



LANGUE VIVANTE II

Epreuve du 2^{ème} groupe

ANGLAIS

DRUG ADDICTION

Drug addiction is one of the most significant public health issues in the world today. It is caused by the use of a substance that results in psychological and physiological need for the substance. Chronic use of a substance like alcohol leads to neurobiological changes that affect thoughts, feelings and beliefs.

Typically, this begins with obsessive thoughts about using or consuming the drug, called “craving”, where an individual feels an intense desire for the drug and feels unable to cope without using it. The craving phase is made stronger by drug expectancies.

Drug users believe that the substances they take can improve both their life experiences and their personality imperfections. In fact, drugs have rewarding properties such as giving the individual the sensation of living in a dream world or feeling high. That’s why their casual use can become uncontrollable because of **these effects**.

The more drug the person takes, the more the body needs to achieve the same effect or level of intoxication. Eventually, continued use results in the development of tolerance, where a larger dose is required in order to obtain satisfaction.

Recovery in rehabilitation clinics is possible regardless of age, background, race, financial status, and education. However, for most drug addicts, it is quite difficult to stop. That is why it is important to consider the failure of recovery and relapse into greater addiction.

Adapted from: <http://www.mentalhelp.net>.

I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A. Complete this passage with appropriate words from the indicated paragraphs (2 marks)

Drug addiction is one of the world’s most pressing (1)..... (parag. 1). It refers to the state in which an individual is (2)..... (parag. 2) to stop taking a substance. In fact, many people start using drugs because they think that they can help them (3)..... (parag. 3) their conditions, which is not true. Fortunately, (4)..... (parag. 5) from addiction is possible if certain conditions are fulfilled.

B. Put these words / phrases into the right order to show the addiction phases in a person. (2 marks)

Relapse __ Rehabilitation __ Chronic use __ Recovery

Order of addiction phases = 5..... 6..... 7..... 8.....

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C. Statement 9 is TRUE and Statement 10 is FALSE. Give specific justifications from the text. (2 marks)

9. Drug users think that the substance they take can help them feel better.

TRUE:

10. According to the text, adults cannot recover from their addiction.

FALSE:

D. Drug use affects the individual in 2 ways. Illustrate it from the 1st par. (1 mark)

Drugs	Two effects on the individual
	11.....
	12.....

E. What do the following words refer to in the text? (1 mark)

13. **It** (parag. 2).....

14. **These effects** (parag. 3):

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)

F. Complete this passage with the right word in brackets. (2 marks)

Throughout the world, some people take (15)..... (**variety / various**) types of drugs. Most of them do that just to (16)..... (**satisfy / satisfying**) their emotional needs. To fight this phenomenon, authorities have to raise people's (17)..... (**unaware / awareness**) on its dangers, especially young people and take drastic measures for the wellbeing of the whole (18)..... (**sociability / society**).

G. Choose the right connectors from the box to complete the passage meaningfully. (2 marks)

in addition/ however / therefore / despite

Drug dealing is gaining ground all over the world (19) the measures taken in many countries to fight against it. (20) , thanks to their professionalism, drug dealers still find a way of avoiding controls. (21) , to counter drug trafficking, governments should increase international cooperation. (22), the fight against this phenomenon should include education programs.

H. A drug dealer is being investigated at the police station. Complete the conversation meaningfully. (2 marks)

Policeman: Excuse me! Your identity card, please!

Drug dealer: Here (23) , Sir.

Policeman: (*After searching the dealer's bag*) Don't you know that these (24)? are forbidden?

Drug dealer: I have no other means of feeding my wife and kids, Sir. I am sorry!

Policeman: Being sorry is not enough. When you break the law, (25)

III. WRITING: Choose one topic and write about 150 words. (6 marks)

TOPIC 1: The delegate of your district writes a protest letter to the head of the police station to denounce drug dealers who are threatening the lives of young people. Write his letter.

TOPIC 2: On the English Day celebration, the Club's chairperson is asked to write a speech to sensitize the audience on the dangers of using drugs. Write down the speech.

