

A. Listen to the audio in the link to answer the questions below.

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## Telecommuting is not the Future



I. Match the company/magazine names and the related sentences below. (5x1=5 points)

1. _____ Silicon Valley	a. "Our employees can telecommute for an unlimited time."
2. _____ Twitter	b. "We would like to see our employees back in the offices; we will prepare everything for their comfort at work."
3. _____ The Atlantic	c. "Communication through our application might not be as successful as face-to-face cooperation."
4. _____ Zoom	d. "Going back to offices right now is out of question; not a brilliant step to take."
5. _____ Working Woman	e. "The speaker first mentioned about telecommuting in our magazine."

II. Read the sentences below and write T (True), F (False), or NG (Information is Not Given). Correct each false statement to make it true. (8x1=8 points)

- \_\_\_\_\_ The reason why telecommuting has been on the increase recently is that employers cannot afford offices for the workers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Employers do not pay for the food or other expenses if the employee is working from home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Telecommuting might not give the same social opportunity to collaborate as face-to-face interaction in an office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Silicon Valley companies want their workers to work from home for a long time as they think this way is more efficient.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Some employers might always want to see all their workers in one building to observe what they are actually doing.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ According to the study by Younghwan Song and Jia Gao, people leaving home to work are more stressed than those telecommuting.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Working from home might make workers feel liberated from the office.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The speaker believes we will not be able to see people working from home in the future.

**III. Read the questions below and choose the best answer. (4x1=4 points)**

1. Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a disadvantage of telecommuting?
  - a. Workers may feel left out at home.
  - b. Workers cannot socialize in a collaborative way.
  - c. Telecommuting may make people more stressed.
  - d. Workers are paid less if they telecommute.
  
2. What for does the speaker use the words “**out of sight, out of mind**”?
  - a. To inform the audience that it is difficult to see workers during pandemics.
  - b. To emphasize that if a worker cannot be seen, it is easy to forget him or her.
  - c. To give an example of telecommuting methods.
  - d. To suggest that employers must pay less to workers who telecommute.
  
3. “Both Twitter and Nationwide Insurance are telling many workers they can remain at home **permanently**.” According to the statement, employees of some companies are allowed to stay at home ...
  - a. for a short time
  - b. for a long time
  - c. forever
  - d. for 5 days
  
4. 7 percent of workers had access to flexible work scheduling in 2019 — **mostly an upper-income group**. According to the statement, the workers who had convenient work planning had ...
  - a. a low salary
  - b. no salary
  - c. a high salary
  - d. an average salary

## ANSWER KEY

I. 1-b 2-a 3-d 4-c 5-e

II.

1. F (covid-19)
2. NG
3. T
4. F ( they want to up employee face time, not telecommuting)
5. T
6. ( the telecommuting group is more stressed)
7. F (isolated, not liberated)
8. F ( telecommuting will not disappear totally )

III. 1-d 2-b 3-c 4-c

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