

Intermediate Reading Comprehension Test 01

The diseases connected to smoking are a big problem. Doctors think that the annual medical cost for lung cancer, heart disease, and other illnesses connected to smoking is between 12 and 35 million pounds.

And smoking costs society money in other ways. Between 27 and 61 billion pounds are spent each year on sick days when people don't go to work, on wages that you don't get when you don't go to work, and on work lost at the company when you are sick.

This money counts the wages from people who die of cancer at young age and stop paying taxes. This does not count fire started by cigarettes, which kill fifteen hundred people yearly and injure another four thousand. Smoking costs every man, woman and child in the UK from one hundred and ten to two hundred and fifty pounds each year in the lost work and wages. When you add another fifty to one hundred and fifty pounds yearly in insurance cost, that comes to one hundred and sixty to four hundred and ten pounds. If everyone stopped smoking, a family of four could have up to one thousand six hundred and forty pounds a year more.

Smoking will also cause other problems. People who don't smoke will live longer, and so they will take money from the government when they are old. But they will also work for more years and pay more taxes.

In the end, the value of a non-smoking nation is not in pounds. The good health of the people is the true value for us all.

Question 1: If everyone stopped smoking, all the United Kingdom

- A) would live longer
- B) would have less money
- C) would have no more problems
- D) would have more money

Question 2: Every year companies lose _____ because of the disease.

- A) wages
- B) money
- C) time
- D) work

Question 3: If everyone stopped smoking, a family of four could have _____ more each year.

- A) from 160 pounds to 410 pounds
- B) from 1,340 to 1,430 pounds
- C) from 110 pounds to 260 pounds
- D) 1,640 pounds

Question 4: The true value for the UK of not smoking is _____ .

- A) more taxes
- B) more working
- C) more money

D) good health

Question 5: This text is about _____ .

- A) taxes which are not paid by smokers
- B) how much smoking costs the UK
- C) how much the UK get if everyone stopped smoking
- D) diseases that smokers get

Answer Keys

Question	Answer
1	D
2	B
3	D

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4	D
5	B