

Part One: Reading

(15points)

A/ Comprehension

(08points)

Read the text carefully then do the following activities.

Vaping products are e-cigarettes and e-liquids. They work by heating a solution of water, flavouring, propylene glycol, and, typically, nicotine to create a vapour that the user inhales. Using an e-cigarette is described as “vaping” rather than smoking. E-cigarettes are usually used to help people quit smoking tobacco, they can be reusable or disposable.

Vapes are now a commonplace consumer product. According to some official reports, the prevalence of adults using nicotine vapes in England in 2021 equates to between 3.1 and 3.2 million adults. The popularity of disposable nicotine vapes has significantly increased, with 15.2% of adults who vape using them in 2022 compared with 2.2% in 2021.

This increase has been matched by a growth in advertising and promotion. Brightly coloured packaging is used to promote branded vapes in shop displays and a wide range of e-liquid flavours are available, such as chocolate, cheesecake and fizzy drink flavoured vapes.

There is ongoing public debate and a wide range of views about the potential benefits and risks of using vaping products. However, on 11 April 2023, the Government launched a call for evidence to help identify opportunities to reduce the number of children accessing and using vaping products, while ensuring they are still easily available to help adults to quit smoking.

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1. Say whether the following statements are true or false.

- Vaping is limited to e-cigarettes.
- There is a fall in the number of vapers in England.
- Vapes come in different flavours.
- The British government wants to ban children’s access to vapes.

2. Identify the paragraphs in which the following ideas are mentioned.

- Marketing tactics used by e-cigarette companies.
- The way vapes function.

3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- What is the purpose of vaping?
- How are vapes marketed to youth?
- Do you agree with the government’s decision to keep vaping products accessible to adults? Justify.

4. Find who or what the underlined words in the text refer to.

- who (\$2)
- they (\$4)

B. Text Exploration:

(07points)

1. Find words in the text whose definitions follow.

- a substance diffused or suspended in the air, especially one normally liquid (\$1)
- in a way that is large or important enough to be noticed (\$2)
- having a particular type of taste (\$3)

2. Divide the following words into roots and affixes.

disposable – ensuring – popularity

Prefix	Root	Suffix

3. Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).

- E-cigarettes are less harmful than traditional cigarettes, however they should be banned.
 - Despite
- The author wondered: “Does vaping cause any diseases?”
 - The author wondered

4. Fill in each gap with the appropriate word from the list given.

spikes – having – symptoms – toxic

Nicotine is the primary agent in regular cigarettes and e-cigarettes, and it is highly addictive. It causes you to crave a smoke and suffer withdrawal ...(1)... if you ignore the craving. Nicotine is a ...(2)... substance. It raises your blood pressure and ...(3)... your adrenaline, which increases your heart rate and the likelihood of ...(4)... a heart attack.

Part Two: Written expression

(05points)

Choose ONE of the following topics

Topic one:

Vaping has become popular among students in your school. They vape in the bathroom, the hallways and even in the school yard. This is very dangerous. As a concerned student, write an article of about 80 to 120 words to be posted on your school blog to sensitize the students about the health risks of vaping and e-cigarettes, and urge the administration to take measures in order to protect the students' health.

Make the best use of the following notes:

- Students:**
- nicotine addiction / gateway to drugs...
 - loss of concentration / damage the immune system...
 - lung illness / increased heart rate...
- Administration:**
- prohibit vaping on school property
 - install vape detectors
 - enforce consequences / suspension / expulsion from school...

Topic two:

You bought a new smartphone and in a few days of purchase, it stopped working. Write a letter of complaint of about 80 to 120 words to Mr. Amine, the store manager. (Sign the letter as **Hicham**)

GOOD LUCK