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A) READ THE TEXT BELOW AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

(Total: 3 marks; 0,50 for each correct answer)

The art of smoking

- 1 Now that the government has prohibited people to smoke in many public spaces, and those of us who enjoy a cigarette or a cigar have become social exiles, perhaps we should consider the idea that smoking, although it is bad for our physical health, it may not be so bad for our mental health. I mean that tobacco, just like food and drink, has always played an important social function. For many years, people have met up in bars and around
- 5 an important social function. For many years, people have met up in bars and around tables for a friendly chat, with a drink and a cigarette, a pipe or a fine Havana cigar.
 - The origin of tobacco dates back to primitive man. Apparently the Mayas used to do religious ceremonies which consisted in burning tobacco leaves and then they breathing the smoke.
- 10 The debate over whether tobacco was good or bad began a long time ago. Some people, such as Nicolau de Monardes, claimed that it was medicinal and provided a list of 65 illnesses that tobacco could cure (he said that it worked as a pain reliever and alleviated headaches).
- Meanwhile, others saw smoking as a vice the Spanish Inquisition considered that smoking tobacco was a sinful activity. Then in 1586, Spain's King Philip II mentioned that tobacco was a "prohibited harmful herb", while in 1725, Pope Benet XIII excommunicated all smokers.
- However, times have changed and the Spanish government's new law merely prohibits smoking in places where it might bother other people. And with the changing times, the 20 way people smoke has also changed, and this is something I see as unfortunate. Because
- 20 way people smoke has also changed, and this is something I see as unfortunate. Because for the last 50 years, smokers have not smoked for pleasure, recreation and social purposes but, they are victims of an uncontrollable habit. Smoking cigarettes every hour or so without control has a negative effect on the art of good living, but smoking in moderation, enjoying every puff is a good thing that helps to calm the mind. I would even
- 25 say that it could help to prevent depression, domestic violence or aggressive driving. Remember that the American Indians used to smoke a pipe as an agreement of peace.
 - The art of smoking is fast disappearing, as a result of the consumerism we suffer from nowadays. The challenge we face is that we have to learn to consume in moderation.



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- 1. a) People who smoke can't live in the same country as people who don't smoke.
 - b) There is an idea that smoking doesn't cause any damage to your health.
 - c) People can't smoke in many public spaces.
 - d) People who smoke are mentally ill.
- 2. a) Tobacco was discovered by the Mayas.
 - b) People started smoking in the 20th century.
 - c) The Mayas couldn't breath without the smoke.
 - d) The Mayas used tobacco in some ceremonies.
- a) Nobody thinks that tobacco may be good for your health. 3.
 - b) People have been discussing if tobacco is good or bad for a long time.
 - c) Nicolau de Monardes said that tobacco could cause 65 illnesses.
 - d) According to Nicolau de Monardes, tobacco causes headaches.
- 4. a) Philip II only smoked prohibited herbs.
 - b) Smoking has always been seen as a cure.
 - c) The Pope Benet XIII considered smokers were out of Catholicism.
 - d) The Spanish Inquisition thought that smoking tobacco was a good activity.
- a) In Spain you can't smoke anywhere. 5.
 - b) If people smoked with control, it wouldn't be so negative.
 - c) People smoke more because of the Spanish Government's new law.
 - d) American Indians smoked before an important war.
- 6. a) People who smoke are disappearing very fast.
 - b) Smokers are suffering from consumerism.
 - c) People who smoke drive more aggressively than non-smokers.
 - d) People should learn to smoke with moderation.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORDS OR DEFINITIONS a, b, c, or d FOR THE B) WORDS BELOW AS THEY ARE USED IN THE TEXT.

(Total: 2 marks; 0,50 for each correct answer)

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- b) popular song
- c) computer program
- d) a meal with friends.

2.- breathing (line 8)

- a) respiring
- b) dancing
- c) sleeping
- d) dreaming

3.- vice (line 14)

- a) good behaviour
- b) physical exercise
- c) healthy activity
- d) wicked habit

4.- peace (line 26)

- a) business transaction
- b) family relationship c) need of food
- d) absence of war

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- C) WRITE 100 WORDS ABOUT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS.
 (Total: 5 marks)
- 1.-. Write a dialogue between two friends. One of them is in favour of the new law that prohibits smoking in public places and the other one is against this law.
- 2.- Write a letter to a newspaper giving your opinion about the new law on smoking.