

Work

C. Now read this essay and complete the gaps with one of the words or expressions from Tasks A and B. You may need to change the form of some of the words.

'Some people live to work, and others work to live. In most cases, this depends on the job they have and the conditions under which they are employed. In your opinion, what are the elements that make a job worthwhile?'

In answering this question, I would like to look first at the elements that combine to make a job undesirable. By avoiding such factors, potential 1_____ are more likely to find a job that is more worthwhile, and by doing so, hope to achieve happiness in their work.

First of all, it doesn't matter if you are an 2_____ worker cleaning the floor, a 3_____ 4_____ worker on a production line in one of the 5_____, or a 6_____ worker in a bank, shop or one of the other 7_____: if you lack 8_____, with the knowledge that you might lose your job at any time, you will never feel happy. Everybody would like a 9_____ in which he or she is guaranteed work. Nowadays, however, companies have a high turnover of staff, 10_____ new staff and 11_____ others on a weekly basis. Such companies are not popular with their workers.

The same can be said of a job in which you are put under a lot of 12_____ and worry, a job which is so 13_____ that it takes over your life, a job where you work 14_____ and so never get to see your family or friends, or a physical job in which you do the same thing every day and end up with the industrial disease that is always in the papers nowadays - 15_____.

With all these negative factors, it would be difficult to believe that there are any elements that make a job worthwhile. Money is, of course, the prime motivator, and everybody wants a good 16_____. But of course that is not all. The chance of 17_____, of being given a better position in a company, is a motivating factor. Likewise, 18_____ such as a free lunch or a company car, an 19_____ scheme to make you work hard such as a regular 20_____ above the rate of inflation, 21_____ in case you fall ill and a company 22_____ scheme so that you have some money when you retire all combine to make a job worthwhile.

Unfortunately, it is not always easy to find all of these. There is, however, an alternative. Forget the office and the factory floor and become 23_____ and work for yourself. Your future may not be secure, but at least you will be happy.