

ENGLISH

Item 1

Read the following text and in not more than 120 words, write the side effects of smoking as given in the passage.

Studies show that most young people are influenced to start smoking by friends or older siblings. Peer pressure consciously or unconsciously lures young people into smoking. Since they want to feel part of the peer group, young smokers will withstand the headache, coughing, nausea and dizziness that first smokers experience. They also have to live with the unpleasantness of blackened fingers and bad odour. The irony is that getting accustomed to smoking calls for someone to withstand a lot of inconveniences, but when one is addicted and wants to stop, there are unpleasant side-effects. These include headache and dizziness which people avoid by smoking more.

Young people become a target of multinational tobacco companies based in western countries. The companies spend a lot of money on advertisements that portray glamorous people smoking. Young people become vulnerable to this manipulation as they are very image-conscious. The advertisements also make smoking appear socially acceptable and "cool."

Tobacco is a major health hazard. It contains over 4000 different chemicals, many of which are harmful. Nicotine, carbon monoxide and tar, are the three main chemicals that affect the human body and cause disease. These lead to the death of millions of people around the world every year. However, since smoking-related diseases take a long time to develop after someone starts smoking; most people are casual about the side effects of this fatal habit.

Some of the side effects and diseases caused by smoking are: lung cancer, heart attack, stomach ulcers, defective vision, coughing, shortness of breath and the cancer of the mouth, nose, throat, bladder and blood. Researchers estimate that girls who smoke are 70% more than those who do not. Yet 26% of girls aged between 15 to 21 are regular smokers. Other effects of tobacco on women include spontaneous abortion and other pregnancy complications, babies with low birth weight and still births, cancer of the cervix and early menopause.

The tricky thing about tobacco is that one does not have to smoke directly to be affected by cigarette-smoking. Tobacco is made up of side stream smoke from the burning tip of the cigarette, and mainstream smoke that is inhaled by the smokers. Anyone in the environment of the smoker either in the house or at bus stop or any other place breathes in the side stream smoke. There are more toxins in the side stream smoke than in the main stream smoke. People should, therefore, know that they "smoke" by being near smokers. This is called passive smoking, and can lead to smoking-related complications, just like in active smoking.

Smoking is, therefore, a costly habit that has no benefits to anyone's health. All young people should, therefore, resist the temptation to start smoking and help their addicted peers to stop.

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Item 2:

Read the passage below.

Joel always studied hard and always looked forward to joining S.4. This great achievement had enormous benefits in his school. Little did he know that the serpent hisses where sweet birds sing. Joel a determined young lad, from a Christian family, where he was groomed and nurtured as per the virtues of any traditional Christian family, love, honesty, hard work and above all the fear of the Lord.

Joel was anxious and hardly slept that night... A lot of imaginations, perhaps the fear of the unknown in a secondary school. In fact, he did not know what life had to offer him a head.

Upon reaching school, Joel prayed to God to give him friends that would positively impact his life. This was a virtue he learnt since childhood. Behold his prayers were answered! He was made to share a seat with Tom who was more or less like him. However, upon joining S.2, Joel's class teacher changed their sitting position giving him a new colleague Jude. He was a rather contrary character. He invited Joel to his dormitory. That was the beginning of Joel's down fall. He was offered eats and magazines. The magazines were pornographic. At first Joel hesitated but as he turned the pages, he got more attracted and he got enticed to read on. Before he knew it, Jude introduced the innocent boy to drugs. This eventually changed his behavior. The Christian values that he had lived by were quickly forgotten and faded away in a whirl of wind.

Joel's story turned around one fateful Sunday. Whenever the other students gathered in the chapel for prayers, the dual hid behind the dormitory for their usual business. Teacher Bob caught them red handed. There was no escape route as he quickly took them to the staff room. Eventually they were indefinitely suspended from school. With Joel losing his bursary.

(Adopted from "knowing the consequences of some relationship. "Baroque English NLSC).

- a) As a teenager and busy student, life has presented very many experiences at your disposal. What challenges do students like those in the passage face?

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- b) In contemporary society today, many teenagers have lost track of their set goals in life. What led to Joel's eventual downfall?

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- c) Reading is a special aspect that helps us discover mysteries. Discuss the different ways in which the text has greatly had an impact on you.

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- d) "He was a rather contrary character". According to the passage, write down the key aspects that make Jude differ from Joel.

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f) Construct a sentence using the words below as used in the passage.

i) Anxious:

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ii) Groomed:

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iii) Enormous:

f) Supply a suitable title to the passage.

Item 3.

Item 3. A market visit is a wonderful experience beyond just shopping. Even though markets are different in nature, whoever goes to a market has a fascinating story to tell. Narrate what happened in a market you recently visited.

1. Anxious

2. Nervous

3. Worried

4. Frightened

5. Scared

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Item 4.

You recently attended an amazing and fun-filled marriage ceremony. At the most exciting part of the celebration, another woman showed up claiming to be pregnant for the groom. Give an account of what happened.

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