Handling Difficult Workplace Scenarios

1. You work full-time, 40 hours a week, Monday - Friday. Over the years, you have built up 10 sick days. It’s a beautiful day outside and you would like to take advantage of the day. Would you call in sick to go enjoy the day?

1A. If you were an employer, how would you respond if you found out an employee faked an illness to skip work in order to enjoy a beautiful day?

2. Imagine that you are a mechanic at a small garage. The owner calls you into his office and tells you that he is upset because you are too concerned about the wallet of the customer and not enough about the bottom line of the garage. In no uncertain terms, he tells you that you need to start finding “more severe problems” with the cars you fix or start finding another job. Specifically, how would you handle this?

3. A high-paying dream job is listed in the paper. Unfortunately, it requires a degree that you don’t have, but you feel like you have the skills to do the job well. Would you ever falsify a resume to get your foot in the door? What do you think would happen if the employer found out? Is it worth the risk?