



Older Workers Share Views on Gig Economy in Retirement

Description

Stu Goldberg, a 74-year-old man from New York, is driving for Uber at night. Before he begins, he checks his notes. They have important reminders like “no tickets” and “watch for pedestrians and bikes.”

Goldberg has a Ph.D. in neuropsychology. He ran his own business for many years. After retiring, he found he needed more money. So now he drives people around New York City. He enjoys it because he likes meeting new people and having conversations.

Many retirees like Goldberg are going back to work. They need extra money because of high living costs and low savings for retirement. Some find jobs through apps where they can choose their own hours. This kind of work is called gig work.

Carly Roszkowski from AARP says people are living longer. This means they often need to work longer. Not everyone can afford to stop working completely. Gig jobs can give people the chance to earn and stay active, but they also come with problems like low pay and few job protections.

Vocabulary List:

1. **pedestrians** //pə'dɛstrɪənz// (noun): people who are walking on the street
2. **retirees** //rɪ'taɪrɪz// (noun): people who have stopped working because of age
3. **savings** //ˈseɪvɪŋz// (noun): money kept for future use or emergencies
4. **afford** //ə'fɔrd// (verb): have enough money to pay for something
5. **gig** //gɪg// (noun): a short, flexible job done for pay
6. **protections** //prə'tɛkʃənz// (noun): rules or benefits that keep workers safe

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What age is Stu Goldberg?

Option: 60

Option: 65

Option: 74



Option: 80

2. What is Stu Goldberg's profession?

- Option: Uber driver
- Option: Teacher
- Option: Doctor
- Option: Engineer

3. What degree does Stu Goldberg hold?

- Option: Ph.D. in neuropsychology
- Option: MBA
- Option: B.Sc. in psychology
- Option: M.A. in education

4. What does Carly Roszkowski work for?

- Option: AARP
- Option: Uber
- Option: The government
- Option: A university

5. What is one reason retirees like Goldberg are going back to work?

- Option: Personal fulfillment
- Option: To meet new people
- Option: High living costs
- Option: To get a promotion

6. What type of work allows people to choose their own hours?

- Option: Full-time jobs
- Option: Part-time jobs
- Option: Gig work
- Option: Internships

True-False

7. Stu Goldberg is a full-time employee at Uber.

8. Many retirees are finding gig work appealing.



9. Carly Roszkowski believes people should work less as they age.

10. Low pay is one of the issues associated with gig jobs.

11. Stu Goldberg has never run his own business.

12. The notes that Goldberg checks before driving have reminders.

Gap-Fill

13. Stu Goldberg is _____ years old.

14. Goldberg has a Ph.D. in _____ .

15. Many retirees are going back to work because of high living _____ .

16. Carly Roszkowski works for _____ .

17. Gig work allows people to _____ their own hours.

18. Goldberg enjoys driving because he likes meeting new _____ .

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 74 2. Uber driver 3. Ph.D. in neuropsychology 4. AARP 5. High living costs 6. Gig work

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 74 14. neuropsychology 15. costs 16. AARP 17. choose 18. people

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the term used to describe the act of leaving a place?

Option: Arrival

Option: Departure

Option: Stay

Option: Return



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2. What term refers to a legal case brought to a court?
 - Option: Hearing
 - Option: Lawsuit
 - Option: Arbitration
 - Option: Mediation

 3. What do you call the process of examining something in detail?
 - Option: Investigate
 - Option: Ignore
 - Option: Assume
 - Option: Confirm

 4. What is the term for acquiring control of a company?
 - Option: Merger
 - Option: Takeover
 - Option: Partnership
 - Option: Collaboration

 5. What do you refer to as costs incurred in the course of business?
 - Option: Profits
 - Option: Expenses
 - Option: Savings
 - Option: Investments

 6. Who are individuals that have stopped working after reaching a certain age?
 - Option: Students
 - Option: Workers
 - Option: Retirees
 - Option: Job Seekers

 7. What term describes an increase in size or economic activity?
 - Option: Decline
 - Option: Stagnation
 - Option: Growth
 - Option: Reduction

 8. What is a business agreement called?
 - Option: Contract
 - Option: Deal
 - Option: Proposal
 - Option: Negotiation



9. What do you call a document that can be redeemed for goods or services?

- Option: Receipt
- Option: Ticket
- Option: Voucher
- Option: Invoice

10. What is the term for the cost of borrowing money, often expressed as a percentage?

- Option: Capital
- Option: Investment
- Option: Return
- Option: Interest

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. In case of an _____, passengers must follow safety protocols.
12. The flight was delayed due to _____ difficulties.
13. The train was full of _____ waiting to reach their destinations.
14. All _____ must be picked up at the baggage claim area after arrival.
15. Many _____ visit the city during the summer months.
16. People often rely on their _____ for retirement expenses.
17. It's important to know what you can _____ before making big purchases.
18. Many musicians find _____ opportunities through online platforms.
19. The company _____ swiftly to the market changes.
20. The rise in _____ prices has affected transportation costs.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

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| 21. The lawyer argued that the defendant was falsely accused of the crime. |
| 22. The rising sea levels are a significant concern for coastal cities. |



23. Public transport options are vital for reducing traffic congestion.
24. There is a strict limit on the amount of luggage allowed per passenger.
25. Investors showed a keen interest in the company's innovative projects.
26. New regulations provide additional protections for consumers in the market.
27. Individuals may need to borrow money for major purchases such as homes.
28. The economy is expected to grow steadily over the next few years.
29. Emergency services responded quickly to the distress call.
30. The recent takeover has transformed the company's structure and strategy.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Departure 2. Lawsuit 3. Investigate 4. Takeover 5. Expenses 6. Retirees 7. Growth 8. Deal 9. Voucher 10. Interest

Gap-Fill: 11. emergency 12. technical 13. passengers 14. luggage 15. tourists 16. savings 17. afford 18. gig 19. reacted 20. fuel

Matching sentence: 1. accused 2. rising 3. transport 4. limit 5. investors 6. protections 7. borrow 8. economy 9. emergency 10. takeover

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