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TASK 1

Competing on cost and speed

The workplace culture in Chinese start-up companies is even more demanding than in Silicon Valley, says Gary Rieschel, the US co-founder of Qiming Venture Partners, which has supported smartphone maker Xiaomi.

One reason for this, he says, is that for many tech start-ups in China, their products are not based on a unique idea, but one taken from somewhere else, either from another start-up in China or from one in the US. This leaves them only two ways to compete - on cost and speed. "And when you're competing on low cost and speed, there's really only one culture to be successful, and that's a 24-7, 365 (day) culture."

Ken Xu, a partner at Shanghai-based venture firm Gobi Partners, says that for many young tech workers, there's also no work-life balance: the job is their life. Many relocate to cities where they don't have family or friends so they'd rather stay late at the office to make extra money and socialise with colleagues during long meal breaks. And those start-ups with a little cash can provide home comforts such as speedy Wi-Fi, video games and free meals. "It's not about working, this is part of their lifestyle. They don't want to go home, they just want to stay there."

Yitu Technology, which specialises in computer vision, developing highly advanced technology that can recognize faces and cars from images in real time, has put a lot of effort into getting its comfortable office just right. Co-founder Leo Zhu spent a decade studying and working in the US. When he returned to China to start his company, he tried to bring some US start-up culture with him. Working hours are long, yes, but he says they're flexible – employees can take long lunches and dinners and those with families can come in early so they can leave the office by 8 pm. The lounge has a table football and an Xbox - popular with both men and women - and on Saturdays, there are breaks for organised basketball games.

In the office itself, there are special ergonomic chairs with headrests, picked by Zhu himself at 3,000 renminbi (US\$450) per piece. The dress is casual – T-shirts, shorts and tennis shoes. At Yitu, long hours are a given, usually 11-hour days, minus breaks for lunch and dinner, so Zhu has tried to create an office culture that's at least stimulating and engaging. "Young people here, I think they care more about growth. They want to learn something, not just finish a task," he says.

Adapted from: <http://www.bbc.com/capital/story/20160825>

TASK 1a

- Read the text and then decide if the following statements are **True (T)** or **False (F)**.
- If there is not enough information to answer *True* or *False*, choose **Doesn't say (DS)**.

Example:

Text: Sarah is in her twenties. T **(F)** DS
 Statement: Sarah is 18 years old.

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| 1. It is impossible to find a job in a Chinese technology start-up. | T | F | DS |
| 2. A lot of Chinese technology start-ups are developing the same ideas as other technology firms. | T | F | DS |
| 3. Gary Rieschel believes that for start-ups to be successful, employees need to work at least 24 days a month. | T | F | DS |
| 4. Ken Xu thinks that most workers are prepared to stay at work late. | T | F | DS |
| 5. All start-ups offer their employees extras like internet connection and a gym. | T | F | DS |
| 6. Leo Zhu got his inspiration for the office culture when working in America. | T | F | DS |
| 7. Employees at Yitu Technology need to come to work by a fixed time. | T | F | DS |
| 8. Some days Yitu Technology organizes leisure activities for its employees. | T | F | DS |
| 9. At Yitu Technology employees need to work at least 11 hours non-stop. | T | F | DS |
| 10. Zhu himself stays in the office as long as his employees. | T | F | DS |

Points: ____/10

TASK 1b

- Read the text and find the underlined word matching the synonym.
- If the word you need is a verb write the **infinitive** of the verb, if it is a plural noun, write the **singular** of the noun.

Example:

The king arrived at the party.

Synonym: come

Word in text: arrive

- | <u>Synonym:</u> | <u>Word in text:</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. interesting | _____ |
| 2. to move | to _____ |
| 3. challenging | _____ |
| 4. to offer | to _____ |
| 5. to choose | to _____ |

Points: ____/5

TASK 3

Complete the text with the correct form of the word(s) in brackets or with a suitable word/phrase if no word is given.

Example: *I haven't met any (some) of my friends yet.*

1. We have a new student in our class. He is an excellent pupil. He works very _____ (good).
2. My aunt bought a beautiful new house. She is very proud of it and gives all her friends a detailed _____ (describe) of the estate.
3. Last week while I _____ (watch) Netflix there was a power interruption. Everything went dark. Afterwards I had to read a book.
4. The love of my life makes me feel really great. I've never _____ (feel) like this before.
5. How _____ time is left of this awful train ride?
6. When we lived in Scotland we had a cellar with hundreds of _____ (mouse).
7. You've seen Pavarotti singing, _____ you?
8. My grandfather lives in Spain. I haven't seen him _____ a long time.
9. He will feel sick, if he _____ (eat) the whole bag of candies.
10. Your shoes are not as nice _____ my shoes.

Points: ____/10

TASK 4

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. The words need not be the same.

Example:

0. *She is a vegetarian*

She doesn't eat any meat.

1. Salvador Dali was an excellent painter.
Salvador Dali painted _____.
2. People think that Chinese is more difficult to learn than any other language.
People think that Chinese is _____ difficult language to learn.
3. We always bought books when I was young.
We _____ buy books when I was young.
4. Why don't we ask John to help us?
How about _____ John to help us?
5. These iPads belong to us.
These are _____ iPads.
6. They didn't go to see the musical, only the play.
They _____ to see the play and not the musical.
7. India produces a lot of tea.
A lot of tea _____ in India.
8. He studied for his exams and I cooked dinner for him.
While he _____ for his exams, I was cooking dinner for him.
9. Tom left for work this morning. Now he is still there.
Tom _____ at work since this morning.
10. The person over there worked in the USA in 2017.
That is the man _____ worked in the USA in 2017.

Points: _____/10