

Text: The impact of Unemployment on an Individual

Not all people respond to unemployment in the same manner. The impact of unemployment on an individual depends on a variety of factors. An individual's savings, unemployment benefits and education play a part in how much of an impact he experiences because of unemployment. Understanding the negative effects of unemployment helps people to cope and prepare themselves to seek other employment opportunities.

In many cases, unemployment causes people to suffer from stress and depression. The inability to pay bills on time and to keep up with current living standards places a burden on individuals, and they find themselves stressed because of situations that are out of their control. According to authors Deborah Belle and Heather E. Bullock of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, unemployment is directly related to many physical and mental problems. The stress people suffer because unemployment can also negatively affect their families and cause hostile living situations.

Workers experiencing prolonged unemployment periods often suffer from low self-esteem. Many workers not able to find jobs discontinue looking after a certain period and are considered discouraged workers. The constant rejection from employers can make workers feel inadequate. A high self-esteem is important for workers to carry into interviews with potential employers. Recruiters desire to hire workers confident in their abilities to fulfil the required duties. Also, employers look for employees with positive attitudes. Unemployed people with low self-esteem must find ways to build their confidence to make good impressions with interviewers.

Questions: (20 pts)

I. Reading comprehension questions: (05pts) A. Multiple choice questions: (01 pt)

Copy the complete sentence containing the correct answer:

1) Unemployment affects people

- a) at the same time.
- b) similarly.
- c) in different ways.
- d) in the cities.

2) The stressed people canthe situation.

- a) solve
- b) do nothing about
- c) create
- d) control

B. True or False statements: Copy the true sentences and correct the false ones. (2pts) 1)

Many factors influence unemployment on an individual.

- 2) Stress and depression cause unemployment.
- 3) Unemployment can lead to physical and mental problems.
- 4) Confident workers hire recruiters to fulfill the required duties.

C. Answer the following questions based on the text: (2pts) 1) Why do stress people suffer from unemployment?

2) What happen to workers experiencing prolonged unemployment periods?

II. Language: (10pts)

A. Copy down each word from the list on the left with one from the right so as to make pairs of synonyms. (2 pts)

A1

A2

Opportunity

load

Burden

satisfy

Find

reach

Fulfill

occasion

B. Turn the following sentences into the passive voice. (2pts) 1) No one has stolen the motorbike.

2) The children washed the cars.

3) She must iron the clothes.

4) The boys informed the parents. **C. Function: (2pts)**

Mariam Diarra is a young graduate from the Faculty of Science and Techniques. She does not know which job to look for. So, she went to see Professor DJOURTE for advice. Build a dialogue between them.

D. Translate into English: (2pts)

Le chômage est un problème mondial difficile à éradiquer et qui a des conséquences lourdes pour beaucoup de personnes. Cependant il y a peu de solutions à cause du manque de rapport entre la formation reçue et les besoins sur le marché de l'emploi.

E. Translate into French : (2pts)

“Workers experiencing prolonged unemployment periods often suffer from low self-esteem. Many workers not able to find jobs discontinue looking after a certain period and are considered discouraged workers.”

III. Composition: Choose only one topic. (5pts)

A. Unemployment is a serious issue in our country. What would you suggest to reduce the number of unemployed? Give your suggestion in a well organized paragraph.

B. Moussa SOUGOULE living in Kabala, Rue 225, Porte 11 writes a letter to his nephew Amadou SYLLA, a future graduate from FSEG advising him to study seriously so as to get a good job once he finishes.

Write Moussa's letter with the appropriate layout.