EXTENDED WRITING: DRUGS AND ADDICTION

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Write developed answers. Support your ideas with reasons, examples, or a personal experience.

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3. Should cannabis be legal for medical or recreational use?

4. Why do some people use illegal drugs?

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Possible B2 answers: Notice how each response gives a clear idea and support.

1. What habits or substances can people become addicted to, and why?

Example: Alcohol, other drugs and gambling can become addictive. Some people initially turn to them for relief from stress, but continuing despite harm can become difficult to control.

2. Should alcohol and tobacco be illegal? Why or why not?

Example: I would regulate alcohol and tobacco very strictly rather than make them completely illegal. Bans can create illegal markets, while taxes, education and treatment can reduce harm.

3. Should cannabis be legal for medical or recreational use?

Example: Medical cannabis may be appropriate when doctors prescribe it carefully. Recreational use is more difficult because laws must balance personal freedom with public-health risks.

4. Why do some people use illegal drugs?

Example: Some people use drugs because of stress, trauma, curiosity or social pressure. Others may believe substances will help them escape problems that need longer-term support.

5. Why are some drugs legal while others are illegal?

Example: Legal status often reflects history, culture and politics as well as medical evidence. It is not always a simple measure of how harmful a substance is.

6. At what age should people be allowed to buy alcohol?

Example: I think people should be at least eighteen before buying alcohol. However, an age limit alone isn't enough; young people also need clear information about risks and support.

7. Should drug users face strong punishments, or should they receive help?

Example: I think people with addiction should receive treatment rather than punishment alone. Helping someone recover can benefit their family too, while serious drug trafficking needs a different response.

8. How can alcohol affect people’s behaviour?

Example: Alcohol can reduce self-control and make people more emotional, aggressive or careless. The effect varies, but it is never an excuse for harmful behaviour.