

## **Discussion I**

### **I.**

1. We just have time for a few questions. 2. I'm ready for your questions now. 3. I am not quite sure what you mean by that. 4. Could you repeat the question, please? 5. That's a very interesting question. 6. If you don't mind, we could discuss this question during the lunch break. 7. Sorry, but I don't know it off the top of my head. 8. I'm sorry, but that's not my field. 9. I'll put you in touch with Professor X. 10. I'm afraid that's all we've got time for. Thank you for your attention.

### **II. Possible responses**

1. And now I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. Your questions are welcome. 2. Could you speak up, please? I'm afraid I didn't quite catch that. 3. I'm not quite sure what you mean by that. I'm afraid I don't quite follow. 4. That's a very interesting question. That's a difficult question to answer. 5. Sorry, that's not my field. That's an interesting question, I'll try to find out for you. 6. I'll deal with that point later in my presentation. Would you mind waiting until the question and answer session at the end? 7. I'm afraid that's all we've time for. OK, we only have a few minutes left. Is there one last question?

### **III. Possible responses**

1. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. 2. Sorry to interrupt you, but could you speak a bit louder? 3. Would you mind repeating your question? 4. I'm afraid I don't quite follow. 5. Sorry, but I don't have the figures available at the moment. 6. Sorry, but I don't know that off the top of my head.

### **IV. Possible responses**

1. Are there any questions? 2. I'm sorry, could you repeat your question, please? 3. I'll deal precisely with that point later in my presentation. 4. I'm afraid there's time for only one last question (before lunch). 5. I'm afraid that's not really what we're discussing today. 6. Has anyone else had a similar problem?