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Epreuve de langue anglaise (2heures)

The idea of having one job, and that for life, has gone. In its place is the idea shared by over one million people in Britain that you need to have several jobs simultaneously. Why has this happened?

The first reason is purely financial. Many people find that with the high cost of living, particularly in terms of rent or buying property, one salary is simply not enough. That is why you find teachers, nurses and policemen stocking the shelves in supermarkets at the weekend or during the night.

The second reason is often because a hobby becomes as important as the main job and people have to make a decision. Hugh Montgomerie is a bone specialist at one of London's leading hospitals. Ten years ago, he started writing, initially a story for his godchildren for Christmas. It soon became his first novel. It won an award in 2000 and he is now busy at work on his second. He continues to work at the hospital.

Sasha Taylor-Cox works for a commercial radio station as Head of Press. In her spare time she is in charge of PR for a number of rock bands. She also runs a business organizing yoga holidays abroad. Sasha says, "In two years' time I may not want to be in the music business. It's good to have a back-up plan."

The other reason people choose to do several things at the same time is the feeling that you only have one life and it is very short. Hugh Montgomerie sees this regularly in his main job: "You only get one chance in this life. I intend to use that chance the best I can."

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QUESTIONS :

I. Read carefully the text above and decide if the sentences below are true (T) or false (F):

1. Many people in Britain have more than one job. [.....]
2. Rents in Britain are quite low. [.....]
3. Hugh Montgomerie has written two novels. [.....]
4. He has taken up writing full time. [.....]
5. Sasha Taylor-Cox's main job is Public Relations work. [.....]

II. Find words in the text that correspond to the following definitions:

1. At the same time:
2. An opportunity:
3. A leisure activity:
4. An alternative arrangement: ①
5. A prize:

III. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form, making all the NECESSARY changes

1. My father (to have) only one job.
2. Have you (to practice) (ever) yoga?
3. She first (to receive) her college degree in 2000, then she (to be hired) by l'Opinion in 2001.
4. I (to exercise) regularly for three years now. ②

IV. Combine the following sentences, using the appropriate word from the list, without changing the meaning. [In spite of, therefore, in order to, unless, neither.....nor]

1. Ali is saving money. He wants to buy a house.
2. Samira doesn't like junk food. Mona doesn't like junk food.
3. Ali follows a very strict diet. Ali doesn't lose weight.
4. If you do not plan how to spend your money, you will be broke.
5. He wrote an excellent essay. He passed the exam.

V. Explain why you want to study at ISIC. (150 words minimum). Pay attention to format, punctuation and verb tenses.