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Monologue on Work

"Work is good provided you do not forget to live" – so goes a Bantu proverb. Work is, of course, an integral part of our life. However, many people forget to keep work-life balance. Moreover, some people say that it's hard to find a job nowadays.

In my opinion, now there are more than enough opportunities to find a job. The variety of jobs nowadays is truly stunning. I want to work full-time as an IT-specialist of some sort. Software Engineer, Machine Learning, Web-development – you name it. Those are the jobs where you get paid for your proficiency, which I think is a just scale of how much you should be paid. And there's no need to deal with people face to face a lot. On the other hand, jobs like shop assistant, waiter, or other part-time jobs are unattractive for me as they rarely offer good salaries.

What are the most important things for me in my future job? I would like to work for a big prestigious international company, have a flexible schedule, be paid an annual bonus and get a competitive salary. Additionally, it would be great if the job had prospects for rapid career progress and made me spend time at overseas branches as I like travelling.

During the pandemic, the phenomena of homeworking took place. Many people no longer work at office, but home. It brings a lot of benefits both to employers and employees. Namely, workers save time on daily commuting to work, which allows them to have better work-life balance. Furthermore, "homeworkers" do not require office space, and therefore employer can move an office to a smaller site and reduce the number of workstations, lowering the costs for a company.

Nevertheless, It might not be the case for me because of several critical flaws. I am terrible at time management and planning my own work schedule, and those are essential skills for homeworking. Plus, in case I get sick, it's quite likely that I would take fewer sick days rather if I was working at office, which is quite bad for my health.

Many people land their first job during the college, usually, through work placements and internships. Work placement and internships are literally temporary job offers aimed at recent graduates. The difference between them being is that during internship there is a person who helps you do the job along the way and it can be unpaid, while during a work placement you do the job on your own and you are guaranteed to be paid. Generally, those two are both good ways to get into a work sector and get enough training to land a better job, despite being not the best source of income. Because of that, many people say that it is an exploitation of young people.

Although I partly agree that on their first jobs students work for peanuts, it's important to note that the main purpose of doing work placements and internships is in other benefits. To begin with, if you want to get a good job in your sphere, you need to get work experience. Of course, you won't take on a responsible role right off the bat. In addition, internships and work placements can light up employers' interest in you, thereby giving a chance of receiving a good job offer.

In modern world, "the more you work, the more you get" is as true as ever. But people should not forget about keeping work-life balance. If you burn the candle at both ends, it's very likely that you'll suffer a burnout and won't be able to do your work at all! That's why it is so important to find an ideal pattern of working hours for yourself, especially if you work from home.

All in all, work takes a big part in modern life. Some people find it hard to land a good job. However, if you work hard, the sky is the limit. Nowadays there are lots of opportunities to land a job you like. During the pandemic, work became even easier when homeworking became widespread. Even young specialists like students can apply for a job of their sphere, while accumulating experience for their dream job.

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