

SESSION 2012

TEXT

Every day around the world, tragedies occur that are entirely avoidable : siblings burying siblings, spouses burying spouses, children burying parents - all of them dying before their time. What is the leading cause of these preventable deaths ? Is it tuberculosis ? AIDS ? Malaria ? Each receives a great deal of media coverage along with hundreds of millions of dollars in funding – and rightly so. But there is another deadly epidemic that kills more people than all three diseases combined, and until recently, it received almost no public attention : tobacco use.

Tobacco has become the world's leading cause of death. How many deaths are we talking about ? It is roughly estimated that many people – 14,000 – die every single day from smoking tobacco. If we do nothing, tobacco may kill one billion people by the end of this century.

In partnership with the World Health Organization, we have developed a strategy called MPOWER, which includes six solutions that have been proved to save lives :

- . Monitor tobacco use and prevention policies : to determine the effectiveness of our efforts, it is essential to monitor which countries adopt which policies – and how those policies affect smoking rate.

- . Protect people from secondhand smoke : smoke-free environments are the only proven way to protect people.

- . Offer to help people quit : most smokers want to quit but find it hard to stop. Counselling and medicines can triple success rate.

- . Warn about the dangers of tobacco : despite clear scientific evidence, relatively few tobacco users fully appreciate the extent of the health risk.

Together with hard - hitting campaigns, large graphic warnings on cigarette packs help smokers quit.

. Enforce bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship.

. Raise taxes on tobacco : this is the most effective single way to reduce smoking particularly among the young.

By Michael R. BLOOMBERG, from Newsweek, September 29, 2008

A - READING COMPREHENSION

I - Choose the most appropriate title from the four given below

- a) Tobacco and its users
- b) Tobacco and diseases
- c) Tobacco, the biggest killer
- d) Tobacco, the sixth solution

II - Say if these statements are TRUE or FALSE

- 1- AIDS kills more people than tobacco use
- 2- MPOWER is a powerful anti-smoking organization

III - Find in the text

- 1- a synonym of : mortal (parg.1)
- 2- an opposite of : failure (parg.4)

IV - Answer the questions

- 1- Give two diseases that receive a lot of money for their prevention
- 2- How can you help a heavy smoker give up smoking ?

V - Re-order the following ideas so as to get a summary of the text

- 1- But recently, the danger of tobacco use has been proved real.
- 2- Nowadays many people die at an early age.
- 3- Faced with this situation, a strategy has been developed to cope with it.
- 4- Three serious diseases were thought to be responsible for this.

B - GRAMMAR IN USE

Fill in the blank with the appropriate grammatical item

I have always wanted to become an air-hostess.¹..... I was at school I was very good.....².....languages and now I³.....speak French, English, Japanese and a little German. I can swim.....⁴..... Next week, I am sitting.....⁵.....the exam and I hope⁶.....I will pass. If.....⁷.....dream comes true, I'll be the happiest girl in.....⁸.....world !

C- INDIRECT TEST OF SPEAKING

I - Complete the following dialogue

Sue : Hello, Jane ! I'm in trouble.¹.....?

Jane : Certainly.².....?

Sue : Can you fetch my daughter from school this evening ?

Jane : I'm.....³.....But I can ask Joe to fetch her.

Sue : Oh.....⁴.....Jane

Jane : You're welcome.⁵.....?

Sue : At 6 o'clock

Jane :⁶.....I'll tell Joe to do it.

Anglais

II - Express these sentences in a more formal way :

- 1- Come and have lunch with us !
- 2- I want to drink some fruit juice.

D. WRITING

What are the advantages of practicing sports? (about 120 words)