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## A FUNNY WAY TO EARN A LIVING

### LIVELY TOM, 69, SKATES FOR TESCO: He gets paid for putting on his roller skates

Tom Hopperton is one of 1200 over-60s working for the supermarkets Tesco. He's been working there for fifteen months. Before that, he was a plumber for thirty years.

Tom skates about five miles a day around the store fetching things for customers who realize that they've forgotten something only when they've reached the checkout till. He earns £4.50 an hour.

"I just love the job. I help the customers, so they're usually very nice to me. I've always liked meeting people. And it keeps me fit. I can't sit at home doing nothing. I'd just die. I have to keep busy. Time goes really quickly. Every day is different."

Tesco made the decision to employ people of all ages. It sees the advantages of older workers who are more calm and authoritative when they are dealing with customers.

"When I saw this job advertised, I didn't believe they'd give it to me," says Tom. "I went in to see them because I thought they would be put off by my age if I just phoned. I wanted them to see that I am very lively for my age."

### FLYING FOR A LIVING: Cathy has made a career out of her passion

Cathy Moorhead has only ever had one job. She never wanted to do anything but be in a hot air balloon, going where the wind takes her, listening to the birds, and watching deer and small animals below her.

She gets paid for it, about £25,000 a year. I've been flying balloon since I was 10, and I have done it professionally for twelve years. I fly between 10 and 20 passengers in different balloons. "The flights usually last an hour, and they go early in the morning or just before sunset." The trips are always mystery tours," she says. "I never know where we're going to land."

She starts work at about 6 a.m., and works anything from 15 hours a day to nothing if the weather is bad. "We can't fly if it's too windy, if visibility is poor, or if it's raining. The balloon gets too heavy and the passengers get wet." What's the best thing about the job? "The job itself! I love being in the countryside and I hate routines. So this is heaven for me."

## I. COMPREHENSION

### A. FILL IN THE CHART FROM THE TEXT (6pts)

	Tom	Cathy
1. Do they work indoors or outdoors?		
2. How long have they been doing the job?		
3. What do they do in their jobs?		
4. What did they do before?		
5. How much do they earn?		
6. Where do they work?		

### B. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM THE TEXT (4pts)

- Why does Tesco employ older workers?  
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- What does Cathy like about her job?  
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- In which conditions can't she fly?  
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- What are the common points between Tom and Cathy?  
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C. FIND IN THE TOM'S PASSAGE WORDS OR EXPRESIONS THAT MEAN THE SAME AS THE FOLLOWING (3pts)

1. collecting = .....
2. not interested, not enthusiastic= .....
3. energetic and active = .....

**LANGUAGE**

I. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH **NEW** WORDS THAT YOU FORM FROM THE LIST GIVEN (5pts)

**brain, friend, reside, improve, profession, determine, official, cramp, law, politics**

When a well-known (1) ----- came to visit our area and met us, he seemed very helpful and (2) -----, and he had a lot of things to say to people here. "The authorities have to listen and do something. "They must make (3) ----- so that the area will attract new businesses and more (4) -----," he said. Some people invited him into their homes and he told them he was (5) ----- to help when he saw the damp, (6) ----- apartments where some of the (7)----- live. He explained that he'd already helped people in other areas. He is a (8)----- person as he seems to know a lot of things about our conditions. So I hope he will be able to achieve something for us, even if he has to use threats to influence the local (9)----- and make them do something for us. He said he'd even appear (10) ----- on TV to help solve our problems. Let's hope for the best!

II. CHOOSE SUITABLE WORDS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES (4pts)

**Home/house, make/do/arrange, tiny/enormous, opinion/image/manner, make up/speak out**

1. We have to ----- a meeting next Monday.
2. Their new apartment has got a ----- kitchen; you can't even move in it!
3. Make sure you don't ----- mistakes while writing the letter!
4. We're moving ----- next month.
5. His negative ----- comes from his rude ----- in dealing with others.
6. You have to ----- your mind now concerning your future studies.

III. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT FORM(8 pts)

1. I (come)..... in very late last night and unfortunately the dog (wake) ..... up and (start) ..... to bark. This (wake) .....my mother who (come) .....to the top of the stairs and said:" who is there?"  
I (say).....: "it's me, mum," but she (not, hear) .....me because the dog (bark) .....so loudly. She (go) .....back to her room and (call) .....the police.
2. Ann sees Peter standing at the bus stop.  
Ann: Hi Peter! What bus ( you, wait) .....for?  
Peter: Hello Ann! I (wait) .....for 9 or 14.  
Ann: you usually ( go) .....to work by car, don't you?  
Peter: yes, but the car (belong) .....to my mother and she sometimes (want) .....it. She (use) .....it today to take Dave to the dentist.

**WRITING (10pts)**

**In an email to a friend, describe your dream job.  
Follow the steps below:**

Greeting:

Paragraph 1: why you are sending the email

Paragraph 2: give detailed description of your dream job: physical, moral or intellectual characteristics

Closing:

Signing off: