a regular journey between work and home

* a commute

to be allowed to decide what to do by yourself

* to be left to your own devices

to record the time you begin work

* to clock in

a period of time a woman takes off work due to the birth of a child

* maternity leave

calculated according to how many hours you work

* paid on a pro-rata basis

to make someone very tired

* to wear someone out

to give or allow something in order to end an argument or conflict

* to make a concession

talk that is informal and irrelevant to work

* idle chit-chat

a person who sells their services or work by the hour or day

* a freelancer

to share ideas with someone in order to get feedback on them

* to bounce ideas off someone

TASK1

Ronan would prefer it if he …

**Inizio modulo**

**wasn't left to his own devices.**

**could spend more time commuting and less time in the office.**

**Correct could work from home and be judged based on task performance.**

**could trust his boss more.**

Jo wanted to reduce her working hours because she …

Inizio modulo

thought she would be more efficient and productive when she was at the office.

wanted to bring her work home.

wanted to go on maternity leave.

Correct wanted to spend time with her children.

Fine modulo

Jo is unhappy with her three-day work week because …

Inizio modulo

she didn't realise how much the change would affect her economically.

she now has to spend more time looking after her children and her family.

she has more deadlines to meet.

Correct her workload has remained the same although she’s reduced her hours.

Fine modulo

**Fine modulo**

In Marcus’s opinion, which of these is a disadvantage of working from home?

Inizio modulo

You spend a lot of time in the house.

It's easy to get distracted by your family.

CorrectYou tend to work later.

You end up eating more as you have access to the fridge all day.

Fine modulo

Why did Lily not like working from home?

Inizio modulo

She found it lonely.

Her family didn't like her working.

IncorrectShe didn't have a good Wi-Fi connection.

There were a lot of distractions.

What solution did Lily find most suitable for her working needs?

Inizio modulo

CorrectRenting an office space to work from.

Working from a café.

Working for an employer.

Working for other freelancers.

Fine modulo

Total score is 5 out of 6 (83%)

TASK 2

1. Ronan's boss thinks his employees will not be as productive if they work from home.

Inizio modulo

CorrectTrue

False

Fine modulo

2. Ronan thinks that the performance of employees should be judged according to how much time they spend in the office.

Inizio modulo

True

CorrectFalse

Fine modulo

3. Jo is paid the same for a five-day work week as she is on a three-day work week.

Inizio modulo

True

CorrectFalse

Fine modulo

4. Jo feels exhausted trying to manage both a five-day workload and childcare.

Inizio modulo

CorrectTrue

False

Fine modulo

5. Although Marcus sees the benefit in not having idle chit-chat, he misses interacting with his colleagues.

Inizio modulo

True

IncorrectFalse

Fine modulo

6. Lily didn't like working from the café because the coffee wasn't very good.

Inizio modulo

True

CorrectFalse

Fine modulo

Total score is 5 out of 6 (83%)

Fine modulo