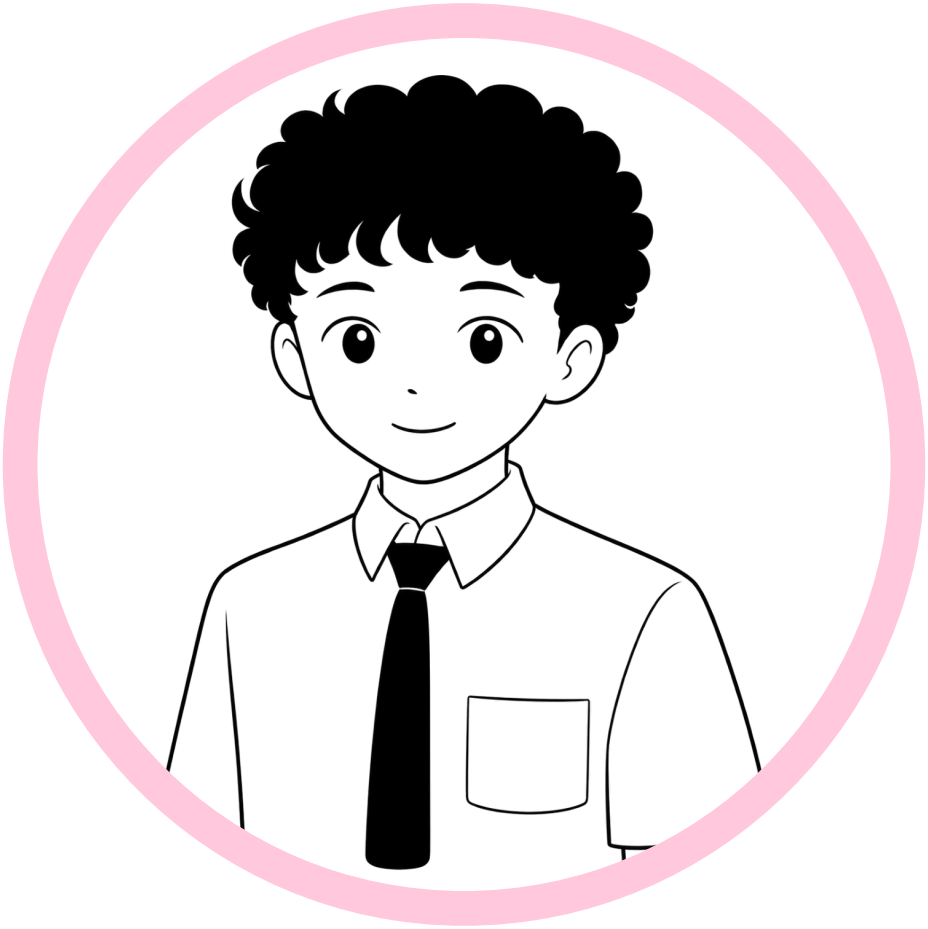
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MARK SCHEME

3.3.10 DESCRIBING ADDICTION

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Q1.

[AO1 = 2]

1 mark for each correct letter:

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[2]

Q2.

[AO1 = 2]

1 mark for brief definition

Plus

1 further mark for elaboration

Possible content:

- Individual feels/believes that they cannot cope with work and social life without a particular drug such as alcohol or nicotine.
- Absence of the drug causes the individual to feel anxious, irritable or depressed, and have cravings for the substance.
- Psychological dependence can occur in the absence of physical dependence (ie true withdrawal symptoms may not be experienced).

Credit other relevant material.

Q3.

(a) **[AO1 = 1]**

One mark for a valid definition of tolerance eg where an increased amount of the substance is required in order to experience the same effect.

(b) **[AO1 = 1]**

One mark for a valid definition of psychological dependence eg mental and emotional compulsion to keep taking the substance / belief that the substance needs to be taken. For credit the answer must contain reference to a cognitive element ie belief or mental drive / compulsion.

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Examiner reports

Q1.

The majority of students scored full marks on this question.

Q3.

Part (a) and (b) were well answered by nearly all students.

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