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## ENGLISH TEST – FORM 4

### **PART ONE:** Reading comprehension (8 points)

This is an article from an Anglophone magazine. It deals with smoking and health. As a volunteer for a health Non-Governmental Organisation, you want to use it for a sensitization mission.

#### **Smoking banned in public offices**

Smoking in government offices has been officially banned throughout the country, according to the Nigerian Health Minister Professor Olikoye Ransome Kuti.

He said that, with immediate effect, smoking in public places is no longer allowed.

Asking urgently private organisations of the country to take the same decisions, the Minister said “the danger that smoking poses to everyone is great. The government cannot therefore ignore a situation in which its citizens continue to destroy themselves and others through smoking.”

Prof. Ransome Kuti noted that the interest of big multinational companies for tobacco business is that it makes them and the government get a lot of money. It also provides the country with foreign currencies and new jobs for the youth. In addition the minister insisted that “the interest, health and security of our citizens must come first”.

The cost of providing health services to cure those who suffer from the bad effects of smoking is higher than any financial benefits that both the government and the people may have. He announced that, presently, his ministry is taking measures to pass a law to ban the advertising of tobacco on the radio, the television and in the newspapers and oblige tobacco manufacturers to write out the dangers of smoking on cigarette packets.

*Adapted from West Africa, 18 April 1988.*

## **COMPREHENSION CHECK**

A- Match the word from the text in column A with their meanings in column B like in the example.

One word is not concerned in column B. (0,5 pt x 8 = 4pts)

Example: 9 – manufacturers = C - companies

### **Column A**

1. banned (L1)
2. allowed (L3)
3. great (L5)
4. citizens (L6)
5. youth (L10)
6. cure (L12)
7. pass (L14)
8. advertising (L15)
9. manufacturers (L16)

### **Column B**

- a. legal residents of a country
- b. vote
- c. companies
- d. imposing
- e. forbidden
- f. permitted
- g. important
- h. young people
- i. publicity
- j. treat

B- Give short answers to the following questions (two lines maximum) (1pt x 4 = 4pts)

1. What is no longer permitted in the country in public places?
2. Why is the Minister taking measures to ban tobacco smoking?
3. Give two reasons that make multinational companies favour tobacco business
4. Write down the measures that Prof. Kuti's Ministry is taking to fight against tobacco business.

## **PART TWO: WRITING (6pts)**

You are being interviewed by the English Club magazine of your school. In your answers, show the dangers of smoking and suggest solutions. (1pt x 6 = 6pts).

Magazine : Thank you for accepting to answer our questions.

You: You're welcome

Magazine : Is smoking a public health problem?

You: .....

Magazine : Why do you say it is a problem?

You: .....

Magazine : How does cigarette affect the body then?

You: .....

Magazine : Is there any cure for tobacco addiction?

You: .....

Magazine : What kind of measures can we take to reduce the phenomenon?

You: .....

Magazine : Why don't we ban tobacco altogether?

You: .....

Magazine : Thank you for your cooperation.

You: Thank you too.

### **PART THREE: LANGUAGE IN USE (6pts)**

In the text below, a nurse is talking with two boys about drugs. As you read it, fill in each of the gaps with the most appropriate word from the box to make the paragraph meaningful. (0,5pt x 12 = 6pts).

One word in the bank is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

**Example : 13- just**

Drink – To – Excess – Because – Relieve – From – Inject – Are – Just – Don't – Feel – For – Taking – Them

“ I (...1...) understand all the fuss about drugs,” said kaoni. “If they (...2...) pain, what's wrong with them? People take drugs (...3...) they make them (...4...) good, just like people (...5...) alcohol or chew betel nut. They are drugs, too. But the trouble with all drugs is that if you take them (...6...) a long time, you can't stop (...7...) them; you have to have them just like people have to smoke cigarettes. Except that some drugs, when taken in (...8...), can kill.”

“What (...9...) these drugs? Asked Maefiti. “Surely people don't (...10...) themselves with novocaine to make them feel good?”

“Drug Addicts use two drugs mainly. First, there is marijuana,” explained the nurse, “which is made from Indian hemp. People make cigarettes (...11...) it – they call them reefers,” – and smoke them.”

“like tobacco,” interrupted Kaoni.

“Yes, just the same, except that when you smoke “pot” – that's another name for marijuana – it's supposed to make you feel good. “When people get addicted (...12...) marijuana,” continued the nurse,” it costs money. A lot of money. People steal and get involved in all kind of criminal activities (...13...) to pay for the drug.