

Connectives 5

Read the article below. Fill in each blank with the appropriate connective word from the box. Each word from the box is used once.

but	as a result	also	however	furthermore	however
for example	because	and	because of	In addition	and

The president of Gambia has said all public workers will have three-day weekends starting from February 1st (1) _____ will have to work for longer during the week. President Yayha Jammeh has added Friday to the regular weekend of Saturday and Sunday (2) _____ he wants people to farm, rest more and pray. (3) _____, he also announced that government employees would work from 8am to 6pm Mondays to Thursdays. (4) _____, schools, banks (5) _____ all other affected places are free to work on Saturdays. This means that people may have split weekends, and work an extra 10 hours a week. Government workers currently work from 8am to 4pm. Working until 6pm means eight hours extra, which could become ten if they have to work on Saturdays too.

The president said the new working hours would, "allow Gambians to devote more time to religion, (6) _____, prayers and (7) _____ social activities and agriculture". He said people could, "go back to the land and grow what we eat and eat what we grow for a healthy and wealthy nation". (8) _____, Gambia's 'Freedom Newspaper' criticised the president's idea. It said the three-day weekend is going to have a bad effect on the economy and the country. (9) _____, many workers are worried that the changes are going to create problems for them. The paper added: "Gambia's economy (10) _____ infrastructure have collapsed (11) _____ Jammeh's poor leadership." Gambia is the smallest nation on the African continent, with a population of just 1.8 million. It is a mostly rural nation and, (12) _____, has an economy based on agriculture.