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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/127/2021_2022_GMAT_E8_80_83_E8_AF_95_c89_127491.htm 67. The speaker claims that our jobs greatly influence our personal interests, recreational activities and even appearance. While I agree that the personal lives of some people are largely determined by their work, in my view it would be a mistake to draw this conclusion generally. In my observation, the extent to which occupation influences personal life depends on (1) the nature of the work, and (2) how central the work is to ones sense of self. On the one hand, consider my friends Steve and William. Steve works as a gardener, but after work he creates oil paintings of quality and poignancy. His leisure time is spent alternately at the sea, in the wilderness, and in dark cafes. William paints houses for a living, but on his own time he collects fine art and books in first edition, as well as reading voraciously in the area of American history. Their outside activities and appearance speak little about what Steve or William do for a living, because these men view their jobs as little more than a means of subsidizing me activities that manifest their true selves. At the same time, they have chosen jobs that need not spill over into their personal lives, so the nature of their jobs permits them to maintain a distinctive identity apart from their work. On the other hand, consider my friend Shanaa business executive who lives and breathes her work. After work hours you can invariably find her at a restaurant or bar with colleagues, discussing work. Shanas wardrobe is primarily redright off the dress-for-success

page of a womans magazine. For Shana, her job is clearly an expression of her self-concept. Also, by its nature it demands Shanas attention and time away from the workplace. What has determined the influence of work on personal lives in these cases is the extent to which each person sees himself or herself in terms of work. Clearly, work is at the center of Shanas life, but not of either Steves or Williams. My sample is small. still, common sense and intuition tell me that the influence of work on ones personal life depends both on the nature of the work and on the extent to which the work serves as a manifestation of ones self-concept. 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com