***Self-Employment***

**Introduction:** *Self-employment means to create job opportunity for oneself by one’s own effort. Today the most vicious problem that Bangladesh is facing is unemployment problem. As Bangladesh is densely populated country the government cannot provide the young population with employment opportunity for everyone. This unemployment is a curse. It weakens the body and mind of our young generation. Frustration leads them to drug addiction and various crimes. But we should change our notion of secure and comfort able job in an office or bank because there are more people in our country than jobs. So, educated youth should not depend on the government to provide them with jobs. Self-employment is the possible solution to this problem. The youths should not remain idle after completing their studies. They should remember that self- help is the best help. They can easily engage themselves in various sectors of self-employment. Agricultural farming, poultry raising, fish cultivation, livestock rearing are some of the sectors. The government and different NGOs are working relentlessly for providing the youths with training in various vocational activities. They also provides the youths with loans on easy terms to start these jobs of self-employment. So, we ourselves should seek self-employment because a self-employed man is not unemployed anymore rather he can provide other people with jobs.*

**Main-Body:**

\*\*Types of employment:

*There are two types of employment:*

*1. Self-employment: Self-employment is owning your own business alone or in partnership with others or with members of your family. It is the alternative to wage employment.*

*2. Wage employment: Working for someone, an organization or a company and getting for the work done.*

*\*\*Motives for self-employment:*

*Self-employment has some motives which you need to know. You may contact somebody or people who are already in self-employment to learn about them. However, here are a few suggested motives for self-employment.*

*1. A person chooses to be self-employed if he/she: has a particular interest in the trade or business.*

*2. Follows a family tradition: “my grandmother was a renowned caterer. My mother and elder sisters also are and therefore, I also want to be a caterer”.*

*3. Has no other option of earning a living.*

*4. Is meeting the present and future needs.*

*Dear learner, the knowledge of the background to employment situation in Ghana will enhance your decision on your employment.*

*\*\*Advantages of self-employment:*

*Self-employment has several advantages. Can you think of some of them? Your list may include any of the following. Being self-employed enables a person to:*

*1. Lead rather than follow.*

*2. Be creative and implement ideas.*

*3. Have the potential for increased income with hard-work.*

*4. Be independent.*

*5. Take initiative, make own decision at own pace.*

*6. Control his/her own workplace and the work that needs to be done.*

*7. Continue to learn more about business each day and this could provide an opportunity for self-fulfillment.*

*8. Be in business beyond retiring age.*

**Conclusion:** *No matter working in a big company or self-employed, they both have advantages and disadvantages. Working in a big company we can accumulate experience and learn from each other; and self-employed we can get more profit and freedom. Whether you self-employed or working in a big company you also must work hard, only in this way you can achieve succeed*

*In my opinion, now I am not willing to self-employed because self-employed need all the conditions, but now I have nothing, no experience, no money, no cooperator, etc. I do not want to take the liberty to go to self-employed, after I have all the experience, I will self-employed. And now the most important things is to find the good company and work hard, strive for in the shortest possible time to self-employed. As a graduating students, too much things to learn and I hope I can meet a real good company, and I can contributed to company and get what I want.*