Karta pracy B2 – Work & Modern Lifestyle

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Part 1 – Speaking

Work in pairs. Answer each question in 4–6 sentences and give reasons or examples.

1. Would you rather work from home, in an office or in a café? Why?
2. Some people say that being constantly available on your phone ruins your free time. To what extent do you agree?
3. What skills do you think will be most valuable in the job market in ten years' time?
4. If you could change one thing about the way people work in your country, what would it be and why?
5. Is it better to have a well-paid job you don't enjoy or a low-paid job you love? Justify your opinion.
6. How has technology changed the way people of your parents' generation and your generation spend their free time?

Part 2 – Grammar

A. Key word transformations

Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in capitals and 2–5 words, without changing it.

1. I regret not accepting that job offer last year. **WISH** I _____ that job offer last year.
2. They are going to open a new co-working space next month. **BE** A new co-working space _____ next month.
3. "Don't send any emails after 6 p.m.," the manager told us. **NOT** The manager told _____ any emails after 6 p.m.
4. It's possible that Mark forgot about the meeting. **MIGHT** Mark _____ about the meeting.
5. She started working here three years ago. **BEEN** She _____ for three years.
6. I didn't take the course, so I don't have the certificate now. **HAD** If I _____, I would have the certificate now.

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B. Choose the correct option

1. By the end of this year, I *will finish / will have finished* my internship.
2. It's high time we *start / started* taking work-life balance seriously.
3. Hardly *I had / had I* switched off my laptop when my boss called.
4. You *needn't have printed / mustn't have printed* the report – everyone has it on their tablets.
5. I'd rather you *don't tell / didn't tell* anyone about my new job yet.
6. The meeting, *which / that* lasted three hours, was completely pointless.

C. Open cloze

Write ONE word in each gap.

Remote work used to be a privilege (1) _____ only a few employees enjoyed. Nowadays, however, many companies allow their staff to work from home at (2) _____ twice a week. Not everyone is happy about it, (3) _____. Some people find (4) _____ difficult to separate their private life from their job, especially if they (5) _____ not have a separate room to work in. Others miss the chats with colleagues they (6) _____ to have in the office kitchen. (7) _____ the drawbacks, few workers would like to go back to the office full-time.

Part 3 – Word formation

A. Sentences

Use the word in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

1. Working long hours without breaks can seriously affect your _____. (PRODUCE)
2. The new manager is very _____ – he never listens to anyone's ideas. (PATIENT)
3. Many _____ are looking for jobs that offer flexible working hours. (APPLY)
4. It is _____ to expect people to answer emails at midnight. (REASON)
5. Her _____ to learn new skills impressed the whole team. (WILLING)
6. The company is planning to _____ its offices so that they look more modern. (DESIGN)
7. Constant notifications are a major _____ when you are trying to focus. (DISTRACT)
8. He was _____ dismissed and took the company to court. (FAIR)

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B. Text

Complete the text with words formed from the words in capitals.

The (1) _____ (APPEAR) of the traditional nine-to-five job is one of the biggest changes of our time. For many young people, (2) _____ (FLEXIBLE) matters more than a high salary. They value (3) _____ (INDEPENDENT) and want their work to be (4) _____ (MEANING). However, experts warn that being (5) _____ (CONSTANT) online may lead to stress and (6) _____ (SLEEP) nights.

Part 4 – Photo description

[PHOTO: people working on laptops in a café]

Look at the photo and describe it in about 2 minutes. Then answer the questions.

1. Describe the photo: who you can see, where they are and what they are doing.
2. Why do you think these people have chosen to work in a café rather than at home or in an office?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of working in public places like this one?
4. Would you be able to concentrate in a place like this? Why / why not?
5. Do you think offices will disappear in the future? Explain your opinion.

Useful language

- In the foreground / background there is… · On the left / right… · In the middle of the photo…
- It looks as if… · They seem to be… · I get the impression that…
- He might / could be… · She must be… (speculation) · They can't be…
- The atmosphere seems relaxed / busy / cosy…

Answer key (for the teacher)

Task	Answers
2A Key word transformations	1 wish I had accepted · 2 is going to be opened · 3 us not to send · 4 might have forgotten · 5 has been working here · 6 had taken the course
2B Choose the correct option	1 will have finished · 2 started · 3 had I · 4 needn't have printed · 5 didn't tell · 6 which

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Task	Answers
2C Open cloze	1 that/which · 2 least · 3 though · 4 it · 5 do · 6 used · 7 Despite
3A Word formation	1 productivity · 2 impatient · 3 applicants · 4 unreasonable · 5 willingness · 6 redesign · 7 distraction · 8 unfairly
3B Word formation (text)	1 disappearance · 2 flexibility · 3 independence · 4 meaningful · 5 constantly · 6 sleepless

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