

<b>Level : TCST</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>
<b>English Exam (first term)</b>	<b>Time / 2 hours</b>

**Name:** ..... **Surname:** .....

A/ Comprehension : Read the text then do the activities : (8pts)

Less American teenagers are trying all kinds of drugs, including alcohol. But researchers are starting to consider an intriguing question: Are teenagers using less drugs because they are constantly stimulated and entrained by **their** computers and phones ?

The possibility is worth exploring, they claim that the use of smart phones and tablets has exploded over the same period that drug use has declined. This connection does not mean that one phenomenon is causing **the other**, but scientists say interactive media appears to play a similar impulse as drug experimentation.

Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said that she planned to begin research on the topic in the following few months. The possibility that smartphones were contributing to a decline in drug use by teenagers, **she** said, was proved by many researches.

Even as heroin use has become an epidemic among adults in some communities, **it** has fallen among high schoolers over the past decade, the study found. Those findings are consistent with other studies showing steady declines over the past decade in drug use by teenagers after years of ebbs and flows.

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**A/ Reading comprehension: (12 pts)**

**1) Circle the best answer : (0.5pt)**

The text is taken from : a) book      b) a newspaper article      c) a website

**2) Are the following statements true or false ? (2pts)**

- a) Nowadays, American teenagers are consuming less drugs because they are entertained by their interactive media.
- b) The use of smartphones and computers has increased in America.
- c) Nora Volkow did a survey to find out the relation between drug consumption and modern communication media.
- d) Drug consumption has increased among both adults and teenagers.

**3) Answer the questions according to the text (3pts)**

- a) What is the main question asked by researchers ?  
.....
- b) Why did the interactive media reduce drug consumption among ?  
.....
- c) What did the study find ?

4) **In which paragraph is the following idea mentioned ? (0.5pt)**

- "The use of smartphones has increased" paragraph .....

5) **What do the following words refer to ? (1pt)**

a) their ..... b) the other ..... c) she .....

**B/ Text exploration: (8pts)**

1) **Find in the text synonyms to : (1pt)**

a) types (1§) ⇒ ..... influence (2§) ⇒ .....

2) **Find in the text opposites : (1pt)**

a) increased (2§) ⇒ ..... previous (3§) ⇒ .....

3) **Transform the second sentences so that they mean the same as the first : (1.5pt)**

- a) He says : "I study on week days and I relax at weekends."
- b) He says that .....
- a) The journalist asked her : "How often do you spend the weekend with friends ?"
- b) He asked her .....
- a) Her mother told her : "Don't stay outside the house for long time"
- b) Her mother told her .....

4) **Fill in the gaps with words from the list : (2pts)**

beach / each / conducted / summer

How will every one spend his ..... Holidays ? Will they stay at home or will they go to the ..... ? To find out I ..... a survey. I asked ..... of my classmates about his plans.

5) **Ask the questions that the underlined words answer : (1.5pt)**

- a) American teenagers are trying all kinds of drugs.  
⇒ .....
- b) He began consuming drugs because of family problems.  
⇒ .....

6) **Complete the following table : (2pts)**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
hope	.....	.....
.....	advice	.....
care	.....	.....
.....	entertainment	.....

7) **Classify the following words according to the final "s" : (2pts)**

Studies / works / reads / photographs / teaches / boxes

/S/	/Z/	/IZ/
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

Answers (Test TCST)

**A/ Comprehension**

6) **The text is taken from** : b) a newspaper article

7) a) true / b) true / c) true / d) false

8) **Answer the questions** :

a) The interactive media reduced drug consumption among teenagers because the media have the same stimulating and entertaining effects as the drugs.

b) The key question asked by researchers: the possibility that smartphones were contributing to a decline in drug use by teenagers.

c) The study found that there is a steady decline over the past decades in drug use.

9) The idea is mentioned in the 2<sup>nd</sup> §.

10) Their ⇒ teenagers

The others ⇒ phenomenon

She ⇒ Nora Volkow

**B/ Text exploration**

1) **Synonyms** a) types = kinds / influence = impulse

2) **Opposites** a) increased ≠ declined / previous ≠ following

3) **Transformation**

1) b) He says that he studies on week days and relaxes at weekend.

2) b) The journalist asked her how often she spent the weekend with friends.

3) b) Her mother told her not to stay outside the house for long time.

4) **Fill in the gaps**

a) summer / b) beach / c) conducted / d) each

5) a) What are American teenagers trying

b) Why did he begin consuming drugs

6) Complete the table

Verb	Noun	Adjective
hope	hope	hopeful / hopeless
advise	adviser / advice	advisable / adviser
care	care	careful / careless
to entertain	.....	entertained

7)

/S/	/Z/	/IZ/
photographs	studies	boxes
works	reads	teaches