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StartUp4 Final Test

LISTENING

A. Listen to an interview with a worker about his job, and for questions 1 to 7, choose the correct answer.

1. What is Toby's view of salary?
 - a.He'd rather have a well-paid job than an interesting job.
 - b.He wants an interesting job, even if it's badly paid.
 - c.He will do unpaid hours if it allows him to further his career.

2. What is Toby's view of working hours?
 - a.He will do extra hours in order to get a promotion.
 - b.He works overtime because he needs the money.
 - c.He avoids working any more hours than necessary.

3. What is Toby's view of work flexibility?
 - a.Luckily, he does not require flexible working hours.
 - b.His working conditions are flexible enough for his needs.
 - c.He wishes that his work offered more flexibility.

4. What is Toby's view of vacation time?
 - a.He can't travel to the places he'd like to go.
 - b.Vacation time is not very important to him.
 - c.He wishes he had more vacation time.

5. What is Toby's view of commuting?
 - a.The time he spends commuting is increasing.
 - b.He finds commuting easier now than in the past.
 - c.He feels lucky that his commute to work is shorter now.

6. What is Toby's view of his colleagues?
 - a.Team-building days have helped him build work relationships.
 - b.He gets on well with all his colleagues, and that helps make his job less tedious.
 - c.He doesn't see eye to eye with some of his colleagues.

7. What is Toby's view of job security?

- a. Luckily, his job is secure.
- b. He is uncertain about the future of his job.
- c. His job is temporary, so he's looking for more work.

READING

B. Read the blog post and answer the questions.

1 What is the blog post about?

- a. Why people don't like their jobs.
- b. How people choose what job to do.
- c. How people feel about their jobs.
- d. Why some jobs are harder than others.

2 What do Harvey Lopez and Audrey Moore have in common?

- a. They are both high level managers at their jobs.
- b. They both think technology will affect their jobs
- c. They have worked a similar amount of time at their jobs
- d. They both have some difficulties with their jobs.

3 What are the challenges mentioned by each worker?

CHALLENGING JOBS

A friend asked me not too long ago if writing this blog has gotten any easier now that I've been doing it for almost five years. As I sat and thought about his question, I realized I didn't have a clear answer! Certainly some things have gotten easier, but not everything. And then I began to wonder what other people might have to say about this in their careers.

So, I put together a simple survey asking people to report on the most challenging things they have experienced in their jobs, and I asked if these things have become easier over time. Let me say, the responses have been amazing. I would like to share just two with you here in this blog post, which I hope to continue as a series in future updates.

Harvey Lopez – Civil Engineer

"When I got my first job fresh out of college, even though I had studied a lot, I still felt unsure about what I was doing. My first assignment was on a project for a new 7-story parking garage downtown. My boss asked me to figure out situations where the garage could break apart and collapse. Here I was supposed to be ready for this, I had my degree, I had done my homework, and yet, inside I didn't feel as confident as I thought I would. Instead, these new responsibilities frightened me. I thought as I became more experienced this would change, but this is still the hardest part of my job: that feeling of the unknown—that if I miss something, horrible things could happen. Now there's more advanced technology to help in what I do, but this feeling has never gone away."

Audrey Moore – Chef

"I've been working around food and in restaurants practically all my life. My parents owned a restaurant and I probably spent as much time there as I did at home or school. One thing I learned from them is that a restaurant has two very different worlds. There is inside the kitchen, and outside the kitchen. Inside the kitchen can be a hard environment. Things are moving fast. It's loud. We're constantly running out of stuff—whether it's ingredients, time, or patience. The dining area, however, has to have a completely different atmosphere—laidback and fun, almost like it's on another planet from the kitchen. Even after 45 years of restaurant work, I still find it challenging to deal with the sharp difference between these two worlds."