QUIZ UNIT 5 EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Today many people have what is known as a portfolio career. The advantage for most people is that by (1)_____ (work) for a variety of employers or clients, no one of them has complete power over you. Many people are working on several individual projects at any one time in a bid (2)_____ (survive). But a (3)_____ (grow) numbers of professionals are choosing to set up as portfolio workers, (4)_____ (rely) on a series of 'gigs' rather than a job for life. However, it is not roses all the way as a freelancer's life can be uncertain, working three times as hard for the same money as a salaried employee, not (5)_____ (get) any holiday pay or pension. Unless you are good at (6)_____ (sell) yourself to potential clients and don't mind the insecurity of not (7)_____ (know) where the next pay cheque is coming from, then this kind of work is not for you. However, some people really enjoy the challenge of (8)_____ (work) under pressure. In the portfolio world of work there is a zero-tolerance attitude to (9)_____ (be) late. Fail once and you'll never be given work from that source again. But what you do get is the freedom (10)_____ (pick) and choose to work at a time to suit you.

VOCABULARY

A **Choose the best words to complete these sentences.**

11 Many people _____ several different jobs these days.

a) bid b) juggle c) graft d) work

12 Hi-tech and education services are two of the sectors known as _____ industries.

a) one-off b) high-value c) work-life d) part-time

13 One person interviewed about portfolio careers, painted a very _____ picture of a freelancer's life. She was very disillusioned.

a) lucrative b) complicated c) faint d) bleak

14 He's been working on bits and _____ this week.

a) parts b) sections c) pieces d) things

15 I would say that this kind of job isn't for the _____. You have to be pretty tough.

a) freedom b) fainthearted c) responsible d) technical

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B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

16 While his commitment to the job was obvious, he wasn't as _____ (dispense) as he thought.

17 Their _____ (responsible) led to the collapse of the bank.

18 My job is particularly _____ (reward) in terms of the satisfaction I get from it.

19 The high _____ (employ) figures are very worrying for the current government.

20 I find the _____ (predict) of a 9-to-5 job very disheartening. Every day seems to be the same.

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