



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 04.10.2023

Article link : [Link](#) (Freedom at work)

1. According to the article, the definition of a 'good job' by the United States Department of Labor and UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights focuses on:

- A. The features of jobs rather than on the labour itself
- B. Extrinsic aspects of work like pay and benefits which are not as important as intrinsic aspects
- C. Workplace rights and fair treatment but not on opportunities for growth
- D. All the above

Explanation : A

Option A is correct: 'What all three of these accounts have in common is that they focus on features of jobs – the agreement you make with your boss to perform labour – rather than on the labour itself.'

The article does not say extrinsic aspects of work are not as important as intrinsic aspects. So, option B is not correct. Option C is factually incorrect.

2. All the following are in line with Kant's view except:

- A. Art, as skilled labour, is produced through a power of choice
- B. Skilled labour is essentially purposive and involves rational deliberation
- C. Art, as skilled labour, is technical as it requires judgment
- D. Overcoming productive indeterminacy through rule-following is an essential part of what it means to work

Explanation: D

Options A, B and C are in line with Kant's view but option D is not. Refer to the line, 'According

to Kant, overcoming productive indeterminacy through judgment rather than rule-following is an essential part of what it means to work.'

3. The author is least likely to agree with which of the following?

- A. The scientific management of labour is at odds with Kant's view of good work
- B. The most common definition of work in Western thought views the process of labouring as disagreeable and only values the products of labour
- C. The use of judgment is an essential prerequisite of good work; so jobs like trash collection is simply bad work
- D. A job with opportunities for judgment but terrible pay is no better than one that pays well but does not allow reflection or creativity

Explanation: C

Note the lines, 'But this need not mean that trash collection is simply 'bad work'. Recall that the use of judgment is not the only desideratum of good work. In exchange for performing socially necessary but tedious work, sanitation workers would ideally be compensated with additional pay, benefits, and safe and regular working conditions.'