Advantages and disadvantages of the Job

One of the advantages is that you have no routine. Every day is different, including the hours that you work. Weather, wind and many other factors change each day. You never get bored in this job. I enjoy my job because I work in a good team. My colleagues are my friends. Good thing about the job – it's well paid and I have a lot of free time (many days off) as I work in shifts. And my holiday is... days.

However, it is a very stressful job as you have to deal with unexpected events and work well under pressure. There is no room for error.

Air traffic controllers have to work on public holidays, at weekends and at nights. I do not quite like night shifts. I get very tired after them. It takes me one day to recover after the night work. I don't move much at work? I mostly sit in front of the radar display and my eyes get tired a lot, it's not good, I guess.

We have good working conditions at my center. We have a comfortable and well-equipped operations room. Also there is a café and a room to rest, relax during breaks. That is important in our job. Though I understand why there are video cameras in the operations room, I don' quite like it.

Answer the questions:

- 1. What is the best (the worst) thing about your job?
- 2. What are the most difficult aspects in a controller's job?
- 3. How many hours per week do you normally work?
 Does your job involve shift work? How long does a shift last?
 Do you get days off after a night shift? Is it difficult to work at night?
- 5. How many hours do you work on an operating position (at one time)? Do you take a break? (How often, how long?)
- 6. Do you receive paid vacation / paid sick leave? How long is your holiday?
- 7. What is retirement age for controllers?
- 8. Are there any chances of promotion in this job?
- 9. Are you happy (satisfied) with your job? Why/why not?