Work: Answer Key

A. Word forms

1. workers
2. workaholic
3. unworkable
4. workable
5. overworked
6. workload
7. teamwork

B. Collocations and patterns

1. c) part-time
2. d) out
3. b) off
4. c) overtime
5. b) ethic
6. c) permit
7. d) for
8. b) as
9. c) on
10. d) against

D. Error correction

1. a. Work meaning tasks or a job is uncountable, so it has no plural.
2. b. Use job for one paid position. Work is usually uncountable, so it does not follow a.
3. a. Go to work, be at work, and leave work have no article.
4. a. Use as before a job title.
5. b. Work for means be employed by a company.
6. b. The noun is one word: workout. The verb is two words: work out.
7. a. The adjective is hard-working (also hardworking).
8. b. Workable means practical. Workful is not a standard English word.

C. Too Much or Manageable?

1. T
2. M
3. T
4. M
5. T
6. M
7. T
8. M

E. Match

1. B (get down to work)
2. G (in the works)
3. D (work like a dog)
4. H (burn the midnight oil)
5. F (work against the clock)
6. C (get worked up)
7. E (work out the kinks)
8. A (all in a day's work)

Notes on the evidence and corrections

- The introduction makes general claims without citations, by design: work fills a large share of adults' waking hours, and it shapes routines, friendships, and identity. The view that good balance means knowing when to work and when to stop, rather than always working less, is the writer's opinion. The ILO report in Online Resources gives background on working hours around the world.
- Quotations: the Voltaire line is from chapter 30 of Candide (1759) in the public-domain Modern Library translation; that translation has a dash after "evils," shown here as a colon, and the French original reads "le travail éloigne de nous trois grands maux, l'ennui, le vice et le besoin." Gibran's line is from "On Work" in The Prophet (1923). The Jobs line is from his Stanford commencement speech of June 12, 2005, where the sentence begins with "And."
- The shadow reading and typing text is an original first-person story, not a real person's account. It uses straight apostrophes and quotation marks so that typing is scored fairly.
- Corrections to the source quotations: "Find a job you enjoy doing, and you will never have to work a day in your life" was dropped; Quote Investigator traces it to 1982 and calls the usual Confucius attribution unsupported. The Edison, Wilde, Sophocles, Maxwell, Notke, Conan O'Brien, and The Office lines were not verified for this build and were left out.
- Other corrections: "work-in-progress" is a noun phrase (a work in progress), hyphenated only before a noun, so it moved to the expressions; "worked" (a past form) and "workaholism" were dropped from the word forms; worker no longer says "especially a manual or unskilled job"; workweek is the days or hours worked in a week, not "the total hours," and was left out; the synonyms operate, perform, exert, strive, manage, function, and engage overlap with work only in narrow senses and were replaced; the discussion question about a Korean company now asks about a local company; questions about partners' jobs were dropped.