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EXAM QUESTION PACK

3.3.10 DESCRIBING ADDICTION

SCORE

/6

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Q1.

Which **two** of the following statements best describe the effects of tolerance? Write the **two** correct letters in your answer book.

- A** Tolerance arises when you have taken the drug for some time
- B** Tolerance decreases the desire for the drug
- C** Tolerance is when you feel bad effects if you stop taking the drug
- D** Tolerance means that more of the drug is needed to have an effect
- E** Tolerance means that you need the drug in order to feel normal

(Total 2 marks)

Q2.

What is meant by the term psychological dependence in relation to addiction?

(Total 2 marks)

Q3.

(a) What is meant by *tolerance* in relation to substance abuse?

(1)

(b) What is meant by *psychological dependence* in relation to substance abuse?

(1)

(Total 2 marks)

Mark schemes

Q1.

[AO1 = 2]

1 mark for each correct letter:

A

D

[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.

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.