



Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

ANGLAIS

DRUG ABUSE

All narcotic drugs are dangerous and have serious physical and psychological consequences. However, when different drugs are used in combination with each other, with other substances such as alcohol, or administered immediately following ingestion of another narcotic, the consequences are far more dangerous. Addiction often occurs in a shorter
5 period of time and it is difficult to anticipate what the effect on the individual will be.

Although alcohol use is legal in most countries, when combined with narcotics it presents serious health hazards. For example, vomiting will naturally occur when a person has consumed more alcohol than the body can metabolize. However, when alcohol is used in combination with marijuana, the psychoactive properties of marijuana will inhibit the body's
10 defense mechanism to vomit, thus causing the toxins to remain in the body.

An added risk connected with drug abuse has recently received much public attention : the danger of intravenous drug user falling victim to the disease AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). The infectious agent is a virus that directly attacks a group of white blood cells, which play a central role in the proper functioning of the body's immune
15 system. As the disease progresses, these defensive cells are almost entirely destroyed. The immune system collapses and the individual falls prey to one infection after another. Many patients develop rare types of cancer and suffer brain damage. Since no cure has yet been discovered, death appears to be inevitable. In the case of intravenous drug abusers, the AIDS virus is transmitted through the sharing of a contaminated needle.

20 It is estimated that from 10 to 20 percent of AIDS patients are intravenous drug abusers. A much higher percentage are regular users of a variety of illicit drugs, such as marijuana and cocaine, which are known to suppress the user's immune system. Research is currently under way to study and assess these potential co-factors of AIDS.

The United Nations and Drug Abuse Control,
United Nations International Drug Control Programme, 1992.

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A) COMPREHENSION (08 marks)

I. Answer with TRUE or FALSE and justify your answers with quotations (03 marks)

- 1. When someone takes too much alcohol and marijuana, he/she vomits.
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- 2. Early diagnosis can prevent patients from dying from AIDS.
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- 3. Most AIDS patients are intravenous drug addicts.
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II. Contextual referencing (01 mark)

What do the following word and group of words refer to ?

- 4. 'It' in 'It presents serious....' (line 6) :
- 5. 'These defensive cells' (line 15) :

III. Vocabulary in context (02 marks)

Find in the text synonyms for the following words or phrases :

- 6. dependence : (paragraph one)
- 7. risks, dangers : (paragraph two)
- 8. breaks down : (paragraph three)
- 9. at present : (paragraph four)

IV. Paragraph completion (02 marks)

Complete the paragraph below with the following words : **hazards – immune – damage – illicit – health**

Many people are not conscious of the caused by drugs. Though this trade
 is.....
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 is....., drug dealers still risk their lives and those of the users. They
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 don't seem to know that narcotics may easily..... the brains of drug addicts
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 and destroy their..... systems, leaving their bodies open to all forms of
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 infections, which leads them to inevitable death.

B) LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (08 marks)

V. Rephrasing (04 marks)

Reformulate the following sentences without changing their meanings

- 14. He no longer takes drugs.
- He has stopped.....
- 15. People say all narcotic drugs are dangerous.
- All narcotic drugs.....

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16. He will be killed if he doesn't stop illicit drug trafficking.

- Unless.....

17. He was very ill, but he didn't give up drinking.

- However.....

VI. Word building

(01 mark)

Use the appropriate forms of the words in brackets:

18. It is not because people are..... that they should turn to drugs. (hope)

19. The authorities should use the media to raise people's..... of the dangers of drug addiction. (aware)

VII. Sentence linking

(03 marks)

Connect the elements in column A to those in column B to make coherent sentences

Column A	Column B
20. They didn't give up taking drugs	A. so most of them died
21. Since drug addiction causes so many victims	B. he will recover from his addiction
22. If this drug user undergoes treatment	C. we should all inform the populations of its dangers
20 =....., 21 =..... 22 =.....	D. he was feeling better

C) WRITING

(04 marks)

Choose ONE of the following topics :

23. Drug addiction is causing a lot of damage among young people. What should be done about this phenomenon?

24. You have an interview with a doctor about AIDS and drug abuse for your school magazine. Write down your conversation.