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帰国生徒対象入学試験

試験日：2025年10月11日（土）
試験時間：9時20分～10時50分（90分）

Reading Passage:

In recent years, remote work has gained immense (1-A), with many touting its benefits in terms of flexibility and work-life balance. However, a deeper analysis reveals that remote work often has significant (1-B) consequences for productivity and workplace culture.

One of the most pressing issues with remote work is the lack of collaboration. In a traditional office environment, employees can exchange ideas, solve problems, and brainstorm solutions in real time. These (2)spontaneous interactions are difficult to replicate in a virtual setting, even with advanced communication tools. Studies show that in-person meetings often lead to faster decision-making and more innovative solutions compared to video conferences or emails.

Moreover, remote work can blur the boundaries between professional and personal life. Many employees working from home report longer hours and increased stress, as they struggle to "switch off" from their job responsibilities. This can lead to burnout, which negatively impacts productivity over the long term. Additionally, (3) at home—whether from family members, household chores, or simply the comfort of being in a personal space—can make it challenging to focus fully on work tasks.

Workplace culture also suffers in a remote environment. Building a strong company culture requires consistent interaction, shared experiences, and a sense of (4)camaraderie among colleagues. Remote work makes it difficult for employees to form meaningful connections, which can result in feelings of isolation and detachment from the organization. Over time, this lack of connection can lead to reduced employee loyalty and higher turnover rates.

Finally, remote work may not be as inclusive as it seems. Employees who lack access to a quiet workspace, reliable internet, or (5)ergonomic equipment are at a significant disadvantage. This inequality can exacerbate divisions within a company, undermining efforts to create a fair and equitable workplace.

While remote work offers certain conveniences, its negative effects on collaboration, productivity, and culture are undeniable. Companies should prioritize hybrid models or return-to-office policies to ensure long-term success and employee well-being.

Questions on the reading passage:

Multiple Choice Questions (Choose one answer for each):

Q1. Choose the appropriate combination of words to fill in blanks (1-A) and (1-B).

- a) 1-A: criticism; 1-B: positive
- b) 1-A: criticism; 1-B: negative
- c) 1-A: popularity; 1-B: positive
- d) 1-A: popularity; 1-B: negative
- e) 1-A: reputation; 1-B: positive
- f) 1-A: reputation; 1-B: negative

Q2. Which of the following is closest in meaning to underline (2) spontaneous?

- a) unbelievable
- b) unfocused
- c) unnatural
- d) unplanned
- e) unrelated

Q3. Which of the following is the most appropriate choice to fill in blank (3)?

- a) commitments
- b) distractions
- c) jobs
- d) problems
- e) relationships

Q4. Which of the following is closest in meaning to underline (4) camaraderie?

- a) companionship
- b) duty
- c) fairness
- d) superiority
- e) touch

Q5. Which of the following is the most appropriate example of underline (5) ergonomic equipment in this context?

- a) a home entertainment system that can stream the latest shows in every room of the house
- b) a high-quality headphone set that enables its user to communicate clearly during a video conference
- c) a comfortable sofa-chair that helps its user to sleep soundly during online business meetings
- d) an internet-connected refrigerator that provides a daily weather forecast and meal recommendations
- e) a stylish suite of weight-training machines that aids body building and muscle definition

Q6. According to the passage, what is a key drawback of remote work for workplace productivity compared to a traditional office environment?

- a) Employees suffer higher levels of stress due to longer hours at home.
- b) Interruptions by family reduce the time taken by employees to do their work.
- c) Opportunities for working with others are less frequent and less effective.
- d) Overall costs rise due to expenses for advanced IT and employee burnout.
- e) Poor internet connections and technical problems reduce efficiency.

Q7. Which impact on workplace culture is emphasized in the passage?

- a) Employees change jobs more frequently because they feel less connected to the company.
- b) Flexible working schedules are fairer and improve participation by employees with children.
- c) Greater employee isolation increases the incidence of harassment in the workplace.
- d) Improved work-life balance raises overall levels of satisfaction in the workplace.
- e) Interactive communication tools allow employees to build stronger interpersonal relationships.

Questions on the short lecture:

Q8~Q13. Complete each sentence using an appropriate word from the short lecture.

Q8. The constant noise of people talking and interacting in the workplace is referred to in the short lecture as “office _____”.

Q9. Working at home allows employees to focus better and to carry out their work at their own _____.

Q10. According to a study in 2022, a large percentage of remote workers claimed to be more _____ when working from home.

Q11. With remote work, employees can adjust their work _____ to fit the hours of the day when they work most effectively.

Q12. The flexibility of remote work is especially beneficial to those who have long _____ from their homes to their workplaces.

Q13. Remote work reduces costs related to office premises, including costs for _____ such as gas, electricity, and water.

Q14. According to the short lecture, what helps maintain a strong remote work culture?

- a) Activities that promote a sense of belonging to a team
- b) Allowing employees to set their own work deadlines
- c) Encouraging competition among employees to reward talent
- d) Frequent in-person meetings to supplement virtual meetings
- e) Reducing unnecessary and inefficient communications

Q15. Why is remote work cost-effective, according to the short lecture?

- a) Employees receive more generous bonuses.
- b) Companies and employees both save money.
- c) Happier employees are content with less pay.
- d) Overtime payments are smaller.
- e) There is more space in real-world office premises.

Short essay questions:

Answer both of the following questions in English, paying attention to the suggested word counts.

1. Summarize, in your own words, the main points given for and against remote work in the reading passage and short lecture. (100-150 words)
2. Explain your own opinion on this debate, highlighting the issues that you consider most significant when evaluating the pros and cons of remote work now and in the future. (250-400 words)