiet. It's surrounded by a lake to the west, mountains in the north and a forest beyond the eastern perimeter.
10	What amenities are there, for example parks, hospitals, shops?	There are no amenities in the immediate vicinity. I have virtually

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	everything I need but should any emergencies arise, and the nearest town is only a 15-minute helicopter ride away.	
11	What are your neighbours like?	
		My nearest neighbours live 3 kilometers away and I hardly know them. I have no idea what they're like.
12	What's your dream house? Can you describe it? Where is it, what's it like, etc?	
		You're joking aren't you! I'm living in it. This is my dream home.

**13----- Talking
about your
ABILITIES**

1	Can you sing?	No, no I can't. No way.
2	Can you ride a horse?	Ride a horse? I've never seen a horse.
3	Can you play a musical instrument?	Yes, I play the violin.
4	Can you play volleyball?	Yes, but not very well.
5	Can you cook?	No very well, no, but at least my husband likes my cooking.
6	Can you ski?	Ski! I don't know. I've never tried. Maybe.
7	Can you ride a motorbike?	I can, yes. But I don't like to.
8	Can you drive a car?	No, I can't. I don't have a car.
9	Can you dance?	I can move my body to music. I wouldn't call it dancing.
10	Can you swim?	Unfortunately, no. I never learnt.
11	Can you touch your toes without bending your knees?	Hmm. I'm not sure. Let me try.
12	Can you speak English?	Of course I can.

**14-----
LIFESTYLE**

1	Do you like coffee?	Yes, I do.
2	Do you like beer?	No, I don't.
3	Do you like football?	No, I hate it.
4	Do you like baseball?	No, not very much
5	Do you like reading?	Yes, but mainly books.
6	Do you like watching TV?	No, not at all.
7	Do you like going to the cinema?	Not so much now. I used to.
8	Do you like eating out?	Sometimes, yes.
9	Do you like pizza?	No, not so much.
10	Do you like rice?	Of course! I eat rice every day.
11	Do you like your job?	Hmm... It's OK.

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12	Do you like studying English?	Yes, I love studying English.
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15--- Talking about your School #2

1	What school do you go to?	I go to IA4GS. The Intergalactic Academy for Gifted Students.
2	How do you get to school?	A triple-decker, solar-powered, driverless bus. Yellow! It's so cool!
3	What time do your classes start and finish?	We start at 6am and finish at 6pm.
4	Are you ever late in the morning?	I'm NEVER late for school
5	What happens if a pupil is late for school?	Anyone late for school receives lessons in Advanced Morals and Ethics.
6	Do you have to wear a uniform or can you wear what you like?	We can wear what we like but moderation is encouraged. Any particularly outlandish outfit is frowned upon
7	What do think of the idea of wearing a school uniform?	I wouldn't mind wearing one.
8	What's your favourite subject?	There are two subjects I particularly love: English and Japanese.
9	How much homework do you do every day?	It's not really homework as such. It's more like extracurricular stuff. Nothing academic at all. Dance Music Art Sport
10	Who's your favourite teacher?	Oh, I love Ms Ming, my Creative Thinking tutor. She teaches us how to examine problems in such a way that we believe that, if we think out of the box, and with a multidimensional approach, nothing is impossible.
11	What do like most about your school?	At the beginning of each lesson we recite a very special mantra: "By the grace of the Almighty, in harmony with the cosmos and all and everything within, I aspire to fulfill my true potential and change the world we live in. "
12	What do you dislike about your school?	Nothing at all. The academic program is excellent, the teaching staff exceptional, and the approach to learning is very personalized and directed towards fostering the intrinsic genius in us all.

16----- Favourite things

Do you know the movie “*The Sound of Music*”? Take a look at this clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGABqdbtQnA>

What are some of your favourite things? Movies, music and books.

What’s your favourite Vietnamese dish? Oh Spring Rolls, definitely.

What’s one of your favourite foreign foods? Sri Lankan curries.

What’s your favourite fruit? My favourite fruit? I love mango.

What’s your favourite non-alcoholic drink? I don’t really have a favourite non-alcoholic drink. But I do drink a lot of orange juice.

What’s your favourite alcoholic drink? Oh definitely wine. Preferably Chilean.

What’s your favourite song? I have too many favourite songs. Anything by Pink Floyd ...Manu Chao

What are your three of your favourite books? Oh, there are too many. My top 3 book may be Wild Sheep Chase by Haruki Murakami, Man in the High Castle by Philip K Dick and Midnight’s Children by Salman Rushdie.

What’s your favourite colour? Blue is my favourite colour.

What’s your favourite movie? Oh, I have so many in so many genres. My absolute favourite is “Titanic”. I loved it. I’ve seen it over 20 times. For Romantic Comedy it has to be “Groundhog Day”. And for science fiction it’s the original version of “Total Recall” made in 1990.