



INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

1. Lea cuidadosamente el texto y las preguntas.
2. Después de leer el texto y las preguntas, responda a éstas en francés.
3. Conteste a las preguntas respetando el orden en que están planteadas.

Calificación : las preguntas 1, 2 y 4 se calificarán de 0 a 2 puntos cada una. La tercera se calificará de 0 a 1 punto, la quinta pregunta de 0 a 3 puntos.

Tiempo : 60 minutos.

Work or life?

A lot of people ask me why I do temping work rather than get a permanent job with one company. I guess it's partly because of my father. He was a computer programmer for a big multinational company. His job was very important to him. He used to work very long hours. When we were kids, he often got home after nine o'clock at night –the time that we went to bed. Sometimes I didn't see him for days and days. He did very well in his job. He got promoted. He became the manager for the whole of the country and then the whole of South-east Asia. He just worked harder and harder. I don't think he was very happy doing what he was doing, but I guess he couldn't see any other way. Then, when he retired, he didn't know what to do. He was even more unhappy. He died of a heart attack when he was 68.

I don't want to be like that. Doing temping work means I don't have to go to work every day. When I work, I don't have to do the same things or see the same people every day. That's why I like it. I've been with the same agency for about ten years now. They know I'm a good worker and I'm reliable –I've never been late for work – so I can more or less choose the jobs I want to do.

Sometimes I work in the same place for a few weeks, sometimes it's for just one day. I only get paid for the days I work, so if I'm not very well and take a day off sick, or if I want a holiday, I don't get any money. I supposed that if I had a family, it would be a problem, but I don't mind. Money isn't that important to me. It's more important that I can take time off when I want to. Some of my friends only get two weeks' holiday a year. I often take five or six weeks' holiday and go travelling all over the world.

QUESTIONS

1. Decide if the following statements are true or false. Write true or false and also copy the statement from the text that supports your decision.

- a) His father told him that he should do temping work.
- b) His father worked a lot.

2. Answer the following questions in your own words, basing your answers on ideas from the text.

- a) Can you explain what temping work is?
- b) Why does he temping work?

3. Find the words in the text that have the following meaning:

- a) "To raise or advance to a higher position or rank".
- b) "Dependable, trustworthy".

4. Complete these sentences with past participles.

- a) Have you this kind of work before?
- b) Have you this film before?
- c) Have you this country before?
- d) Have you ever to England?

5. Write between 80 and 100 words on one of the following topics.

- a. What kind of work would you like doing?
- b. What kind of job did you want to do when you were 15? Was it very different from what you do now?