*Saman Sotoudeh - Topic 62- Writing 5*

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| *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?*  **(*RED TOPIC*) Do you agree or disagree that job has greater effect on your overall happiness than social life does?**  Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. |

Nowadays, we are living in an era in which each individual is facing a tremendous amount of stress during his daily life. This leads human-beings to find happiness from various sections of their life. Many people believe that job has a more significant effect on their happiness comparing to social life. Others, however, hold the opposing conviction and believe that social life has a more notable effect on their overall happiness. I firmly believe that it is our job which can eventually make us happy or upset human-beings. In what follows, I will elucidate my perspective through two noticeable rationales.

First and foremost, it is widely known that every individual spends a great amount of his day working in the workplace. During the workdays, individuals might be involved with some specific tasks for long periods, and having an interest in their field of work will bring them joy and happiness. On the other hand, people often cannot devote as much time socializing with other people than working. As an example, a full-time employee works for almost forty hours a week, but he does not socialize this much, even if he is an outgoing person. The reason for this is that he does not have another forty hours to socialize with his friends. This means that as we devote a more considerable amount of time to our jobs, loving or hating our job would have a greater effect on our happiness level comparing to having a social life.

Another equally important point to mention is that having a social life can fit within one's job. In order to elucidate this, it is good to mention that individuals try to find a job according to their fields of interest. This means that people who have the same kind of job have common fields of interest, and their characteristics might even match. As a result, they can understand each other and also become great friends. Take my personal experience as an example. I went to an internship in Switzerland during the last summer, where I worked in my most-liked research field in a laboratory. During this internship, I met many international students who worked in the same field that I do. Every day during our breaks, we used to talk about our interests and what we would like to achieve in the future. The more I talked to them, the more I realized that our interests and characteristics match. In fact, I became close friends with most of the students I worked with, and I am still in contact with them. Not only working in my favorable field of interest made me a happier individual, but also it helped me in widening my social relationships and finding great friends who will last a lifetime for me.

To sum up, taking all the aforementioned reasons into consideration, one should not overlook the great importance that job has on our mood. Should we work in our favorable field, we would both become happy individuals and meet people with whom we can socialize. In other words, by having a desirable job, we would be killing two birds with one stone.

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