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Test Your Broadband IQ

(NAPSA)—How tuned in are you to today's communication technology? Taking this little test can help you tell.

1. Compared to dial-up, satellite Internet service is (a) faster (b) slower (c) about the same.

2. High-speed Internet access is used by (a) families (b) big businesses (c) small businesses.

3. Satellite service cannot work in an office or home that's networked? (a) true (b) false (c) it depends.

4. The geosynchronous satellites used for communications are (a) 45,000 (b) 4,500 (c) 22,300 miles above the earth?

Answers

1. (a) Much faster. In fact, with some service plans, companies and home offices can get download speeds up to 1Mbps, and upload speeds up to 200 Kbps. Files download in seconds, e-mail access is instant and information can be shared quickly and easily with customers, partners and suppliers. It is helpful to understand that all Internet technologies (satellite or land-based) "share" available network bandwidth. Actual speeds vary based on the amount of traffic on the Internet, the content on a particular Web site or by the overall performance and configuration of a computer. With satellite, user experience is generally excellent when downloading Web pages, e-mails or large data files. Users have instant access to business-critical information without dialing in. You do not need a phone line or dial-up data modem to access the Internet. 2. (a), (b) and (c). Anyone

Because the signal must travel into outer space, it takes about half a second for a computer to communicate with a Web site or host server via satellite.

can benefit from faster Internet access. A wide range of innovative and scalable network solutions are available to home offices and small-to-medium businesses as well as major corporations. For example, for small home offices, there's Direcway Professional service. For small businesses with up to five concurrent users, there's Direcway Small Office or Business Internet. It's available even where DSL is not and your company can have always-on, always-secure and reliable broadband Internet access without tying up phone or fax lines. It can increase productivity in growing businesses. 3. (b) False. You can connect multiple computers and laptops to a single Internet connection, so users can have fast downloading and instant Internet access. Small Office can accommodate up to three concurrent users, Business Internet, up to five. 4. (c) About 22,300 miles. This round-trip adds about a half a second delay to the total time your computer takes to communicate with a Web site or host server. Most back-office applications, e-commerce transactions and common business applications work very well over satellite.

How well did you do on this quiz? Even if you're a techno-genius, you can probably learn still more at the DIRECWAY® Web site, www.powermybusiness.com.