

Work. Jobs. Employment (Part 2)

Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A – H) the one which best fits each space (17–22). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

I was 12 years old when I first saw a show in my local leisure centre. I was fascinated by the fact that everything came in about ten lorries and they basically built a theatre from scratch. I was very curious as I (17) _____ and I found it hugely exciting.

The more I found out about technical theatre (18) _____. However, what I really wanted was to get involved and start working as part of a stage management team.

I left school when I was 16 and because I had quite a lot of experience I was able to get a job as an assistant stage manager in a theatre in London. I worked there for about a year and then did some freelance work in Cornwall and went on tours around the country. The work was quite sporadic but the money was good; (19) _____. Working on tour was intense but really good fun. A typical Monday would see us arrive at about 8 o'clock in the morning and open up the lorries. While the cast were getting ready (20) _____.

After a couple of years touring I decided to return to London and go to college to study technical theatre. I studied for a year but I realised that it wasn't very useful to me. I had learnt a lot more from my years working. It was a course for people (21) _____. Theatres are looking for people with proven ability and who know what they are doing. I did some more freelance work in London for a while and now I work for a production company.

I really like what I do. There are of course a number of disadvantages; I don't like the hours and the disruption to my personal life that working evenings can cause. Also (22) _____ and the money is not always good. But I would highly recommend it to others.

- A who didn't know anything about the theatre
- B the more interested I became
- C there's quite a lot of instability and insecurity to the job
- D we would get on with any necessary maintenance jobs
- E watched the whole thing being put together
- F because there are so many more people to organise
- G in one month I could earn enough to last me six months
- H what interests them the most on your CV is your last job

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (23–32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Advertising for Work

An out of work (23) _____ was seen advertising his services on a placard outside a busy London station last week. This unusual tactic is (24) _____ of scenes from New York's Wall Street during the great Depression of the 1930s. Daniel Bell decided to try this drastic approach after months of looking for a (25) _____ using

more traditional methods. He said he had sent out hundreds of CVs and applied to over 70 different jobs but only had five (26) _____, none of which were successful. Now he says he has nothing to lose and hopes to impress prospective (27) _____ with his initiative.

He plans to stand outside the station with his sign during the rush hour and giving out (28) _____ cards for as long as it takes to get a job. After just two days he had received three invitations to attend interviews so the plan seems to be (29) _____. He admits, however, that his presentation has received mixed reaction 'Most people seem embarrassed and try to look the other way, while others clearly think I am being (30) _____ and more than one person openly pointed and laughed at me.

'I don't care though,' he says, 'they might find themselves being made (31) _____ by the end of the month. 'I couldn't even imagine that one day I would be (32) _____.

23	A	accountant	B	account	C	acquaintance	D	acquirer
24	A	remedial	B	remembrance	C	reminiscent	D	recognition
25	A	work	B	occupation	C	profession	D	job
26	A	interviews	B	intercessions	C	interactions	D	interests
27	A	employer	B	employee	C	worker	D	employment
28	A	admission	B	postal	C	invitation	D	business
29	A	working	B	functioning	C	operating	D	idling
30	A	reliable	B	ridiculous	C	relaxed	D	reserved
31	A	restricted	B	recruited	C	redundant	D	replace
32	A	laid on	B	laid off	C	lied to	D	lay off