



Entrance Exam 2018-2019

English Exam

Part One: Reading

(Score: 12/20)

Read the following text, and then answer all the questions that follow in your answer booklet.

Drug Abuse

1. Many people use the terms 'drug use' and 'drug abuse' interchangeably. These terms really have two different and distinct meanings. When a person drinks a cup of coffee, inhales the smoke from a cigarette, or swallows a tranquilizer, he or she is a drug user. The person who uses **these** or other drugs to such an extent that he or she is unable to function without them may be considered a drug abuser. Research shows that the abuse of tobacco and alcohol is far greater than for any other drug category.
2. Few people would deny that drug abuse, including alcoholism, is one of the most serious problems we face today. Drug abuse itself is unquestionably a symptom of deeper psychological causes. Unfortunately, at the present state of our knowledge, we are better able to describe the effects of drugs on behavior than to specify the underlying causes of drug abuse.
3. Some drugs are particularly worrisome because their continued use leads to addiction. For example, chronic heroin abusers find that continued use leads to increased tolerance: their bodies not only can stand (tolerate) more of the drug, but actually require greater and greater dosages to achieve the same effect. Before long, they develop a physiological dependence on the drug; this state of dependence is called addiction. Should they try to kick the habit, their bodies will react violently.
4. The chemical nature of a drug determines whether continued abuse will lead to addiction. Drugs such as heroin, morphine, and codeine are addictive. There is little question that these drugs have a number of long-term effects on the drug abuser. Addiction to any of these drugs causes personality changes that lead to a marked deterioration in what is normally considered good mental health and may potentially cause brain injury. In addition, drug addicts are usually pathetic and inactive in mental and physical responses. They have no interest in personal appearance. They are physically thin, often appear tired, and exhibit slowed physical movements. They may show mental confusion, a slow time sense, difficulty with recent memory, and incapability of completing thoughts during verbal communication.
5. There can be no question about the dangers of drug abuse. What may start out innocently enough as a desire to experience a new kind of high dosage may progress with extreme rapidity to an almost continuous nightmare existence. Once users are hooked, their entire lives become centered upon the drug. They will do anything – lie, steal, cheat, even kill – to get that next 'fix'. The victims of drug abuse are the addicts themselves, their families, and those they have robbed or otherwise brutalized in their quest for the big dosage.



6. In conclusion, drug abuse is one of the most dangerous problems in our society today. It should be faced, fought, and treated by all means and at all levels. The government, schools, parents, and religious authorities should all cooperate to rid our community from this lethal problem, not through fighting the addicts, who need extreme patience and care, but through fighting the sources of this problem. Drug addicts should be given the chance to rehabilitate and clean their systems from these poisonous drugs, thus restoring their normal life again.

Questions

A. Answer the following questions in complete sentences of your own. (03)

1. What does the pronoun “*these*” (par.1) refer to? (0.5)
2. What is addiction according to your understanding of the passage? (01)
3. What are the effects of drug abuse on society? What kind of crime is associated with drug abuse? (1.5)

B. Each sentence has been removed from the end of a paragraph in the above text. Fill in the chart with the numbers of the correct paragraphs. (1.5)

Sentence	Paragraph number
a. Drug addicts also may suffer from lung cancer, mouth and throat cancer, cardiovascular damage, and loss of appetite.	
b. This is mainly because they are widespread and not considered illegal.	
c. However, a lot of effort is being exerted to enrich our knowledge on this crucial topic.	

C. Copy the answer which best completes each of the following statements. (1.5)

1. The tone of the author is _____.
a) personal b) informal c) serious d) sarcastic
2. The main purpose of the passage is to _____.
a) explain b) criticize c) entertain d) give advice
3. The author’s attitude towards drug addicts is _____.
a) mocking b) sympathetic c) prejudiced d) fearsome

D. Pick out from the text words that have the same meanings as those below. (02)

1. weakening; decline (par. 4, 5)
2. becoming completely dependent (par. 4, 5)
3. assaulted; maltreated (par. 5, 6)
4. causing death (par. 5, 6)



E. Rewrite the following sentences to have the same meaning. Use the given starters. (02)

1. As a young child, he was not aware of the consequences of his drug abuse, so he suffered a lot.
If he ...
2. Drug abusers have always resorted to cheap drugs.
Cheap drugs ...

F. Correct the one grammatical error in each sentence below. (02)

1. Despite the severe damage that drugs cause, yet many teenagers blindly drown in drug abuse.
2. Not only many teenagers have become drug abusers, but they have also learned the business.
3. The drug addict was immediately taken to the hospital by his family, who was suffering from serious health problems.
4. I don't know why did he sleep early last night.

Part two: Writing

(Score: 08/20)

In a well-organized paragraph of about 12-15 lines, suggest some solutions to the problem of drug abuse among teenagers to reduce its dangerous effects. Supply your developed writing with a suitable title.

Your writing will be assessed based on the following criteria: **Title:** 1pt; **Ideas and organization:** 3pts; **Language and structure:** 3pts; and **Neatness and legible handwriting:** 1pt.



Answer Key

Drug Abuse

A. Answer the following questions in complete sentences of your own. (03)

1. These: drinking a cup of coffee, inhaling the smoke from a cigarette, or swallowing a tranquilizer
2. Addiction is the abuse of a drug to the point that the person becomes physically and psychologically dependent on it, and the longer the abuse lasts, the more difficult it is for the addict to let go of this addiction.
3. Drug addicts can be dangerous to society since they can do anything to get the next dose, such as lying, stealing, cheating, and even killing. They will hurt not only themselves, but also their families and the victims of their robbing to get the next “fix”.

B. Each sentence has been removed from the end of a paragraph in the above text. Fill in the chart with the numbers of the correct paragraphs. (1.5)

Sentence	Paragraph number
a. Drug addicts also may suffer from lung cancer, mouth and throat cancer, cardiovascular damage, and loss of appetite.	4
b. This is mainly because they are widespread and not considered illegal.	1
c. However, a lot of effort is being exerted to enrich our knowledge on this crucial topic.	2

C. Copy the answer which best completes each of the following statements. (1.5)

1. The tone of the author is
a) personal b) informal c) **serious** d) sarcastic
2. The main purpose of the passage is to
a) **explain** b) criticize c) entertain d) give advice
3. The author’s attitude towards drug addicts is
a) mocking b) **sympathetic** c) prejudiced d) fearsome

D. Pick out from the text words that have the same meanings as those below. (02)

1. Weakening; decline (par. 4, 5): **deterioration**
2. becoming completely dependent (par. 4, 5): **hooked**
3. assaulted; maltreated (par. 5, 6): **brutalized**
4. causing death (par. 5, 6): **lethal**



E. Rewrite the following sentences to have the same meaning. Use the given starters. (02)

1. As a young child, he was not aware of the consequences of his drug abuse, so he suffered a lot.

If he had been aware of the consequences of his drug abuse, he wouldn't have suffered a lot.

2. Drug abusers have always resorted to cheap drugs.

Cheap drugs have always been resorted to by drug abusers

F. Correct the one grammatical mistake in each sentence below. (02)

1. Despite the severe damage that drugs cause, **yet** many teenagers blindly drown in drug abuse.

2. **Not only have** many teenagers become drug abusers, but they have also learned the business.

3. The drug addict, **who was suffering from serious health problems,** was immediately taken to the hospital by his family.

4. I don't know why **did** he **slept** early last night.

Part Two: Writing

Your writing will be assessed based on the following criteria: Title ____/ 1pt; Ideas and organization ____/ 3pts; Language and structure ____/ 3pts; and Neatness and legible handwriting ____/ 1pt.