



**LANGUE VIVANTE II**

**Epreuve du 2<sup>ème</sup> groupe**

**Smoking and your health**

I believe smoking is one of the greatest dangers to young people today. While the percentage of American high school students smoking cigarettes has fallen, while the sales of cigarettes in the United States have also gone down, **the problem** has become worse and worse in many other countries. American companies spend millions of dollars advertising cigarettes all over the world, and young people believe the message. The ads tell them that smoking is cool, sophisticated, sexy, and done by attractive people. Smoking is the best way to attract a lover. This is what too many young people believe, but this is not the truth. What is the real truth about smoking cigarettes? The real truth is that smoking cigarettes is the fastest road to pain, suffering, incredible medical bills, and an early death. Is that the gift you want to give your family?

You may ask, what is it that makes smoking so dangerous? Actually there are three deadly parts of the smoke you breathe in when you smoke cigarettes. They are nicotine, tar, and carbon monoxide. Nicotine is the drug that stimulates your heart and nerves. It makes you feel good in a few minutes. Nicotine is what makes you want to smoke, but it is not what hurts you the most. Tar is also found in tobacco smoke, and it is the major cause of cancer and lung disease. The third part of cigarette smoke is carbon monoxide. **This chemical** hurts the blood's ability to carry oxygen. It can cause disease of the blood pathways called arteries.

How about the effects of smoking over a long period of time? People who continue to smoke are in danger of getting many serious diseases. **These** include chronic bronchitis, heart disease, lung cancer, and many other kinds of cancer as well. According to the American Cancer Society, cigarette smoking is responsible for 87 percent of lung cancer cases, and causes 30 percent of all cancer deaths. There are many long, slow, and painful deaths from what many people think of as just a bad habit. When you add the gigantic medical costs of hospitals, special treatments, medication, and doctor's care, the tragedy of smoking gets even bigger. Even with insurance, families can lose everything they have when one member dies from cancer or lung disease. Companies lose money, too. When they lose workers, their work slows down. It's not a pretty picture.

Yet, one more cost of destruction from smoking is not possible to calculate in terms of money. That cost is emotional. When a family loses a parent or a brother or sister, everyone suffers from the sadness and personal loss. Please, the next time you think of lighting up a cigarette, don't think about being cool or fashionable. Don't think about being one of the trendy people, and don't think about your short-term pleasures, either. Remember your family, your friends, and all the people who care about you

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**I – READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)**

**A- Vocabulary in context**

**(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)**

- Which word in the first paragraph means the same as?  
Even though .....
- Which word in the second paragraph means the same as?  
Mortal: .....
- Which **two** adjectives in the last paragraph have the same meaning?  
.....

**B- Find in the text 3 diseases associated with smoking:**

**(0.5 x 3 = 1,5 marks)**

<b>4. Smoking</b>	<b>Diseases</b>

C- **Is this statement TRUE or FALSE? Justify your choice by quoting a specific passage from the text**

(1x1=1mark)

5. Not all the costs of smoking can be financially calculated:

Justification: .....

D- **Complete the table with the right information from the text**

(0.5 x 5= 2.5 marks)

6. Substances	7. Effects
Carbone monoxide	..... .....
.....	lung cancer
nicotine	..... Makes you feel good in a few minutes .....

..... = .....

E- **What do the following words or phrases refer to?**

(0.5 x 2= 1 mark)

8. the problem (l.3).....  
9. this chemical (l. 14).....

II- **COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE**

(06 marks)

F- **After consulting Modu, a heavy smoker, the doctor tells him about the dangers of cigarette smoking.**

**Complete the passage meaningfully with the right forms of these words**

(0. 5x4=2 marks)

**Hurt; danger; destruction; die**

Beware! Cigarette smoking is bad. It is very (10) ..... for your health, because when you smoke many cigarettes a day, it will (11) ..... your lungs. Cigarette smoking causes a lot of diseases; and it can even be responsible for your (12)..... So, I suggest you should stop smoking if you don't want to (13 )..... your life.

G- **Reorder the following elements to prepare a questionnaire on cigarette smoking. The first has been done as an example.**

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

Example: smoke / you / do / Why?

**Good order:** Why do you smoke?

- 14- you/ been/ have/ smoking/How long?

**Good order:** .....

- 15- do/smoke/How many/you/cigarettes/a day?

**Good order:** .....

- 16- Cigarette smoking / you / heard that / Haven't / dangerous / is?

**Good order:** .....

- 17- solutions / do / What / you suggest / cigarette smoking / to fight against?

**Good order:** .....

H- **Ali, your best friend, is a heavy smoker. Use the following prompts to give him advice.**

(1x2 = 2 marks)

- 18- You had .....

- 19- If I were you, .....

III- **WRITING:**

(06 marks)

**Choose ONE topic and write about 100 to 150 words**

**Topic 1:** Some young people think smoking makes them feel like adults. What are the implications of this point of view?

**Topic 2:** In Senegal, a tobacco company has recently reduced the prices of cigarettes. Your friend thinks this is a good thing for smokers, but you don't think so. Imagine your conversation.